

## **WI-NENA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

August 9, 2006 – 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
Stevens Point, WI

**Call to order:** Chapter President, Al Blencoe at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll call:** Board members present were Al Blencoe, Melissa Gilgenbach, and Julie Cipra. Absent were Jay Maritz and Lynn Wallace.

**Members present:** Frank DiBenedetto, Motorola; Connie Briggs, CenturyTel; Kate Beinecke, AT&T Public Safety; Donn Martin, GLMC/LaCrosse; Sally Dickinson, Appleton PD; Mary Schuelke, Outagamie County; Nancy Heimke, LaCrosse County; Karen Carlson, Fox Comm; Paul Wittkamp, DHFS-EMS; Jim Tollaksen, Verizon; Jerry Christians, CenturyTel; Wendy Maechtle, Ozaukee County.

**Public Comment:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Wallace was absent from the meeting but informed the board in advance that there is between \$47,000 and \$48,000 in our account.

**Elections:** Discussed the importance of members becoming involved in the organization. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position requires a three year commitment. We will need more nominations for next year.

**Web update:** Costs and operation of the website are now joint between APCO and WI-NENA. The Web Committee consists of members from both groups and includes Al Blencoe, Jay Loeffler, Nancy Heimke, and Paul Logan. The group will be meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup> for Website training. The new domain name is [www.wipscom.org](http://www.wipscom.org) but you may still reach the site by entering the old APCO or WI-NENA web address. The home page will represent both agencies/common interests as well as a link to select specific information for APCO or WI-NENA. There will be many changes between now and the conference. Please send any web site ideas/suggestions to Al Blencoe.

### **Newsletter:**

The new joint APCO/WI-NENA newsletter is called Loud and Clear. Members from both agencies are involved and costs are shared.

### **Legislative update:**

A committee of members from both agencies has formed. The committee is chaired by Rich Thuma and includes Karen Carlson, Carl Guese, Jay Maritz, and Connie Briggs. The group is defining a list of issues geared toward technology neutral legislation. We should look for other agencies with related issues such as the Sheriff/Chief's Association, WI Telephone Association, etc.

The legislature is on recess until November so we need to have our goals outlined and ready to begin working when they return. Al will ask Rich to prepare a legislative report for our next Chapter meeting.

**General:**

Mary Schuelke of Outagamie asked if anyone else was being billed for wireless charges by AT&T. They had experienced some charges for transferring a wireless call to another PSAP which was not in their contract. A suggestion was made that it could be for local toll charges. They will look into this in case it is something the rest should be aware of/budget for.

**Wireless:**

Julie Cipra of Crawford County expressed a concern that an estimated 50% of their wireless calls were not Phase II compliant with FCC rules. Almost half of their calls show a tower site address only. Terrain and lack of towers is a big issue but still does not meet guidelines. We need a better way to track in CAD and this issue will also be brought to the attention of the Legislative Committee. Several PSAP members belonging to larger communities indicated that the majority of their calls were compliant.

**Conference update:**

Melissa Gilgenbach reported that the conference is shaping up and things seem to be moving along. All breakout session slots have been filled. We encourage members to participate on the conference committee and/or help during conference. If you are interested please contact a board member. Vendor booths are just about full at 40 booths with approximately six booths left.

We will have thirty days after our conference to lock into a future contract at the Kalahari. Questionnaires will be distributed at conference asking for your input about the hotel and if you would like to continue holding our conferences there. Please make a solid effort to complete and turn this in.

**Kalahari Convention Center and Resort:**

Check the website for conference updates, room costs, and information specific to the Kalahari. A few things are done differently as far as proof of tax exemption, etc. and details are listed on the website.

A few key things to be aware of: You will need a picture ID at check in. You will be charged one night's stay in advance at the standard rate of \$99.00 including tax. Charges will be reduced to the state rate and taxes removed at check in when you provide your tax exempt form. If you are paying with a personal credit card or personal check please print the employee's name and dates of stay on the tax exempt form as well.

If you are paying for more than one room with your credit card a Credit Card Authorization form must be filled out for each room/person authorized to use your card. This form indicates what services can be charged such as room only/food, etc. This form

can be printed from their website at [www.Kalahari.com](http://www.Kalahari.com) and completed in advance or filled out at check in.

**Common computer applications for automation presentation by Nancy Heimke of LaCrosse County Dispatch.** This presentation will also be held as a break out session at the conference.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie M. Cipra*

Julie Cipra, Secretary