

10-16-2024 Joint Oklahoma APCO & OklaNENA meeting minutes.

Call to order time - 9:45am

Oklahoma NENA Election results presented by Ben Smith.

2nd term for **President** Chrissy Brown, **1st VP** Benjamin Curry, **2nd VP** Ben Smith

Secretary/Treasurer Gwen Goodner

Southwest VP Shelly Dragg 25

Southeast VP Danny Manuel 28

Central VP Runoff

Northeast VP Ken Stewart

Northwest VP Ashley Woodall

Runoff for Central VP, in-person voting by OklaNENA Members.

Roxy Van Gundy will serve as an observer for unbiased vote counting.

Welcoming - Chrissy & Ben C.

Appreciation for attendance at 2024 OKPSC.

Importance of involvement in both APCO and NENA.

Encouragement to reach out for opportunities within the industry.

Runoff results for OklaNENA.

Central Vice President Green 14 / Wright 10

Oklahoma APCO Election results presented by Danny Manuel.

2ND VP Woodall 27 / Stewart 23

Secretary Herr 29 / England 21

Treasurer Jewell 45 yes / 3 no

Executive Committee Poarch 48 yes / 1 no

Southeast Representative Messer 31 / Pulley 18

Northeast Representative Wakefield 35 / Bryant 12

Central Representative Wright 21 / Green 18 / Johnson 9

Southwest Representative Hayle 46 yes / 2 no

Northwest Representative Carnagey 25 / Avants 16 / Morris 8

Continuation of outgoing Presidential Comments

Congratulations extended to incoming officers.

Encouragement for involvement of members.

Marking of historic moment, Christina Brown, first President in both OKLANena and OKAPCO simultaneously.

Incoming President Comments

Congratulations to incoming officers.

Encouragement of those not elected to remain involved.

Importance of networking and building relationships emphasized.

“Accountability buddies, mentors, your Bens”

Reminder that the PSC focus is on both education and connection.

Call for active engagement and growth within the organization.

OKLANena Scholarship Announcement: <http://www.oklanena.com/>

Establishment of scholarship for Emergency Number Professionals.

Applications accepted until Dec. 1, 2024.

Oklahoma NENA Members exclusively.

Scholarship requirements are aligned with national standards.

Call for increased Nominations for awards and recognition amongst each other.

Aim to highlight the significance of contributions.

Presidential Challenge - See Oklahoma, praise Oklahoma. Nominate!

Telecommunicator of the quarter, tech person of the quarter,

State Conference awards.

If we are not advocating for ourselves, no one is.

By-Laws Committee - Ben Smith

Formation of this committee was to review and recommend bylaw Changed.

Received feedback from National APCO Bylaws Committee.

Changes were posted to PSConnect and comment period was completed.

Motion to adopt changes made by Danny Manuel, Second by Jessica Carter.

New bylaws adopted unanimously.

New Business - None

Introduction of special speaker Roxy Van Gundy, 2nd VP National Nena.

Appreciation of attendance.

Importance of involvement.

NENA Updates.

Membership growth, currently 22,000 members,

Expectancy to exceed current membership by the end of dues year.

Large online presence - Leadership, Wellness, Women in 911

Opportunities to join working groups.

Advocacy Efforts.

Joint Letters sent to political campaigns regarding NG911 support.

Collaboration efforts with APCO for legislative efforts.

Emphasis on the need for unified action.

Job Descriptions.

Importance of updating job descriptions.

Need to reflect current responsibilities and technical work.

Available resources for updating job descriptions.

Toolkit on 911.gov

National NENA Elections.

Nominations are open for Executive Board until Nov. 3
Other openings include 2VP and Regional Representatives.
Encouragement to participate in voting.

Upcoming events.

Standards and Best Practices Conference Jan 12-15 2025 in Clearwater, FL.
911 Goes to Washington Feb. 23-26 2025 in Arlington, VA.
National NENA Conference June 21-26 in Long Beach, FL.
Scholarships available for first time attendees.

Training Resources.

Free Webinars offered often every other Wednesday on Website.
Upcoming wellness webinar on Nov. 14th 2025
NENA Wellness continuum available to everyone, not just members.

Conclusion from Ms. Van Gundy

Acknowledgement of Oklahoma's progress.
Encouragement to connect and collaborate.
Mention of new TERT standards coming soon.

Old Business - None

Evening Event Announcements

Evening Banquet

Swearing in of Oklahoma's APCO and NENA board.
Roxy Van Gundy and Stephen Martini
Recognition of industry Members who have excelled.
Door Prizes.

Motion to adjourn made by Danny Manuel and second by Jorian Jewell.
Adjourned. 1045 hours.