



WSEMA

Washington State
Emergency Management Association
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**Board Meeting – WSEMA
Portland Oregon
October 25th 2007**

WSEMA board members present: Steve Bailey, Kathy Estes (for Lester Olson), Tom Griffith, Jody Woodcock, Linda Crerar, and Gail Marsh

Meeting of the WSEMA board members occurred after a joint meeting with the OEMA (see those minutes in a separate document).

Items of discussion:

Reference the 2007 conference

- It was agreed that if someone signed up to go and did not cancel and didn't attend they would not be reimbursed their pre-paid fees.
- Income exceeding expenses was \$4, 157.92
- One member whose agency overpaid his dues during the conference registration process will have his dues reduced by that amount for the 2008 dues period

President Steve Bailey stated he would be gone for the next four (4) weeks and referred any state association business in his absence to president elect, Les Olsen. He then covered the progress of the work groups he had established. While he stated they were beginning to add members and produce some work efforts he encouraged all of us and the membership to become more active in advancing the issues and need of Emergency Management in the State of Washington. He gave us an overview of where the committees are to date with their efforts

The legislative committee agreed to wait until the next legislative session to advance any of our issues since the Governor had already given direction that no new programs will be advanced until after the elections. The committee is discussing holding a joint legislative reception with the State Fire Association. They have also discussed that they could begin defining investment justifications for any potential funding that would be channeled into Emergency Management State wide – what would be the outcome of any funds allocated.

The higher Education Committee is meeting to decide how to best establish WSEMA Student Chapters at state colleges and universities and then offering our scholarship funds to a student active in one of them.

The Private Sector group has been challenged to identify ways in which they and the public sector can do a better job collaborating together in our disciplines to advance the improvement of service delivery and planning for future needs and impacts.

The committee addressing the State Wind Storm After Action report will be working to do a stop gap analysis of the plan – and identify what the state is not doing, should be doing, and how best to support what the local jurisdictions have delegated to them to address.

President Bailey also went over his agenda to meet with members through out the state of Washington over the next year to receive feed back from them on their need and how WSEMA can best support their needs. A tentative schedule had been sent out but changes will be coming soon.

The WSEMA 2008 Conference will be held in September 2008 at the Quinault Conference Center, Ocean Shores, WA. Jody Woodcock is the conference chair. She reported that they have been exceptionally cooperative to work with and have agreed to reasonably priced rooms, holding all of the suites for us, waiving the meeting room fees and have offered a variety of entertainment possibilities and incentives. She is also looking at third party venders to handle the conference registrations.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1400.