



WSEMA

Washington State
Emergency Management Association

**General Membership Meeting
September 18, 2007
Spokane, WA**

PRESENT

Steve Bailey, Lester Olsen, Linda Crerar, John Scheer, Kathy Estes, Tom Mattern, JoAnn Boggs, Jody Woodcock, Butch Aiken, Sheri Badger, Davis Don, Deborah Carter, Chuck Hagerjelm, Lizabeth Jessee, Dale Kloes, Sam Lorenz, Gail Marsh, Tom Mattern, George Sevier, Dee Totten, Christopher Barnes, Bob Bartro, Marty Best, Rebecca Clark, Stephanie Day, Lit Dudley, Vivian Eason, Sandi Duffey, Bob Frietag, Jim Hall, Michelle Haughton, Deborah Henderson, Roger Hieb, Dave Hodgeboom, Kathryn Howard, Jeanette Lomax, Don MacSparran, Shawn McCallister, Sarah Miller, Scott Miller, Ken Parrish, Marci Scott, Stan Smoke, Arel Solie, Anne Sullivan, John Wallace, John Wheeler, Sadie Whitener, Donovan Willcutt, Rick Anderson, Dick Bower, David Byrnes, Neil Clement, Sean Davis, Brian Felczak, Eric Holdeman, Jennifer Schaal, James Wood, Brendan Cowan, Merle Frank, Stephanie Fritts, Judy Harmon, Jeri Jacobsen, Sandra Johnson, Grover Laseke, Deborah Needham, Tyler Ray, Peter Tassoni, Jay Weise, and Kurt Hardin.

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

Introduction of current WSEMA Board members: Les Olson, President Elect; John Scheer, Past President; Tom Griffith, Treasurer; Kathy Estes, West Side Representative; JoAnn Boggs, East Side Representative; Linda Crerar, Public Sector Representative; Mary Robinson, Private Sector Representative (not present); and Jody Woodcock, Secretary by Appointment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held Sept. 19, 2006 in Vancouver, Washington and seconded. All approved in favor, motion approved.

TREASURES REPORT

The Treasures report was provided by Tom Griffith. The WSEMA checking account balance as of August 30, 2007 was \$38,670.32 and the savings account balance was \$6,786.27. 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%). A final conference report will be available and the next executive board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report

NEW BUSINESS

- Steve Bailey noted that by constitution, the executive board has the responsibility to offer bylaws changes and seek input from the membership. The board will do so on this occasion. One problem that has arisen in recent years is a lack of interest in volunteering to serve as a board member. That, coupled with the momentum of recent legislative work, prompted many to ask the current president to serve another term. The president agreed, but the bylaws didn't allow it. It was then decided by the board to submit a bylaws change to the membership that removed the prohibition for the president and president elect to succeed one another. It simply removes the prohibition, keeping the current president and president elect will require a separate vote if this passes.

After much debate, the constitution and bylaws revision went to vote. A 2/3 majority was needed to pass. The measure passed 70 to 18.

- The second measure to be proposed to the membership was a dues increase from \$30 to \$75. Board members explained that this increase will just barely cover the \$10K one-year contract for the WSEMA lobbyist.

Discussion revolved around the importance of the legislative work that was started this year – most agreed we need to keep the momentum and continue to do more as an organization than just a yearly conference. The dues increase proposal went to vote. A 2/3 majority was needed. The measure passed 64 to 6.

- The third measure related directly to the passage of the first, asking the membership if they would like to retain the President and President Elect for another term. The proposal went to vote. A simple majority was needed. The measure passed to retain 60 to 12.
- The election for East Side and West Side representatives were combined due to only one person running for each position. JoAnn Boggs was unanimously chosen to represent the East Side and Jody Woodcock, the West Side.
- Steve Bailey thanked JoAnn Boggs, Tom Mattern and the conference committee for a wonderful conference. He also presented a plaque to Kathy Estes, thanking her for her dedicated service to WSEMA and the Executive Board.

Meeting Adjourned. Next general membership meeting, September 16, 2008 in Ocean Shores, WA.

Sincerely,

Jody Woodcock
WSEMA Secretary