



WSEMA

Washington State
Emergency Management Association

Executive Board Meeting April 3, 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 Feb. 27, 2007 was \$29,742.96 and the savings account balance was \$6,774.46. 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 170 paid WSEMA members.

The WSEMA dues year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, yearly. The E-Board recommends that the dues be increased to \$75 a year from \$30. This will be voted on by the membership at the September 2007 conference. Due to this vote, we will not be accepting dues renewals in the conference registration process as we have done before, pending the outcome of the vote.

E-BOARD STATUS

The E-Board voted to recommend a by-laws change, eliminating the President, President-Elect succession limitations. Kathy Estes will prepare the change for a membership vote.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT/LOBBYING

WSEMA monitored several proposed bills related to nursing homes, school planning, pets, insurance fees and volunteer registration, most of which have died. As the session winds down, Les and Steve will probably spend a lot of time in Olympia.

Random Notes: Lobbyist Gordon Walgren has been invited to do a session at the WSEMA conference this fall..

2007 WSEMA Conference – Sept. 18, 19 and 20 at the Spokane Doubletree Hotel – City Center. The registration for the conference will be \$175 (with no option for membership dues – see note in treasurer’s report).

The next E-Board meeting will be held in Spokane sometime during the week of July 23-27 and the conference planning committee will be included. The planning committee has already set a draft schedule with potential speakers that have yet to be confirmed. Some invited speakers include Governor Christine Gregoire, FEMA Region X Director Susan Reinertson, State Health Director Mary Selecky, WSEMA Lobbyist Gordon Walgren and Phil Fawcett from Microsoft. Potential sessions may focus on technology, 2010 Olympics, Fire Mobilization resources for all hazards, CEMP, NIMS, weather and health issues.

In addition to these educational sessions, the conference committee is planning a social event that will include a “gaming night” and silent auction to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Note: A “save the date” flyer and WSEMA membership information will be available at the WSEMA table at the Partners in Preparedness conference. WSEMA reps will also visit the vendors at Partners and suggest they sign up for space at the WSEMA conference.

2008 Joint Conference w/ Oregon – Members of the Oregon Emergency Management Association attended the meeting and the two groups agreed to plan for a potential joint conference in Sept., 2009 at a location yet to be determined. Both associations will put together a list of potential conference sites and will compare notes at another joint E-Board meeting later this year. In the meantime, OEMA has invited WSEMA members to attend their yearly conference May 7-10, 2007 at Salishan Spa & Golf Resort in Gleneden Beach. The invitation was distributed to WSEMA membership

Other Business:

- The E-Board discussed the idea of having WSEMA shirts made and selling them at the conference. Jody will follow up with a local vendor to get more information.
- One of the OEMA reps brought up a discussion item regarding the naming of state associations. The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) is suggesting there should be consistency in naming the state associations and they suggest – IAEM Washington Chapter, IAEM Oregon Chapter, etc. Both E-Board said they don’t want to lose their states identity in this new naming scheme. IAEM would need to come up with a proposed structure and cost benefit analysis before we consider renaming.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting, sometime during week of July 23-27, Spokane, WA

Sincerely,

Jody Woodcock
WSEMA Secretary