

# NJ-NENA By-Laws Update

## 2009 By-Laws Committee

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# Change Drivers

- Desire to shorten terms for Executive Board Officers
  - Current Terms 2 years
  - 2nd VP to President takes 6 years – Too Long
- By-laws last revised October 16, 2000
- Compliance with NENA

# By-Laws Update

Our by-laws should be in synch with National

## ARTICLE VI. COMPATIBILITY

In the event that any conflict occurs between the Constitution and/or the Bylaws of National NENA and the Constitution and/or Bylaws of NJ-NENA, the National NENA Constitution and/or Bylaws will prevail.

...They are not

# Example Language Changes

- **OLD LANGUAGE**

- **Section 2. Purpose**

- The purpose of NJ-NENA shall be to:
- 2.1 Foster the development, availability, and implementation of a universal emergency telephone number common to all jurisdiction(s) through research, planning, training and education; represent its members before communications regulatory agencies and policy making bodies appropriate: and strive towards citizens having immediate access to emergency public safety services so that safety of human life, protection of property and civic welfare are benefitted to the utmost degree;

- **NEW LANGUAGE**

- **ARTICLE II. OBJECT**

- Section 1. The object of the association shall be to:
- A. Lead in the development, availability, implementation and enhancement of a universal emergency telephone number common to all jurisdiction(s) through research, planning, training and education;
- B. Represent its members before communications regulatory agencies and appropriate policy making and legislative bodies;
- C. Enable all citizens to have immediate access to emergency public safety services so that safety of human life, protection of property and civic welfare are benefitted to the utmost degree; and
- D. Aid and assist in the timely collection and dissemination of information relating to a universal emergency telephone number.

# Example Language Changes

- **DELETED:**
- 2.3 Prepare, publish, and distribute or cause to be prepared, published, and distributed a publication at regular intervals. This publication shall contain technical, administrative, operational, training, and educational information considered of interest to the membership of this Association and to other people interested in public safety emergency communications;

# Membership Classifications

- Active Member is now Public Sector Member
- Commercial Member is now Private Sector Member\*
- Associate Member unchanged.
- Emergency Dispatch Member added.
- Lifetime Member removed.

\* *Commercial VP becomes Private Sector VP*

# Changed Terms of Office

## **ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS**

### **Section 1.** Designation and term of office

- A. The Officers of this association are President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Private Sector Vice President, and three (3) Regional Vice Presidents representing the North, Central and South regions of the state.
- B. **The term of office for officers shall be for one year** or until a successor is elected and assumes office. Terms of office shall commence on the last day of the annual conference.



# Other Changes

- Deleted Legislative Committee
- Added By-Laws and Audit Committee
- Changed Nominating and Election Procedures
- Defined Executive Board duties
- Added Grievance Procedure
- Most changes bring us in line with National NENA

# Vote on By-Law Changes

- Current By-Laws requires new by-laws voted on at Annual Conference during NJ-NENA meeting.
- Proposed By-Laws will be posted on website: [www.njnena.org](http://www.njnena.org)
- Questions or comments can be addressed to any bylaws committee member or;
- To 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ray Strilec at [rstrilec@gmail.com](mailto:rstrilec@gmail.com)
- If voted in, changes will become effective at the Annual Conference.