

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**September 4, 2003**

Vice-President David Tuttle called the General Membership Meeting of INENA to order at 10:33 AM at the Bloomington Police Department, Bloomington, IL.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

David Tuttle (Vice President), Bobette Benson (Secretary), Jerry Bleck (Region 2, Vice President), Douglas Miller (Region 3, Vice President), Vickie Leibach (Region 4, Vice President), Marci Schroll (Region 5, Vice President) Kathy Monken (Region 6, Vice President), and Ken Smith (Region 7, Vice President).

**OFFICERS ABSENT:**

Michael Midiri (President), John Kelly (Treasurer), Douglas Edmonds (Region 1, Vice President), Jeff Rodrigues (Region 8, Vice President).

**APPROVAL OF INENA MINUTES:** A motion was made by Shelley Dallas and seconded by Vickie Leibach to approve the INENA minutes for July 10, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (John Kelly by David Tuttle):** The current balance is \$73,359.99. A motion was made by Larry Maddox and seconded by Kathy Monken to approve the treasurer report. The motion passed unanimously.

**NENA REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT (Ron Bonneau by Rick Jones):** There is a hearing next week in Washington DC on the House Bill for 911. We now have a House and Senate Bill. The House bill is 100 million dollars times 5 years in matching money. There is a good chance one of the bills will pass. There are provisions in it regarding State fund raiding, auditing of funds and State 911 charges.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (David Tuttle):** The revamp of the web site is in progress. We hope to have new information available in the next 30 days. Send contributions to David Tuttle.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Bobette Benson):** Reported members should receive the INENA Ballots by the end of this week or the beginning of next. Reported INENA's board has been notified by Kathy Monken of her decision to withdraw from the election. The slate of nominations for 2003-2004 was read to the members.

**REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Region 1 (Doug Edmonds)	Absent.
Region 2 (Jerry Bleck)	No Report
Region 3 (Doug Miller)	Held a meeting with CMS making a presentation.
Region 4 (Vickie Leibach)	No Report
Region 5 (Marci Schroll)	Will have a conference call on October 6 <sup>th</sup> at 0900AM.

Region 6 (Kathy Monken) Has a MABAS presentation scheduled for the September 24, 2003 meeting.  
Region 7 (Ken Smith) Met last month and had presentations by Life Flight and AT&T.  
Region 8 (Jeff Rodrigues) Absent

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (Richard Jones):** Reported on the VOIP meeting, which was held in Atlanta in early August. Many leaders in this field attended. Reported on the importance of signing up for WPS (Wireless Priority Service) through T-Mobile. Sign up will be very important if you are in the Chicago area. This service was used recently during the blackout and is what helped emergency provider get through. T-Mobile is the only provider of this service at this time. See: <http://wps.ncs.gov> or <http://www.gets.ncs.gov>

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Norm Forshee):** Absent. No report.

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE (Kathy Monken):** The conference is progressing about the same as last year at this time. Please stay at the Hilton. Registrations are low there. No theme for this year's banquet. "Let Freedom Ring" is the theme for the conference. Reminder the dates are October 26 – 29, 2003.

**Gregg Riddle:** Reminded members the Sunday class will be on Managing Problem Employees presented by William Powers. The class requires a separate registration of \$99.00. Also Kevin Willett will be conducting additional training on October 30, 2003 at Sangamon County on Building Your 911 Liability Shield. APCO/NENA member rates will only be \$100 instead of \$109. If you stay for the class, the conference hotels will give the same room rate as for the conference. Contact PSTC at 800-348-8911 for reservations. There will be a panel discussion on Wireless Phase II from beginning to operation at the closing session on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

**Jerry Bleck:** Announced a few award nominations have been received but it is not too late to submit a nomination. The deadline is September 15, 2003.

**NOMINATIONS (Norm Forshee by Bobette Benson):** The slate of candidates for 2003-2004 INENA officers and board were announced as follows:

David Tuttle for President. Douglas Edmonds and Douglas Miller for Vice-president. Shelley Dallas for Secretary. John Kelly for Treasurer. Nominations for Regional Vice-Presidents are Morrie Farbman, Region 1; Jerry Bleck, Region 2; Ed Scherer, Region 3; Vickie Leibach, Region 4; Marci Schroll, Region 5; Tom Ling, Region 6; Kenneth Smith and Pat Lustig, Region 7; and Jeff Rodrigues, Region 8. To be counted, ballots must be received no later than October 22, 2003.

**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION (Marci Schroll):** Reported for everyone in the 815 Area Code, the Commission is having another status hearing on the 815 overlay or split on 11/3/2003.

*Part 725 re-write* is the biggest project right now. The commission has received all the comments and appreciates the responses. There was a huge re-write in the physical security area. The commission attorney has a lot of problems with the section. The commission does not have the authority to enforce some of the things that we put in that section. You will see another major change in the physical security section which will leave the majority of physical security up to the local jurisdiction. Hope to have it docketed in September.

*Update on TSP:* ICC is looking at the tariff rates to see if they are reasonable.

*VOIP:* Vonage issue. ICC has researched the issue and presented a staff report to the commission. The Commissioners want to take a wait and see approach. Minnesota took action when Greater St. Paul 911 made a complaint. Minnesota states VOIP is telecommunication service. Based on that, Vonage must remit surcharge and file a 911 plan like any telephone company.

Reported ICC has been in contact with the FCC regarding trying to obtain information on the additional charges you are seeing on your wireless bills for 911. No reply has been received at this yet. Some wireless companies are taxing you additional for 911. Rick Jones commented the charges appear to the customer as government charges but they are not. The Missouri Attorney General filed against the carriers. ICC received a call for the Attorney General's office regarding an old request asking them to interpret the make

up of the ETSB. They are going to give us an opinion soon. We should be seeing opinions on several different issues from the Attorney General's office.

*Default Routing of wireless calls:* Peoria and Winnebago Counties reported they were receiving wireless Calls that were being default routed to them. Some of the calls come from out of state. We held a conference calls on this issue yesterday. Emergency Services Interconnection Forum (ESIF) is working on this issue. There seems to be a solution by assigning an ESRK at the switch for each system so the call will go to the correct county. See: [www.atif.org](http://www.atif.org)

*Conner Communications:* All carriers are off the Conner network.

*FCC 911 Initiative:* Rick Jones inquired if Marci Schroll would be representing Illinois. Marci has been invited but the Governor regarding funding the travel expense has not made a decision yet. Rick Jones made a motion for INENA to fund Marci Schroll's attendance at the FCC 911 Initiative if the State of Illinois did not pay for her to go. Steve Thompson seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the make up of INENA membership funding a Commerce Commission representative to travel and alternative means to encourage the State to fund the trip such as writing letters stressing the importance and encouraging the Governor to approve funding. The motion failed to pass.

**ILLINOIS TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION (Carol Wagner):** Reported the ITA is going to try to open the Emergency Telephone System Act reference two issues. 1. LEC's requirement to file a report on even numbered years stating our switches are capable of making and completing 911 calls. We want to try to remove that requirement. 2. ITA did a survey on what all the carriers were charging for surcharge. We found inconsistencies in 911 surcharge assessment. ITA will be asking for legislation to give us direction on what we should be assessing. The next 911 committee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2003 in Bloomington at Verizon headquarters. Discussion followed.

**CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE (Steve Wieland):** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Wireless Legislation:* David Tuttle reported the Governor signed the legislation, which extends wireless sunset clause to 2008, includes Pre-paid wireless surcharge, and some Phase II recovery costs beginning January 1, 2008. How the surcharge will be remitted/distributed is still being worked out.

*INENA Web Site:* The INENA web site is on line but has a long way to go. We have added a URL that is easier to understand. It is IllinoisNENA.org. The INENA list server only has 142 people on it. We would like to see more members signed up for that.

*By-Law Change:* In your packet was the amendment that has to do with the proposed change to the INENA by-laws concerning training grants. Please be prepared to vote on that at the October meeting.

One of the things the INENA board would like to accomplish for next year is to go to paperless meeting minutes. The minutes would be posted on the INENA web site and a postcard reminder would be sent to members as a reminder of upcoming meetings. If you have any feedback on that idea we would like to know.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**PROGRAM TOPIC:** Due to unexpected conflicts the presenters were unable to be present for the program on EMD and HIPAA.

The motion to adjourn was made by Doug Miller and seconded by Steve Thompson. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.