



**INENA**  
THE FOUNDING CHAPTER OF THE  
NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION

## General Membership Meeting

**Date:** February 22, 2024  
**Time:** 11:03 am  
**Location:** MABAS Conference  
Marriot Hotel  
Bloomington-Normal, IL

### Roll Call (Done Silently):

**Officers Present:** Vice President (John Ferraro), Treasurer (Allan Davis), Region 1 Director (Alicia Atkinson), Region 2 Director (Tiki Shulte), Region 7 Director (Doug Clark), Immediate Past President (Shelley Dallas)

**Officers Absent:** Region 3 Director (Brittany Carls), Region 4 (Amanda Jennings); Region 6 (Jen Brown); Region 5 Director (Phil McCarty), Region 8 Director (Amy Lovell), President Stiles

### Meeting called to order by Vice President John Ferraro at 11:03

Approval of minutes – October 22, 2023: Motion by Brent Reynolds; second by Brent Nate Krause; Motion approved unanimously.

There is a current AT&T outage nationwide impacting ability to call 911. President Diana Stiles was unable to make it due to a medical issue, keep her in your thoughts and we will see her at the next meeting.

**Treasurer report (Stephanie Kroll in John absence);** General Balance: \$XX; Enhancement Fund: \$XX; Total: XX Motion to approve by Tiki Shulte; Second by Erik Peterson; Motion passed unanimously.

### Regional Reports:

**Region 1 (Alicia Atkinson):** No Report

**Region 2 (Tiki Carlson):** No Report

**Region 3 (Brittany Carls):** Regional meeting in Kewanee on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

**Region 4 (Amanda Jennings):** Absent

**Region 5 (Phil McCarty):** Absent

**Region 6 (Jen Brown):** Absent

**Region 7 (Doug Clark):** Region 6 and 7 will be having a joint meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am, sponsored by InDigital.

**Region 8 (Amy Lovell):** Absent

**National Officers Report:** None

### Committee Reports:

**Legislation (John Ferraro):** The Legislative Committee meets every Tuesday and there is a significant amount of unseen work that goes into it. Special thanks to Shelley Dallas and Tammy Peterson for their abilities to cross reference multiple documents and ensure all of the wording aligns as the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator is working to reorganize the rules

for more cohesiveness. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the ILAPCO/INENA Legislative Committee and Executive Boards hosted a Town Hall Meeting with membership and gathered comments regarding proposed changes to Part 1326. Those comments were submitted and the SAB received a response on February 5<sup>th</sup>. The conversation is ongoing. Membership is encouraged to bring any suggestions or concerns to either of the Legislative Committee Co-Chairs, John Ferraro or Ralph Caldwell, and to attend and speak Statewide Advisory Board Meetings. The SAB calls are public, anyone can join in they are virtual, the dates and times of the meetings are all listed on the INENA website.

Ralph Caldwell provided a summary of the bills in the House and Senate that could impact 911 and public safety organizations including Bills 4439, 5128, 3377, 5377, and 5368. The latest report from the ILAPCO/INENA consultant, John Lowder, can be found on the INENA website.

There was significant discussion regarding AFR allowables and grant funding opportunities.

**Bi-Laws (Diana Stiles):** Work is being done on the language, gathering examples from national and other chapters, and will be presented in the near future.

**Website (Diana Stiles/Stephanie Kroll):** No report.

**Training and Education (Nate Krause):** Thank you to the over 60 PSAPs that responded to the committee's survey. The results were used to identify three courses INENA will be hosting this year at a considerable discount to attendees. The three courses will be: Preventing Telecommunicator Tunnel Vision in Mount Vernon, Transforming 911 Center Culture in Glenview and 3day 911 Center Supervisor Program in Normal. With the enhancement fund depleted, Illinois NENA is committing funds accrued from membership fees to provide these trainings and continue giving back to the membership and the mission of NENA. Registration information will be pushed out via social media and email blasts. There have been 4 reservations for the 911 simulator so far in 2024. Thank you to those who have helped with transportation.

**Awards/Scholarships (Tiki Shulte):** Scholarship applications will open in six months and award nominations will open in seven months. There are new award categories available to recognize 911 professionals including, ETSB Director/911 Coordinator of the Year, Public Safety Telecommunications Team of the Year, in addition to the INENA Excellence and Thank You Awards. The INENA Leadership Scholarship provides 911 professionals the opportunity to attend IPSTA. Check the INENA website for additional details and criteria.

**IPSTA:** Several vendors have already signed up as sponsors. Registration opens July 10<sup>th</sup>. Call for Papers opens April 1<sup>st</sup>, and local presenters are strongly encouraged to submit. This will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IPSTA.

**Old business:** Ron Bloom, former Private Sector Director of NENA, encouraged all to watch their inbox on March 15<sup>th</sup> for National NENA election ballots. There are multiple candidates for Private Sector Director and an Illinois candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Daryl Ostendorf. Be sure to get engaged and foster partnerships with other NENA members and participate in the elections. There will be candidate workshops coming soon.

**New business:** The Illinois NENA Wellness Committee has been formed and stay tuned for additional information becoming available.

**Next Meeting:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 11:00am in the Metro East Area in conjunction with DASH and the ILAPCO Leadership Symposium.

Meeting Adjournment at 12:02; Motion by Tiki Shulte, seconded by Eric Peterson.