

CONFERENCE CALL
March 3, 2004

Attendees: Barry Silva, Chip Yarborough, Roy Halterman, Bev Slocum, Bertha Simpson, Pat Layton.

Advisor: Kelly Atchley

TOPICS:

Kelly Atchley advised that voting ballots for the upcoming officer election were currently being processed and would be mailed shortly. One nominee was not eligible for the ballot. Cost of mass mailing: stamps, envelopes, watermark paper, etc. was approximately \$511.00. She advised that she had received about 25 conference evaluations.

The Board voted to change the April Quarterly meeting date to April 15th. The meeting will be held at the Woodcreek Golf Course in Roseville, a suburb of Sacramento. Local hotels will be listed on the registration and website soon. B. Silva will handle verifying with Woodcreek and making changes to the website.

The food prices for the April quarterly meeting will run about \$13-\$14 per person with a continental breakfast and hot Mexican lunch. Registration fee will be posted on the website and flyers.

Nick Warner's upcoming contract was briefly discussed. His contract is currently \$2500 per month. He has requested an increase to \$3000 effective Jan, 2005 and a 2-year contract which can be re-negotiated at the end of first year. A decision was tabled until it can be more thoroughly discussed and brought to the membership.

Discussion of the proposed Coalition To Preserve Emergency Care initiative. B. Silva reported that he and Virg Ferral, CalNena legislative representative, attended a coalition meeting due to the potential of the initiative passing in the November, 2004 general election. The initiative seeks to encompass major coalition needs under the 9-1-1 umbrella, and raises the surcharge fee from .72% to 3.75%. If the initiative passes, it would link hospital emergency rooms, firefighter training, and several other areas under 9-1-1 funding. B. Silva has asked a coalition representative to speak and answer questions at a CalNena quarterly meeting, but has not yet received a response. Nick Warner will be contacted for his assessment. Further discussion has been tabled until all Board members have reviewed the proposals. The initiative would generate an estimated increase of 600-800 million dollars. More information will be presented at the April quarterly meeting.

Member request for information was briefly discussed. The Board agreed that any legitimate requests will be handled in the spirit of cooperation.