

Executive Board Conference Call 1/25/08:

Thos in attendance were President Jackie Wheeler, 1st Vice President Rob McMullen Region 4 VP Trina Winegardner, Region 3 VP Dave Costin, Commercial VP Ernie Milburn, Region 2 VP Tod Schmucker, Region 6 VP Tracy Lightfield and Jeff Cicillian.

Meeting called to order at 0908 hrs by President Jackie Wheeler.

Letter was sent to Dorita Johnson regarding her deletion from the board. Garland's letter will be mailed also. Jeff Cicillian from Lake County was asked to participate in the conference call. Jeff will take the office of Region 1 Vice President, replacing Dorita. Rob moved we accept Jackie's appointment, Tracy seconded it.

Jackie asked if we have any other nominations for Regions 2, 4, and 6. None were known at this time.

Rob thanks Tracy and Tod for attending the hearing in Indy for SB359. Tracy remarked that it was a long day; it was after 1900 hrs when they left Indy to return home. Tracy asked if anyone had seen the amendments to the bill. The bill now states that the board can make grants to upgrade the state's emergency alert system, as opposed to the original wording of the Department of Homeland Security receiving \$300,000.

The bill was originally proposed in one of the Carolinas by AT&T and was adapted by our senate. Senator Hershman advised the board would be reduced from 17 members, but this is not listed in the amendments. Tracy advised there was a lot of discussion by the Senators on the committee regarding the "universal fee" and how it would affect the PSAPs in their areas. Tracy said the main concerns that were voiced were pretty much the same as the concerns voiced by Indiana NENA. Those that attended are unsure when the third reading of the bill will be.

(Second VP Cindy Snyder joined the call at 0929 hrs.during the discussion of SB359 by Tracy.)

Tracy and Tod advised that representatives from WISH TV and the National Weather Service both spoke in favor of the \$300,000 being given to Homeland Security to be used for the state's emergency alert system for weather emergencies.

Tracy also said she asked those in attendance at the hearing who would be responsible for funding the mandated consolidations? The answers she received were that it would be up to the individual entities to fund the consolidations.

There was also discussion regarding the \$1 universal surcharge. Many PSAPs would lose funds.

Ernie stated that eventually area codes, prefixes, etc. will cease to exist. A number will be 12-15 digits long and will not be specific to any area.

Todd Schmucker- requesting to know what type of information to give to IAC if he gets a phone call about consolidation:

1/Cost and Funding formula

2/Population/size of county

3/Where 911 Traffic would go if a PSAP went down, more than one PSAP in a county for backup??

4/Do you bring the same call volume to the Central PSAP and how would staffing fit in?

5/Exemption of a PSAP that is in two different counties

6/Cap on funding? How to pay dispatchers wages-cost of living, equipment, maintenance, etc.

7/ Would the other agencies that would no longer have PSAP's kick in money for all of the above?

8/Would the State Police have to also consolidate with these PSAP's?

These were thrown out by everyone on the call.

Tracy wanted to make sure that we stressed the funding and cost for PSAP's because of the multiple issues of consolidation.

We all were concerned about monies and what this would do to our budget. It would not relieve anything in the general fund in each county or city.

Cindy asked if any other counties had State board of Accounts at their Auditor's office looking at the 911 funding. Jeff, Tracy, and Cindy knew that State Board of Accounts were in each of their counties. There were making sure that they had the correct amount of monies that was submitted awhile ago. Making sure the State knew what they were working with.

Tracy stated that the State of Indiana anticipated this/the bill/before the bill was filed.

Jeff and Tracy both stated the bill was sent before many PSAP's were asked just like the EMD bill. We do not want to be short changed in the end.

Todd stated that the Funding cap may have to be a different bill.

Rob asked Jackie about contact Jynelle (our lobbyist). Jackie thought it would be too late and she may be working on some other bills.

Cindy also wanted everyone to look at the Plan Commission portion of the Bill regarding addressing. Jeff thought this was if a county did not have a plan commission or even a town.

The majority of the group on the phone did not want consolidation but it was determined that we in NENA could not make that stand as a group. EACH and EVER member should contact their commissioners, representatives, senators, etc. to voice their OWN opinions. Some counties may think that consolidation is a good idea. The NENA organization SHOULD stand up for the surcharge, funding for homeland security, and some of the other 911 issues.

Rob brought up to the group about an Education Committee for Indiana NENA.

Cindy brought up to the group about technical issues that are coming down the pike and maybe we should have this added to the bill also.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM