



September 22, 2020 NENA IOWA CHAPTER MEETING

**Those on the call:** Mel Burton, Brandon Miller-Guss, Brent Vogel, Cherise Sexe, Angie Dobyms, Brenda Van de Voorde, Cara Sorrells, Chickasaw EMA, Chris Jasper, Darin Riney, Diane Sefrit, Jason Hoffman, Kathy Herrick, Mandy Bieber, Mark Murphy, Michelle Conklin, Nick Brockman, Nick Laning, and Amanda Pyle.

**Legislative Update:** Change to the Iowa code on making dispatchers defined as first responders. It will not affect IPERS. Dispatchers will have a recognition in IA Code. Thank the law makers. There are no upcoming legislative matters to tend too so we will continue to monitor.

**Advocacy Strategies:** Thanks for coming up on Lobby day and all the hard work done. CONGRATULATIONS!!! We recognized the ones that went to bat for us. From here we will move on in the session and plant seeds where to be with policy issues and continue to build momentum. Will Introduce NENA to legislative nominees: NENA will meet with Advocacy. Email Jason or Brandon if you have any ideas to discuss. Ideas- Make sure to get dispatchers to protective classes when it is available.

**Financial Report:** Conferences – registered individuals will get refund for registration and registration credits. Last amount shown was \$50,522.96 – was advocacy payment and reconciled refunds. Whoever registered contact Amanda to get refunded. Questions arose to see if they can carry over to the next meeting that we have and it was approved to carry over.

**9-1-1 Council Report:** Tracey Beardon advised they don't know when we will have a physical meeting due to COVID. We will continue to meet virtually on legislative topics. There is training funds to apply for. GIS September 2020 met benchmarks on 98%.

**Nominations Committee-** We are saddened by the passing of Mike Becker Nomination Committee Chair. President Miller-Guss nominated Michelle Conklin of SECC – Dispatch since 2005 – Shift Supervisor – Technology coordinator – Michelle advised the group she will send out nomination forms by the end of the week. They will be due by October 16 at 5 pm. Election results will be presented November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Bylaw Committee-** revitalize that committee to go through and make sure bylaws are matching. Working with John Kelly, National NENA attorney.

**Unfinished business:** federal legislation to reclassify dispatchers has stalled. President Miller-Guss advised this may not go anywhere for quite some time, he will provide updates as they are available.

**New Business:**

911 on the Hill is March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the rotunda is saved for us. Will monitor the status due to COVID-19 restrictions.

There is a National NENA conference today to the end of the week. Register and log in free.

Dare to be great PART 2 is April 27-29 FREE info on trenches.net and McCarville will be on there

NO FALL CONFERENCE – over abundance of issues. As of now we will have Spring conference March 15-16 at Prairie Meadows and working on getting vendors request out there to get interest. Get in by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Will have social distancing

Next meeting October 20<sup>th</sup>, Virtual Meeting 10 AM

Adjourned at 10:40

Respectfully Submitted

Mel Burton – Secretary