



# WSEMA

Washington State  
Emergency Management Association

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## Executive Board Meeting January 30, 2007

### PRESENT

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

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

### TREASURES REPORT

The Treasures report was given by Tom Griffith. The WSEMA checking account balance as of Dec. 28, 2006 was \$32,827.49 and the savings account balance was \$6,770.90. The Joel Aggergaard Scholarship Fund CD is valued at \$7,563.99 as of Nov. 8, 2006 (new maturity date 5/9/2007 – APY 2.25%)

As of the meeting date, there were 148 paid WSEMA members. The cut-off date for membership, according to the bylaws, is March 31. Sean Davis created membership cards and they have been distributed to the current membership.

The WSEMA E-Board is considering a membership dues increase. Tom Griffith and John Scheer will work the issue.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT/LOBBYING

**Steve Bailey** had been asked to testify four time during the first week of the legislative session. He found that it certainly helps to be the head of an association rather than just approach the legislature as an emergency manager.

Lobbyist Gordon Walgren has been invaluable. He has been able to orchestrate legislative visits, gather intel and prep potential speakers. Gordon is well respected and Steve has heard positive comments from the legislators. Steve reminded the E-Board that they must be able to respond quickly if Gordon needs them.

As of the meeting, WSEMA is watching several proposed bills related to nursing homes, school planning, pets, insurance fees and volunteer registration

*Random Notes: Les will attend WSAC legislative Briefing. Gordon should do a session at the WSEMA conference.*

## **GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON THE WINDSTORM**

WSEMA was tasked with items in the post-windstorm AAR. One was creating a statewide mutual aid plan – this is a lot of work and WSEMA does not have designated staff to do it. Some of the main issues in the AAR are mobilization of resources (EMAC), use of mobilization plans and training of elected officials.

## **VISIT WITH JIM MULLEN, DIRECTOR OF WAEMD**

Jim Mullen thanked the group for the invitation and started by highlighting examples of good partnerships between the state and WSEMA. One was the Skagit County EMD study (a group of WSEMA members analyzed their current operation and make recommendations for potential reorganization). The second was the flood response and WSEMA's ability to communicate with the locals.

*What changes does WSEMA need to make to be better connected to the state?* Mullen suggested that his staff sit down with the E-Board to determine what is really needed by the locals (maybe at the Partners conf). All agreed that this is a struggle because of time limitations, but would do their collective best to make it happen.

WSEMA E-Board members offered the following suggestions to WAEMD:

- Establish a primary point of contact for locals
- Distribute information to emergency manager not just through regional homeland security leads
- Establish statewide mutual aid (right now there are too many barriers which stifle local planning efforts)
- Enhanced sharing of emergency management information (similar to what is done for homeland security), via newsletter, email, etc.
- Put more emphasis on Emergency Management rather than homeland security
- Conduct a WSEMA/WAEMD conference call quarterly
- Conduct conference calls during EOC activations

**E9-1-1 Funding Issue** – the Governor had proposed the removal of \$10 million from 9-1-1 to fund interoperable communications efforts of the Washington State Patrol. JoAnn noted that this is an illegal purchase of equipment under 9-1-1 program guidelines. WSEMA supports the interoperability efforts, but not this method of funding. Steve sent letters to the Chairs of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees.

**2007 WSEMA Conference** – Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the Spokane Doubletree Hotel – City Center. JoAnn distributed the ICS org chart for the conference initial staffing. The planning committee will have a full day meeting in Spokane and then follow up with conference calls. Some ideas for keynote speakers: the Governor, Senator Kastama, FEMA Director David Paulison, etc.

*Note:* Make sure we have a “save the date” flyer at the Partners in Preparedness conference.

**2008 Joint Conference w/ Oregon** – looking at May, 2008 in Bend, Oregon (mid year 2010 would be in Washington). Kathy and JoAnn were going to poll the membership to determine if we should proceed. The response was favorable. The Oregon Association's E-Board will be invited to the next meeting in Vancouver, WA.

Other Business:

- Communications Academy wants \$250 donation for conference. Kathy moved and Les seconded. Donation approved by E-Board.
- E-Board needs to see options for raising dues (main issue is covering lobbyist contract). It is understood that the WSEMA membership will need to vote on the issue ... look at the possibility of doing this at the Sept. conference.

**Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting, April 3, Vancouver, WA**

Sincerely,

Jody Woodcock  
WSEMA Secretary