

Washington State APCO and NENA Partnership Resolution

Whereas, the membership of the Washington State Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO-WA), International and the Washington State Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA-WA) find that:

1. By working together, the missions of APCO-WA and NENA-WA can be pursued more efficiently,
2. Although the missions of APCO-WA and NENA-WA are closely aligned the national organizations remain divided on many issues, and
3. There are advantages to remaining two legally distinct organizations, however joint oversight of APCO-WA and NENA-WA would be beneficial.

Therefore it is hereby resolved that APCO-WA and NENA-WA shall combine their officers into a single executive committee and enter into a partnership agreement as provided herein.

1. This agreement shall be effective June __, 2008 and shall remain in effect until dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership of either APCO-WA or NENA-WA.
2. The Executive Committee shall review the effectiveness of this agreement annually and report their findings to the membership.
3. A member of either APCO-WA or NENA-WA who is afforded voting rights according to the bylaws of that chapter is hereby granted the right to vote in all APCO-WA and NENA-WA chapter business, nothing in this agreement shall grant voting rights on behalf of either National organization.
4. A member of either APCO-WA or NENA-WA who is eligible to serve as an officer is hereby granted eligibility to serve as an officer of the partnership. If the officer is a member of only one of the organizations and if the national organization requires holders of that office to maintain national membership then that chapter will pay the membership fee for that officer during their term of office. Provided that the funds of one organization will not be used to pay the membership for the other organization. (For example if an elected officer was a member of APCO but the national organization required they also be a member of NENA then NENA-WA would pay their NENA membership fee during their term of office).
5. Article III of the Washington State Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association Constitution, Articles II and III of the Washington State Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association Bylaws are hereby suspended for the duration of this partnership agreement. If the partnership is dissolved the NENA-WA Treasurer will assume the duties of

NENA-WA Chapter President until such time as elections can be held.

6. Article II of the Washington State Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials – International is hereby suspended for the duration of this partnership agreement. If the partnership is dissolved the APCO-WA Treasurer will assume the duties of the APCO-WA President until such time as elections can be held.

7. The Executive Committee of the Partnership will consist of:
 - a. Chapter President (1 year term)
 - b. Chapter President Elect (elected for a term of 1 year with automatic succession to the Presidency)
 - c. Immediate Past-President (immediate past president of APCO and immediate past president of NENA for the first year of the partnership. Immediate past “chapter president” thereafter)
 - d. APCO-WA Treasurer (must be an APCO Member, incumbent serves until the end of their current term, 2 year terms thereafter, odd numbered years)
 - e. NENA-WA Treasurer (must be a NENA Member, 2 year term, even numbered years)
 - f. Chapter Secretary (2-year term, even numbered years)
 - g. West Side Member at Large (2-year term, even numbered years)
 - h. East Side Member at Large (initially a 1-year term then 2-year term, odd numbered years).
 - i. APCO Executive Council Representative (Must be an APCO Member, incumbent completes current term, then 4-year term)

8. The executive committee is given wide latitude to reconcile differences in the bylaws of the individual organizations. A consolidated set of bylaws will be presented for membership approval at the 2010 annual meeting.

Adopted by the Quorum of the Washington State Chapter Public Safety Communications Officials at the regular business meeting on June 24, 2008.

Chapter President

Chapter Secretary

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