

# WSEMA

Washington State  
Emergency Management Association  
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## **WSEMA Executive Board Meeting September 15, 2008 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

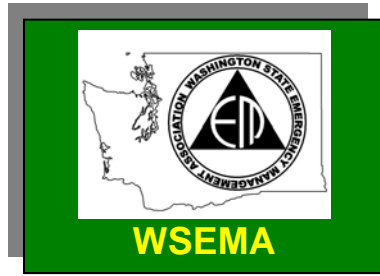
**Attendees: Steve Bailey, President, John Sheer, Past-President, Jody Woodcock, Westside Representative, Mary Robinson, Private Representative, Tom Griffith, Treasurer, JoAnn Boggs, Eastside Representative, Linda, Crerar, Ex Officio for the State DEM, Kathy Estes, for Vice President, Les Olson, Gail Marsh, Secretary, Rebecca Clark, former Legislative Representative, Arel Solie, Public Sector Representative (by phone) and Marty Best, Mason County DEM, member.**

### **Agenda - attached**

1. Conference Overview – Jody Woodcock, Conference Chair. Jody gave an overview of the upcoming conference that would begin the next day. She distributed bio-packets to board members who were to do the introductions. She made changes to the conference schedule based on some speakers who could not make it and who their replacements were. She also was encouraged by the quality of the auction items and believed that event would add some significant money to the Joel Aggergaard Scholarship Award.
2. President Bailey reviewed the agenda for the Business Meeting and made a couple of changes to it.
3. Treasurer Griffith gave an overview of the 2008 budget and his proposed 2009 budget (See attached). He also stated he would recommend keeping the dues at their current rate and everyone concurred.

4. Linda Crerar gave an overview of her recent meetings with the Washington State Emergency Management Council. Specifically she advised of the day long meeting she facilitated. They discussed what ultimately ended in the report from them to the Governor. She said they identified needs, set priorities and came up with a work plan. The plan also included a recommendation for some source for funding emergency management activities throughout the state. This would require all agencies to develop a baseline of where they are in Emergency Management planning activities as compared to those set for accreditation or identified best practices. She made a plea for more WSEMA members to participate in some of the sub-committees that were established.
5. President Bailey then addressed the transition to the new president, Les Olsen, and his commitment to remain active and continue serving on the State's EMC. We all expressed our appreciation for his leadership, vision, and how far he has moved WSEMA as an organization.
6. Rebecca Clark, former Legislative Representative, gave us an overview of the funding legislation that WSEMA committee has been working on. She advised it was in DRAFT format and we would likely see it changed several times before it is complete. She explained the newest change that was not yet reflected in the language, was taking out the flat fee amount and inserting a percentage based on the type of policy. Both she, and President Bailey, stated their goal was to arm each of the membership with the proposed legislation, a copy of the EMC report to the Governor, and speaking points so we can talk to our respective legislatures. In addition, Rebecca stated that WSEMA would be hosting an event to discuss this with state legislators in December of this year.
7. President Bailey then went over the new proposed Mobilization legislation. We discussed when to introduce it. All of those present felt it was something we needed to move on now instead of waiting as we currently have momentum and people are paying some attention to how we are responding to and recovering from disasters.

Meeting adjourned at 1600



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1. Conference Review
2. Review of Business Meeting Agenda
3. Treasurers Report
4. State's Emergency Management Council Report
5. Transition to new President
6. Legislative Funding up-date
7. Mobilization Bill