

TENA Board Meeting
October 14, 2005

I. Introduction

- Lisa Dobson discussed the items in the new notebooks
- Current roster has 397 members + 11 new members = 408 Total members
- Tino Fonseca brought up that we are having membership problems with NENA
 - We have to make sure that all national membership forms that we get filled out have a signature on them
 - We need to have national membership forms at all training sessions
- Carl Dorton needs to follow up with new members and make sure the correct forms are filled out with a signature and they can be faxed into NENA
- We also need to make people realize that if they join between Jan and Sept they only receive membership through the end of the year but if they join after Oct 1st they receive the rest of that year plus the entire next year
- We took a hit at spring training because of a small turnout

- Lisa Dobson discussed Mission Statement on pg 1 of notebook
 - We need to do a better job with the first paragraph (step up and be a voice)
 - Many areas in Texas are still dealing with wireless
 - Home-rule cities need to stay involved
 - Maybe by putting home-rule cities on committees
 - Melissa, Wilma and Deborah from Aransas Pass (possibilities)

II. Board Responsibilities

- Regional coordinators are they one's that ask the most questions and to the members they are the face to the areas
- List of board members went around the room with contact information and cell phone numbers were added

III. Conference Call with Mark about the new logo

- A motion was made by Lesley to put TENA on its own server and was seconded by Joe. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Mark will get back to the board with pricing and a template.

IV. Committees

- Lesley Sciba is Board Liaison for communication
- Gina LaRocha will chair
 - Responsible for getting out the newsletter

- Cindy needs to go to PET and ask them to nominate a liaison

- Michael Grossie is board liaison for ENP
- He needs to call Sharon and ask if she will chair

- Board decided to celebrate the 20th anniversary of 9-1-1 at the 2006 Conference

- Need to call Ken Maynard and ask if he will be board liaison for Legislature/Regulations
- Maybe find someone in the Austin area to chair
- 9-1-1 to Austin/Washington?

- Cindy Bridges board liaison for Training
- Sara will chair
 - Make sure there is training other than at Conference
 - Maybe take a poll to see the types of courses members would like to take?
 - Maybe some regional training opportunities?
 - Does NENA offer online courses?

- Carl board liaison for Membership
- Patti will chair
 - How do we get dispatchers to join when they pay money and then can't travel?
 - Why join NENA?
 - Make national convention in FT Worth next year a selling point
 - Make sure dispatchers get information about NENA
 - There is currently no budget for membership
 - Goal is to be #1 in nation in members by Ft. Worth
 - Make sure we not only recruit but retain members

- Board Liaison and chair for Nominations will be a past president

- Carl and Arnell will work together on C&B

- Tino board liaison for Audit
- Sheila will chair
 - Still waiting on approximately \$17,000 in sponsorships
 - Intrado
 - Cingular
 - HBF

- Armida board liaison for Historian
- Arnell will chair
 - Ask past presidents for any pictures or information
 - Also ask other members for items

- Conference kick-off meeting is November 10 in Austin
- Robert is trying to get a room at the Double Tree so that we can meet the staff

- Carl and Michael will work on NENA 2007 together and visit with Bill Munn to see what is needed to coordinate and activities that could be done by Texas NENA Executive Board.

V. **Financial Statements – Tino**

- \$102,000 in the bank
- Still lacking \$17,000(?) in sponsorships
- National Dues is shown with 2 years of rebates so divide number by 2
- Sponsorships are down in '05 from '04
- Rent is shown for the large hall for Convention
- A motion was made by Joes to reimburse *First Call* their booth fee because, they couldn't make it convention due to hurricane Katrina, and it was seconded by Armida. The motion passed with all in favor.
- Do we need to add something to the by-laws about investments?

Budget

- Newsletter
 - Cindy to print this one in her office and will bill TENA for the costs
 - Michael will also check with the City of Lubbock about cost of printing
- Scholarship
 - Keep it going or phase it out?
 - By-laws say as long as funds are available
 - Do we want to use TENA funds?
 - Do we want to change the title to ENP
 - It was decided to find out how the scholarship was established (private or TXNENA funds?)
 - Carl and Arnell will make a recommendation at a later meeting

V. **Old Business**

- Matched contributions to Katrina relief fund for PSAPs was \$2300
 - Find out how they used it incase we are ever in the same situation
- A motion was made by Arnell to purchase a gift not to exceed \$75 for Sherri Powell and it was seconded by Michael. The motion passed all in favor.
- TERT: The board previously approved \$2500 to send to NENA to help fund national task force.
 - Tino will cut a check for Lisa to deliver to Jason Barbour in North Carolina at the end of October

VI. **Calendar**

VII. **Discussed New Member Duties**

VIII. **Attachment: An Email from Christy Williams**

ATTACHMENT

Sorry I missed the meeting guys, but as I'm sure Lisa told you I had a previous commitment on Friday. Sounds like you guys got a lot done! I have some feedback based on the notes.

- NENA does not currently offer on-line training. They did previously and it was not well received and therefore cut from the training agenda.
- A reminder that we promised to host a NENA Course in the spring to get the half price course during the conference this past year. This negotiation took place because we had only six people registered at \$125 for a \$4000 course. They were good to us and I feel that we need to keep our word. Good news is that for each course hosted we get a chance to win a free course in a drawing at national. This second class will double our chances to win!
- A standing committee was appointed a couple of years ago to work on the 07 national conference. I have been chairing for the past two years and working closely with NENA national staff. I would humbly request that the board members assigned to talk with Bill Munn about this same issue talk to me as well. I don't want us doing double or conflicting work and think we should be united on our efforts. I have strong ties with NENA national and would like to continue working with them on this project. Some of our original ideas have been nixed due to three changes in NENA staff person assigned and a change in the hotel facilities. However, I would like to keep some of the continuity that we have started for this process.
- I thought the 20 year celebration was planned for 07 in San Antonio and would like some additional information on this change. Could more details be provided for those of us who were unable to attend please?
- Lastly, I would like clarification on who needs to be or is invited to the November 10th planning committee meeting in Austin.

Thanks.

CLW