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Stephanie Garsea
EMS Director 23 - 24

Quorum is (10) Voting Members at Regular Meeting

The 881st meeting of the SNCA was held on August 2, 2023 at the Rockin A Cafe. The meeting was hosted by Lion Elastomers.

President Ocnaschek (BPD) called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Matt Dulaney (HCESD#6) led the membership in an invocation.
Tim Ocnaschek (Beaumont PD) led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Board Members, Tommy Shelton (Goodyear), Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer), Donta Miller (JC Sheriff), Sparky Robinson (Orange PD) and Chris Gonzales (JCESD1) were excused.

Self-Introductions were made by those members present.

HOST WELCOME

President Ocnaschek recognized host representative Si Ancelet, with Lion Elastomers. Si, along with Orange site Chief Brandon welcomed all to the meeting; They shared thanks for all of the organizations involved in SNCA and for all they do.

READING OF THE MINUTES

President Ocnaschek asked for approval of the July 2023 meeting minutes sent out via email.

A motion was made by Scott McDonald (BASF) to accept the July 2023 Minutes as read and seconded by Martha Simien (PA Hlth. Dept), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

OPENING FROM PRESIDENT TIM OCNASCHEK:

President Ocnaschek recognized Matt Dulaney and extended congratulations to him on his recent well-earned retirement from Vallen Safety. Matt will remain with Hardin County E.S.D. #1 FD and continued involvement in SNCA.

President Ocnaschek called on Mike Hyatt to introduce the new Captain of Port Security for SETX/SWLA - Captain Anthony Migliorini.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Stephanie Garsea (AEMS) shared a letter from LIT acknowledging the donation to the SNCA Scholarship account.

TREASURERS REPORT:

President Ocnaschek presented the Treasurer’s Report:

Current Checking Balance	\$73,892.041
Deposits:	\$24,091.74
Withdrawals:	(\$15,840.00)
Paypal Balance	\$0
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,187.12
Ending June Balance	\$87,2330.90

President Ocnaschek then asked for approval of the Treasurer’s Report as read. President Ocnaschek did note that there are charges for accounting services within the withdrawals. The new contract with a financial firm will assist with monthly reports, filing taxes, etc.

A motion was then made by Scott McDonald (BASF) to accept the Treasurer’s Report as read and seconded by Louie Havens (PAFD), there was no opposition to the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Ocnaschek discussed the renewal of the agreement with EKC to begin providing financial oversight and updates with our financials and filing of requirement documents, i.e., 990, etc. Having a third party verify financials will be good for our organization. The Board approved to put this in place.
- At the July Board meeting Mark Czerwiec (Valero) was appointed to chair the vacant Membership Committee due to Bryan Markland no longer an SNCA member; Thank you Mark for taking this position.

- The 2024 Meeting host list is being developed and will be sent out soon so hosting organizations can plan ahead.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Louie Havens spoke to the membership about the upcoming Port Arthur Fire/Police Benevolent Guns and Hoses Clay Shoot. There are opportunities still available for teams. Please see Louie for more information.

RECENT EMERGENCIES/ ISSUES:

(It was verified there was no media in the room)

President Ocnaschek explained to the membership the need to capture all SNCA mutual aid responses unless there is a standing Mutual aid Agreement between organizations.

SNCA Activations YTD - 35 with 7 of those being in July

Industry: None

Municipal Fire: None

Law Enforcement: None

EMS: None

Health: Martha Siemen (PAHD) reminded everyone that flu season is coming and the Health Department will provide flu shots for first responders in September.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Matt Dulaney - Chairperson

Chair Dulaney shared thanks to all those currently serving SNCA. Starting next month there will be nominations for Board Positions. Chair Dulaney will have a list of those open positions.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mark Czerwiec - Chairperson

Chair Czerwiec was happy to report there are 3 new entities in the application process. He hopes to have those ready for presentation soon.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS: Steve Curren - Chairperson

Chair Curren noted that they have finished cleaning up the SOP's and will be shared with Stephanie Garsea to upload to the website. Chair Curren also let the membership know that they are working to set up "Everbridge" which will replace the Blackboard notification system. It will take a couple of months to transition to the new system. Training on the new system is being developed.

WEBSITE: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Chair Garsea informed the membership work is still ongoing; monthly updates continue to occur keeping meeting locations, previous meeting minutes, etc. updated. Redesign coming soon. To ensure we are staying within the two-hour budgeted work parameters work being sent to Jux has been very conservative.

AWARDS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

This is an opportunity to recognize a fellow SNCA member who has gone above and beyond in our organization or community. Chair Garsea has forms distributed to those in attendance. We have officially began soliciting nominations for August and continue until the September meeting. The Board will review in October and awards given at Boss Night in December. Please get with Chair Garsea if you want a nomination form.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

Save the Date - Friday April 26, 2024; The Association received a nice Thank you from LIT on our donation; Thank you to all who support this event. Looking to next year, if you have any door prize/give away items lying around your office that you need to move and would like to donate for the golf tournament please get with Chair Garsea, she can store them for next year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Stephanie Garsea – Chairperson

75th Anniversary celebration is in the works. Save the date posted! There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on right now. We have booked the Compro Center for Friday Feb 9th and finalizing the caterer and other items to finalize budget proposals to be presented to the Board and then membership for approval. Challenge Coins are ordered and look amazing, I am so excited!

*We are really trying to get a feel for the involvement before we can lock in the caterer; we also need to see if we need to rent an additional section of the Compro Center. Please complete the forms on the table and leave for Chair Garsea after the meeting.

**We would like to invite as many of our honorary members that are able to attend. So please let us know if you have contacts. Stephanie's contact is: sgarsea@acadian.com

Also, Salute to Real American Heroes will be held Thursday September 7, 2023 at 6pm at the Beaumont Civic Center. First responders are invited to attend; Please go to LIT site to register: <https://www.lit.edu/foundation/salute>

MARINE FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: Louie Havens – Chairperson No report:

COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Eloy Vega - Chairperson

Chief Vega shared with the membership that a Water Flow exercise will be conducted on September 27th at Port Neches Park. Part of the drill will be to test communications amongst the agencies. If you are interested in participating, please let the committee know.

INVENTORY: Pat Grimes – Chairperson

Inventory Report

Chair Grimes told the membership to please check your agency's inventory in the database for accuracy. If you need to add any items that are not listed, please let Chair Grimes know (paalgr@gmail.com). All Voting members are **required** to have resources in the database.

Database Report

Please let Chair Grimes know if you are not receiving emails and texts from SNCA, meeting reminders are sent prior to each meeting. Also, if your primary or alternate member is changing or if you know of any organization that might be making a change, please let Chair Grimes know so that the changes can be updated in the proper email and text distribution list (paalgr@gmail.com).

It is extremely important that agency contact information is kept up to date. This list is used for informational messages and emergency notifications.

TRAINING & EDUCATION: Shaqueena Nobles - Chairperson

Chair Nobles noted that there are several classes finishing up. For September there are three classes on the calendar: G-202 Debris Management, G/ICS-300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents, ICS 300, and G/ICS-400 Advanced Incident Command System for Complex Incidents, ICS 400.

For more training information see ***Preparingtexas.org***

HOMELAND SECURITY: Jeremy Hansen – Chairperson

Mike Hiatt provided some updates on Port Security grants. Southeast Texas/Southwest LA was granted \$4.2 million for Port Security. It is never too early to begin working on new grant requests. Also, he shared he will be hosting a picnic for veteran Coast Guard members at his house on 8.4.2023. DHS/CISA continues to monitor cyber related threats and has resources by request to help assess public and private cyber vulnerabilities. More information can be found at www.CISA.gov.

BOSES NIGHT: David Frenzel - Chairperson

Nothing to report

OIL SPILL: Tommy Wells - Chairperson

Nothing to report

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM: Tim Ocnaschek - Chairperson

Nothing to report

INDUSTRIAL FIRE & SAFETY: Scott McDonald - Chairperson

Chair McDonald told the membership the next quarterly meeting will be held Aug 15 at Goodyear. Chair McDonald elaborated on the 9/27 Drill to be held at Port Neches Park. Any Industrial member that has not contacted Chair McDonald (scott.mcdonald@basf.com) to please provide contact information so that they can be added to the committee communications.

PROGRAM:

Doug Cramer - National Weather Service:

Mr. Cramer gave a presentation on updated weather patterns and predictions for the upcoming few months. Mr. Cramer told the membership that the NWS can provide plume models and other valuable data to responders in the event of a fire, industrial emergency not just a hurricane events. Mr. Cramer mentioned the NWS will be participating in an Interagency Collaboration meeting to see where the national weather service can assist.

Program: Si Ancelet - Lion Elastomers-Port Neches

Mr. Ancelet shared the history of their site; the location was originally built in 1942 and was completed in 6 months; Mr. Ancelet spoke on their capabilities and products they produce, facility dynamics and their community involvement. Brandon Schwartzenburg, from their Orange location, shared appreciation for all in the room and for all they do in the community.

President Tim Ocnacheck presented Rusty McDonald as a newly installed Honorary Member. Mr. McDonald has been a member of SNCA for many years and has always been a consistent member and very involved in SNCA. The Board approved his honorary membership recently and today we would like to congratulate Rusty on this recognition.

Upcoming 2023 Meeting Host

TENATIVE HOST SCHEDULE FOR 2023

Meeting Host 2023	Meeting Number	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
ExxonMobil - Beaumont Complex	874	January 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Solvay Specialty Polymers	875	February 1, 2023	Courville's
Invista/Koch Orange	876	March 1, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Medical Center Southeast Texas	877	April 5, 2023	Medical Center
West Orange Fire Department	878	May 3, 2023	Roberts Meat Market
Indorma Ventures Oxides (Flint Hills)	879	June 7, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
CHRISTUS Hospital - St. Elizabeth	880	July 5, 2023	Courville's
Lion Elastomers Port Neches- (ISP)(Ashland)	881	August 2, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
OCI	882	September 6, 2023	Courville's
Phillips 66 (Chevron-UGT Pipeline)	883	October 4, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Monument Chemicals (KMTEX)	884	November 1, 2023	Rockin' A Cafe
Suez (Water Technologies & Solutions)	885	December 6, 2023	Courville's

NEXT MEETING: The 882nd meeting will be September 6th, hosted by OCI at Courville's

ADJOURN:

President Ocnashek requested for a motion to adjourn. Scott McDonald made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Billy Ted Smith (Jasper Co. EM). There was no opposition to the motion, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Stephanie Valka-Garsea

EMS Chair/ Sitting in for excused Secretary/Treasurer SNCA