

NASNA Interim Meeting Minutes
Crystal City Hyatt Regency
Arlington, Virginia

October 14, 2004

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Steve Marzolf, *President*
Paul Fahey, *Secretary*
John Benson
Jim Beutelspacher
John Crabill
Ann Cronin
John Georgiadis
Al Gervenack
Barbara Jaeger
Ken Keim
Paul Mallett
Jim Martin
Harriet Miller-Brown
R.D. Porter
Daphne Rhoe
Art Rios
Elaine Sexton
Chris Ternet
Gary Underwood

Virginia
Massachusetts
Iowa
Minnesota
Maryland
Idaho
Illinois
Maine
Arizona
Oregon
Texas
Florida
Michigan
Missouri
California
New Mexico
Georgia
Indiana
Alabama

Call to Order and Introductions :

President Steve Marzolf called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

NRIC VII

Steve gave a brief overview on what is going on with the NRIC group. He reminded the group that he recently sent out a brief email about this to the members. The NRIC group is discussing network issues to determine best practices. This is the first time ever they have decided to take on a public safety chart. Issue one is E-911 (split into five committees).

1. Short-term E-911 (Darryl Whitman is the Chairman – Steve also serves on this). The subject is “Accuracy Testing” (make recommendations on this – report by December).
2. Data Issue to deliver consistency to the PSAP (Phase II).
3. E-911 Outages (Bob Oenning and Nancy Pollack – Chairs).

4. Interoperability radio (Aston Buchanan, Chairman).
5. Homeland Security.

Steve is on the Accuracy committee. They have adopted a document that outlines the difference on the testing issue, but has little consensus. It doesn't address certain problems such as how big the test area is, and does not address who gets access to the results. The PSAP position has been the smaller the test area the better -- test every PSAP area. The industry wants to see nation-wide averaging. They would like to see a test area to produce one accuracy rating nation wide. The PSAP concern with this approach is that nation averaging may make it unnecessary to cover large rural areas (like Iowa). Iowa may not represent more than 5% of the coverage area in the US. Consensus failed when the industry said they were not going to come-off of the nation-wide testing.

The other area of contention is providing access to test data. We are saying that we not only need the results, we need the spreadsheet and do our own analysis of the data ourselves. The group is at an impasse. NRIC 1A is going to develop a position paper and give it to the FCC rather than trying to reach consensus. He has been charged to help develop the Public Safety position. We have supported PSAP level testing, but is it reasonable to conduct 1,000 test calls per PSAP. If not PSAP level, then what level is appropriate since counties are not present in all states? Anthony Haynes, Tennessee, said he is afraid of a national standard on this issue. Anthony Haynes is suggesting the EPA model – use the FCC – a single point of contact within the state. How do we build our network when it is a moving target? The group is suggesting that it should be statewide instead of network wide. Access to data – we need call by call data. Everybody agrees that is what they want. The group wants to go with this plan even though they believe that NENA and APCO will go against this. Statewide is where the group wants to go. They want to take an existing model and use it.

NRIC 1B (Jim Nixon is the Chairman) – asked to vote on seven items.

Recommendations are as follow:

- 1) IP Level E-911 based capabilities;
- 2) Emergency Service IP Network;
- 3) Congestion Control Measure;
- 4) 911 Calls coming into the system;
- 5) Cryptographically based security system;
- 6) All Device Access to E-911;
- 7) Location Information;
- 8) IP Based Communications;
- 9) Effective Service Delivery;
- 10) Standardize E-911 Service;
- 11) New Funding Paradigm.

The group said they have no problem with the recommendations.

The NRIC 1C focus group (Bob Oenning and Nancy Pollock) made no specific recommendations, just presenting a report at this time. They worked on the outage data.

They will be recommending other ways of reducing 911 outages, refine the language in the best practice currently in place to address 911.

Third Party Users Group - John Benson – TPUB (Third Party Users Group) – He submitted this to the group via e-mail. Item – Wanted data work for a statewide standard. He is suggesting that NASNA could take a look at all the different standards out there and come up with one standard from the carrier to the database providers, etc., and could suggest best type of data format. Barbara Jaegar is helping John Benson with this. Steve Marzolf said Sam Keys will be helping with this from Virginia.

The second item of concern is the PSAP registry – they are not talking to each other. The data within the registry is very bad. Al Gervenack has been trying to work on this data for six months but has not been able to get any change. He is proposing using NASNA as a conduit to get this done. Also, if they have other PSAP information they would like to extract, to do it in one call. John Benson will circulate the document back out to everyone of whom they should talk with (PSAP Registry).

The third item of concern is to develop a draft of what the PSAPs do – with Intrado. Internal communications issue is another issue the group is tackling. TCS, Synavurse, etc. need to include these groups. Please submit your issues to John Benson to take to TCS.

State Reports

- Each State gave their report – Texas and Steve are working on a pilot project to build a PSAP that is fully IP. They will be using Texas A&M and UVA to test this model. Texas has received a grant to do this from NTIA funding. This makes it to the public, so many classes, educational items will be done.

Cost Recovery – Paul Fahey from Massachusetts said that his Board will hire a consultant to make recommendations on wireless cost recovery. Barbara Jaeger from Arizona said that her state has partial cost-recovery. They negotiated with several companies. Harriet Brown-Miller from Michigan said she would like to see what others are doing. Jim Beutelspacher from Minnesota said he is willing to share his report with her. Discussion about looking at a long term model for funding as well as short-term for cost recovery. Harriet Brown-Miller has volunteered to start doing a snap shot of this issue.

Future Meetings

- Steve asked the group to give their opinion of this event: Do you want to move it around, have it often, etc.?

Steve said that this event is hosted by Virginia. Elaine Sexton suggests that we have it twice a year. Steve said the NLC (National League of Cities) and the FCC were impressed with this meeting. There will probably be more in attendance the next time. Steve suggested that since the group is going to do TDC, which maybe

the next meeting should be held February 27, 2005 during NENA. The group decided to look at the agenda for NENA and decide whether they need to have a meeting during that time; but not to let it overlap or over-shadow NENA. Steve is suggesting that because we have legislature issues, that the group meet early in the year in the early session of the legislature –yearly meeting. Week of the 27th of September is a suggestion.

Barbara Jaeger suggests waiting until the next conference call to decide when to have the next meeting. Steve concurred with this assessment. The fall event is an absolute (September) with the exception of deciding where. NENA and Long Beach is an absolute. Leave it open for now. The Group would like to continue.

Steve informed the group that before the June meeting NASNA put out a vote for by-law changes. The changes were approved.

Adjournment 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Fahey
Secretary