

# ***The Constitution of the Washington State Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA-WA)***

## **Section 1. Name and Affiliation**

This organization is affiliated with the National Emergency Number Association and is known as the Washington State Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (herein referred to as NENA-WA).

## **Section 2. Mission**

NENA-WA's mission is to foster the technological advancement, availability, and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number system (9-1-1). In carrying out its mission, NENA promotes research, planning, training, and education. The protection of human life, the preservation of property, and the maintenance of general community security are among NENA-WA's objectives.

## **Section 3. Membership & Dues**

Membership in NENA-WA is open to all persons of good character who meet the membership requirements and whose dues are paid in full as outlined in the National Emergency Number Association Constitution, Bylaws, and/or policies of the National Emergency Number Association.

Membership classifications are defined by NENA National.

## **Section 4. Voting Rights**

Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Chapter Bylaws only members in the VOTING classifications, in good standing, may vote for and hold elected positions in the Chapter.

A member in good standing is defined as any member whose payment of dues is current, and who has received a membership number from NENA National.

## **Section 5. Partnership with the Washington State Chapter of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO-WA)**

The Membership finds that:

- By working together, the missions of APCO-WA and NENA-WA can be pursued more efficiently,

- Although the missions of APCO-WA and NENA-WA are closely aligned they are not identical, and
- There are advantages to remaining two legally distinct organizations with separate accounting; however joint oversight via a single set of Bylaws and Executive Committee is beneficial.

The partnership will be known as the Washington State Chapters of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials and National Emergency Number Association (AKA Washington APCO & NENA).

If the partnership is dissolved the Chapter Bylaws will continue to govern NENA-WA until amended, except that the Chapter Officers other than the NENA-WA Treasurer will cease to have any oversight, authority, rights, or responsibilities for NENA-WA and the NENA-WA Treasurer will assume the duties of the NENA-WA President and will conduct an election of new officers within 90-days.

## Section 6. Non-Profit Status

No part of the net earnings of NENA-WA shall accrue to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, officers, or to any other private persons; except to pay reasonable compensations for services rendered and/or pre-approved reimbursement for actual expenses incurred.

NENA-WA shall not carry on any activities which may be prohibited for an organization ruled exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any further United States internal revenue laws.

## Section 7. Dissolution of NENA-WA

NENA-WA may only be dissolved by two-thirds vote of the "Public-Safety Voting Members" present at a regular or special meeting, provided that at least 60-days prior to the meeting an announcement that a resolution for dissolution will be considered must be posted on the website and distributed to the Membership via the normal communications method used to distribute meeting notices.

For the purposes of this section a quorum is ten percent of the "Public-Safety Voting Members." If the total number of "Public-Safety Voting Members" exceeds 200, a quorum is twenty members.

A motion or resolution to dissolve NENA-WA must include a provision for distribution of NENA-WA assets or delegate decisions about asset distribution to the NENA-WA officers or Staff or Officers of the National Emergency Number Association. NENA-WA assets must be distributed in accordance with Washington State law.

## Section 8. Amendment of this Constitution


This constitution may be amended or revised by majority vote of NENA-WA Public-Safety Voting Members at a regular or special business meeting provided notice that a constitution revision will be considered has been communicated to the Membership at least 60-days prior to the meeting.

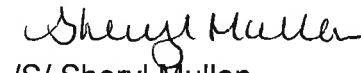
Said notice must list the sections which will be considered for amendment and should include the text of the proposed amendment.

The quorum may only consider amendments to the sections listed in the announcement as well as amendments to correct typographical errors.

A quorum for this section is at least ten percent of the "Public-Safety Voting Members." If the total number of "Public-Safety Voting Members" exceeds 200, a quorum is twenty members.

*Adopted by a majority vote of the "Voting Members" present at the June 22, 2010 business meeting of the Washington Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association.*

  
/S/ Stephanie Fritts  
President

  
/S/ Sheryl Mullen  
Secretary