



WSEMA

Washington State
Emergency Management Association

Executive Board Meeting July 27, 2007

PRESENT

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

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

TREASURES REPORT

The Treasures report was provided by Tom Griffith. The WSEMA checking account balance as of June 28, 2007 was \$22,441.30 and the savings account balance was \$6,782.76. The Joel Aggergaard Scholarship Fund CD is valued at \$7,644.71 as of May 9, 2007 (new maturity date 11/7/2007 – APY 2.15%). As of the meeting date, there were 195 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 has prepared the change for a membership vote. JoAnn Boggs plans to run for the East Side Representative position and Jody Woodcock plans to run for the West Side position.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT/LOBBYING

Steve Bailey and Les Olson meeting with WSEMA lobbyist Gordon Walgren on August 2, 2007 to discuss the next legislative session. While this may not be a good session for funding, it could be a good time to pursue policy decisions. Some areas of interest:

- *EM Funding bill (insurance fees)*
- *Seismic EQ issues – vulnerability of I-5 corridor*
- *Flood issues*
- *High risk populations*
- *EMAP accreditation*

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). There are currently 73 registrations and all of the blocked hotel rooms at the Doubletree have been taken. The conference committee is putting together a list of alternate hotel in the immediate area and will distribute to the membership.

While conference planning has been going very well, it was noted that future efforts would be much more efficient if the Executive Board pre-established the conference budget.

The conference agenda has been set and speakers are confirmed. Some highlights include James Lee Witt; Susan Reinertson, FEMA Region X director; Phil Fawcett, Microsoft; and Dr. Maxine Hays, State Health Officer. The board was very pleased with the variety these session offer. Jody and Judy will work on titles for the sessions.

Tom Mattern and staff will be meeting with hotel representatives on August 8 to finalize the room details for the conference (seating, vendor area, arrangements for “game” and silent auction evening).

Note: the WSEMA banner went missing after last year’s conference. Jody will look into having another made.

Other Business:

- Scholarship recipients selected (each will receive \$1,000)
 - Brandon McKinney, resident of Walla Walla, attends CWU
 - Darren Branum, resident of Federal Way, attend Clackamas County Community College
- WSEMA shirt orders are trickling in. Orders must be placed by August 24.
- Mutual Aid Agreement – Grays Harbor recently signed the Inter County Mutual Aid Omnibus Agreement, joining Pierce, Clark, Snohomish and King counties. There was discussion regarding who should maintain these records, WSEMA or a county. It was decided that Pierce County should maintain these records since WSEMA leadership rotates around the state.
- Steve reported that the continued relationship with WWU is going very well. Recently he and a staff member spent three hours with students, taking the theory of emergency management that they have been learning, and walking them through the real thing, our November flood event. WWU is very committed to this new degree program in the Huxley College, and they are interested in opening a student branch of WSEMA (they already have an IAEM affiliation).
- Jody will research 2008 WSEMA conference sites and dates.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting, September 17, Spokane, WA

Sincerely,

Jody Woodcock
WSEMA Secretary