



WSEMA

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Emergency Management Association
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**WASHINGTON STATE
EMERGENCY MANAGER'S ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
OCEAN SHORES WA**

Present

Butch Aiken, Richard Anderson, Christine Badger, Steve Bailey, Martin Best, JoAnn Boggs, Diane Bonne, Bill Boyd, Don Boyd, Shad Burcham, Joy Carossino, Jesi Chapin, Jessie Clark, Rebecca Clark, Annette Coder, James Coder, Linda Crerar, Sean Davis, Dave De Haan, Mike Dingle, Sandi Duffy, Vivian Eason, Kathleen Estes, Brian Felczak, Merle Frank, Wendy Freitag, Stephanie, Fritts, Barb Graff, Tom Griffith, George Hadley, Jim Hall, Kurt Hardin, Michelle Haughton, Dave Hodgeboom, Eric Holdeman, Kathryn Howard, Joe Huden, Sandra Johnson, Tami Kihs, Andrew Kinney, Grover Laseke, Jeanette Lomax, Sam Lorenz, Phyllis Mann, Gail Marsh, Bob Martin, Mindi Mattson, Siri McLean, Sarah Miller, Scott Miller, Deborah Needham, Lester Olsen, Greg Palmier, Ken Parrish, Bill Peters, Mary Robinson, Curt Russell, John Scheer, Mary Schoenfeldt, Arel Solie, Anne Sullivan, Steven Thomas, Dee Totten, Jennifer Wamholdt, Jay Weise, John Wheeler, Donavan Willcutt, Jayme Wise Cup, Hank Wiswell, James Wood, Jody Woodcock, Julie Baker, and Joan Scofield.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held Sept. 18th 2007 at Spokane, Washington and seconded. All approved in favor, motion approved.

Treasures Report

The Treasures Report was provided by Tom Griffith, WSEAM Treasurer. WSEMA Checking Account balance as of Aug. 28, 2008 was \$59,466.55. The Savings Account as of the same date was \$6,806.57. The Joel Aggergaard Scholarship Fund CD was valued at \$7,809.72 as of May 07, 2008. A final conference report will be available at the next executive

board meeting. As of September 11, 2008 there were 212 WSEMA members.

2009 Recommend Budget

Tom Griffith submitted the recommended 2009 budget. (See attached) There was a motion to approve by Rebecca Clark, seconded by Jim Harken and approved unanimously. Tom also recommended that the membership dues remain the same. Tom is no longer going to be the WSEMA Treasurer so he was given a plaque in recognition for his work for WSEMA.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

2007 Flood AAR

Steve Bailey went over the WSEMA sponsored AAR from the December 07 Flooding that was facilitated by Glen Woodbury. Members from all 12 counties that were impacted were invited and the report is available on the WEB site for review.

Citizen Corps – no report

Legislative Issues

1. Steve Bailey gave an overview of several members trip to Florida to learn from them about how they are set up and how they are funded. He then discussed the proposed funding legislation that WSEMA was hoping to introduce in the next legislative session. He asked the former Leg. Chair, Rebecca Clark, to give an overview of the committee work to the membership. 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 a “tool kit” that included 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.
2. Steve Bailey then briefly discussed our proposed Emergency Management Mobilization legislation and our hope to move both pieces through the up coming legislative session in January 2009.

Election of Officers

Four positions were up for re-election and two were contested. The contested ones were: President Elect and Treasurer. For Treasurer, Cheryl Bledsoe, Clark County, and John Scheer, Franklin County were nominated. For President Elect, Marty Best, Mason County, and Rick Anderson, Stevens County, were nominated. Members only were given a separate ballot for each position and asked to vote. When the votes were counted, John Scheer was elected Treasurer and Marty Best was elected President Elect.

Non-contested contests were for the Public and Private Representatives on the Board. The two representatives who have been serving agreed to do so for another term. Mary Robinson, Puget Sound Energy will remain the Private Representative and Arel Solie agreed to be the Public Representative.

2008 Joel Aggergaard Scholarship Award

Eric Holdeman gave an overview of who Joel Aggergaard was and why there was a scholarship in his honor. This years recipient is Samuel Ripley from Bellingham Washington. He is pursuing a degree in Disaster Reduction and Emergency Planning at Western Washington University.

Out Going President's Message

President Steve Bailey gave us an overview of his involvement over the last 2 years and he was acknowledged for his leadership of the organization. Thanks Steve!

Incoming President's Message

President Les Olson offered some insights into what he hopes to work towards this upcoming year:

- Sustainable funding for Emergency Management
- Accountability Standards – using EMAP as a guide
- Building positive relationships with State DEM, Locals, and FEMA Region 10.

Congratulations Les!

Meeting adjourned. Next general membership meeting will be held during the joint conference with the State of Oregon, Sept 15 – 17 2009, in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail C. Marsh
WSEMA Secretary