



# WSEMA

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Emergency Management Association

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## Executive Board Meeting December 1, 2006

### PRESENT

Steve Bailey, Lester Olsen, Kathy Estes, JoAnn Boggs, John Scheer, Tom Griffith, Tom Mattern, and Jody Woodcock

This meeting was called to order by President, Steve Bailey.

### 2006 CONFERENCE REPORT

Kathy Estes shared the good news that the 2006 conference did not lose money and actually ended up with a profit of \$2,975.74. There were 142 attendees and an increase in event sponsors thanks to the hard work of the conference committee.

Overall evaluations of the 2006 conference were outstanding. Some suggestions for next year's event included making the social event more available to all conference attendees (rather than scheduling during sessions) and to improve the visitation opportunities to sponsor booths.

### TREASURES REPORT

The Treasures report was given by Tom Griffith. A detailed report can be found in a separate document, as well as the 2007 budget, adopted at this meeting. Tom noted that some of the budget overages will be offset by membership dues that will be collected in early 2007.

WSEMA currently has 161 members and that number is expected to rise in early 2007 since many must wait until 2007 to submit membership dues. John Scheer was asked to take the lead on membership issues. \*Sean Davis will be tasked with creating membership cards.

### NEW BUSINESS

**State Legislature** – Steve Bailey, Lester Olsen and Jody Woodcock met with Senator Jim Kastama to discuss legislative issues and the possibility of bringing in a WSEMA lobbyist. Sen. Kastama plans to reintroduce last year's bill related to insurance fees. Senator Kastama was provided with a paper outlining the Florida legislature's success with similar efforts. Maine has done the same, with both states successfully demonstrating the emergency management services can reduce individual and business

losses (good for the insurance industry). The WSEMA board approved the concept of hiring a lobbyist with a \$10,000 cap to begin the negotiation process.

\*Les was asked to research reporting requirements for having a lobbyist.

Another issue raised during the meeting with Sen. Kastama was that of comprehensive emergency planning for schools. Many are working under the false assumption that school mapping programs equal this planning effort and that is not the case. The senator wants to look further into this important issue. \* Steve will obtain a copy of a white paper prepared by Eric Holdeman and Barbara Thurman on this topic.

**2007 Partners in Preparedness Conference (April)** – the board decided to sponsor at the \$2,000 level which provides for booth space. This will be a good opportunity to market the 2007 WSEMA conference in Spokane. \*Kathy Estes will take the lead re: booth staffing from the general membership, not necessarily the board.

**2007 WSEMA Conference** – Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the Spokane Doubletree Hotel – City Center. The agreement with the hotel is in place and the board received a tour of the facility. JoAnn Boggs has the lead on this event. Board members will assign staff to assist with conference committee efforts. Some suggested topics included risk, homeland security, Continuity of Operations Planning, National Weather Service, Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans and alignment with the National Response Plan and vulnerable populations. Some suggested speakers included Gordon Graham, FEMA Region X Director, George Foresman from DHS, the Tualatin Fire Chief, Steven Craig, Seattle DMAT members, lobbyist (if one is hired) and Anna Marie Jones from Oakland, CA.

\*Jody will put together a proposal for a WSEMA award/recognition program

## **Meeting Adjourned**

Sincerely,

Jody Woodcock  
WSEMA Secretary