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**OHIO NENA QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 19, 2021**

**Welcome**

Ohio NENA Chapter President Nancy Kolcan and Ohio APCO President Lydia Frey. The executive committee met in person while meeting attendees met via WebEx due to social distancing limitations.

**Chapter Treasurer Report**

Current Balance in the NENA Account: Checking $ 7,522.21 Savings $ 1,000.43

**Secretary Report**

Meeting minutes will be posted on the Ohio NENA website.

**District Reports**

Dist. 1 – Brand Brubaker – share training opportunities. He also has encouraged everyone in Dist. 1 to sign up for NENA Nation in Columbus. He also encouraged them to volunteer.

Dist. 2 – Rodger Laird – Huron County is in the middle of a 911 update. They are scheduled to go live in July. Medina County is hosting an in-person EMD class by IAED on Aug. 10-12. Contact Janyll Meradith. Columbiana County installed a backup PSAP in their EMA office. They are also talking about a county-wide consolidation of PSAPS.

Dist. 3 – Nothing to report

Dist. 4 – Nothing to report

**NENA National Report**

Nancy advised early bird registration discounts for NENA national are available until May 28. Special regional pricing is also available.

NENA has launched an online Telecommunicator Core Companies course. More information can be found on [www.nena.org](http://www.nena.org).

NENA also has on-demand webinars available online. See their website for additional information.

Excellence in dispatch certificate is available for those interested. You must complete three of the five available within two years to earn the certificate.

NENA National has also opened a free training resources web page to help you locate online and in-person training in your area.

Reclassification update – the bill has been reintroduced.

**Joint Conference Committee Report – Rose Chambers**

There is still a need for volunteers for NENA National. She encouraged everyone to register.

The joint conference will be from April 10 – 13th. Planning on having an educational super session on April 10, possibly a photo scavenger hunt, and are considering another 5k. Monday will be educational classes and welcome reception. Tuesday will have classes, a vendor show, and an emergency vehicle show. We have the large Kilimanjaro ballroom, which can accommodate vehicles indoors. Tuesday will be classes in the AM, followed by the Gold Star Luncheon. The theme is survivor-based, "We have survived!!"

**Gold Star Committee Report – Brian MacMurdo**

Moving forward, Gold Star Awards luncheon at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville Polaris on September 24. The current plan is to recognize 2019/2020 nominees/winners. We are working with the 911 program office and Rob Jackson to hold the 911 Symposium on September 23. The winners of the 2020 awards will be sent out in early June. The nominees will be notified as well. Letters from 2019 will be re-sent so that everyone will be aware of this year's plans.

Nominations for the 2021 gold star awards will begin in July. The deadline to submit for 2021 will be 1/31/22.

**Ohio 9‐1‐1 Program Office Update – Rob Jackson/Sharon McMurray/Melissa Wulliger**

ESINet Steering Committee is next Monday, 5/24 at 11 am, will be held online.

Legislative Service Commission is almost done with legislation for Chapter 128 and will be introduced to general assembly soon. We'll soon see legislative activity soon on the transition of legacy to Next Generation 9-1-1 in Ohio.

Grant is continuing. Projects are being finished. Verification packets are being sent out. Getting an update from the Federal 9-1-1 office on the first group of three that went in.

Federal E 9-1-1 survey needs to be sent in ASAP. A few counties have not participated. The deadline has been extended to this Friday for those that haven't sent them in yet. Lack of participation could impact future funding.

WGAF forms are coming in, would like to have them in by the end of July 2021.

Location testing service visits are scheduled between September to October, bordering counties will also get a call, and Mr. Jackson's office will give notice ahead of time to the bordering counties. NENA conference flyer sent out to affiliated agencies with the steering committee and workgroup chairs inviting their attendance and participation in the NENA national conference.

**Ohio MARCS – Richard Schmahl**

Ohio SCIP (Statewide Communications Interoperability) update: The draft is being reviewed by the committee. A couple of minor changes for verbiage. Three main efforts, solidify efforts for cybersecurity, NG 911, and mass communications. Thanks to Rob Jackson and Brian Castner, and others for their time contributions to this.

**Ohio TERT Update – Cody Post**

The TERT committee has been working offline on TERT minimum qualifications standards, basing standards off established teams in neighboring states, focused on education and training that can be held in a distributive manner as opposed to in person. The committee is working on the mission statement for Ohio TERT. Mr. Post asked the membership to support the upcoming bylaws amendment for Ohio TERT.

**Commercial Advisory – Norberto Colón**

The vendor community is itching to re-engage with the membership at upcoming association events as we are looking to get into our normal meeting visits in person. Slots were filled for the entire year before Covid. Some vendors paid. Norberto will follow up with those that paid and follow up with the other vendors that signed up as well.

Mr. Colón expressed on behalf of the vendor community the appreciation for all that the public safety professionals present have been doing over the past year to help keep their communities and our country safe. He hoped that we were all doing well and looks forward to meeting with us again in the future.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Patrick Brandt, seconded by Lydia Frey. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am.