

Nebraska APCO-NENA Business Meeting Minutes

The Graduate Hotel and Conference Center

141 N. 9th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

- I. The 2022 Annual meeting was called to order by President Spencer Conrardt at 8:05.
- II. Spencer presented the proposed by-law changes for review prior to asking for a motion to vote. Motion to accept was made by Halcyon Frank, seconded by Brandi Conway and passed unanimously.
- III. Secretary/2nd Vice President, Heidi Gillespie, read the 2021 annual meeting minutes. Jessica Loos motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Leila Luft seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- IV. Treasurer, Clare Severn, presented the annual Treasurer's report, which included that the Chapter has sufficient funds as of the meeting, however, there are expenses for the 2022 Conference that have not yet been paid.
- V. An update on the 2022 conference was presented by co-chairs, Jessica Loos and Leila Luft. Attendance is up from 2021 at 120 and we had 29 vendors. Next year's conference will be held in Columbus. Members were also encouraged to seek out Chapter officers and conference committee members if they are interested in helping with next year's conference. It is an excellent learning experience and a great way to continue networking with other 911 Emergency Telecommunicators throughout the year.
- VI. Chapter elections information was presented by Immediate Past-President, Sharon Codr. There are 3 positions that need to be filled – Treasurer, Executive Council Member and Secretary/2nd Vice President. Incumbent Treasurer, Clare Severn, Incumbent Executive Council Member, Jessica Loos and Jenni DuPlessi for Chapter Secretary/2nd Vice President. Sharon explained that each position has only one applicant, so no election was necessary. In this case an affirmation is conducted. Spencer asked the applicants to step out of the room, then asked for affirmation from the Chapter members by saying Aye or No. All were affirmed with none dissenting.
- VII. Jessica Loos addressed the membership regarding the work that has begun in Nebraska to reclassify Emergency Telecommunicators from Office and Administrative Support' to 'Protective Service Occupation'. Halcyon Frank and Roxy Van Gundy were in attendance and by sharing your name and email with them, those interested in helping and/or learning more about reclassification in Nebraska. Renaming PSAPs to ECCs is one step, the next is changing job descriptions. Monica Million, 911 BDM, AWS, and Past President of NENA, shared that in order for this to be successful, it has to be a grass roots effort. Legislators are not going to do it for you. Jessica finished by saying this is a call to action for Nebraska's Emergency Telecommunicators. Do it for the professionals beside you and those you work with. If you'd like to learn more, check out <https://www.911.gov/projects/telecommunicator-job-reclassification/>
- VIII. Old Business – none
- IX. New Business – The Executive Committee has established a Wellness Committee. Kim Kuszak is on the Graphics Committee and the Membership and Awards Committee is still in need of a representative, please consider volunteering for any committees. You can contact any member of the Executive Board for more information.
- X. State 911 Field Coordinator, James Almond, addressed the group, suggesting that Chapter Board meetings be held bi-monthly and be open to the membership. He suggested that there needs to be more interaction throughout the year between the Board and the membership. Others offered suggestions to help facilitate this, such as virtual luncheons, or livestreaming meetings on Facebook Live.
- XI. With no further business, Sharon Codr made a motion to adjourn, Maria Scamehorn. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:30.