



Oregon Emergency Management Association

Executive Board Meeting January 26, 2007 Conference Call

Members Present:

Col. Rick Coufal	US Army, Military Support Officer
Mary Davis	Secretary
Rose Gentry	President
Patty Hopkins	Treasurer
Les Miller	Past President
Mike Mumaw	President Elect
Capt. Richard Walmsley	Oregon Joint Operations Center, ORANG

President Rose Gentry called the conference call to order at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business:

2008 Conference Location:

Discussions are still in the works with WASEMA for a joint 2008 conference. Mike indicated that a decision would be made by the WASEMA membership in about a week. If they are still interested in a joint conference at Sunriver Patty will look at available dates. If they aren't interested this year OEMA will go ahead with Sunriver location for 2008 and possibly plan a 2009 joint conference at Skamania Lodge in Washington.

2007 Conference:

Mike shared the current conference agenda. Still need an exhibitor coordinator. Mike will talk to Jim Howell who indicated interest. Suggestion to send a reminder to members with room reservation information and some of the conference highlights. Mike will send the e-mail in the next few weeks. There have been several inquiries from members and potential exhibitors regarding the conference.

General Membership meeting – March 15, 2007 – The Dalles:

Location of meeting was discussed. Rose presented several options. Les will see if meeting space is available at The Dalles Dam. Another option was Discovery Center in The Dalles. If The Dalles Dam is unavailable Rose will book the Discovery Center.



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Meeting agenda was discussed. Speaker considerations were preview of the pet disaster plan that State Agriculture is writing, discussion of Tillamook County flood issues. Also mentioned was the Search and Rescue effort for three climbers on Mt. Hood recently. Hood River Sheriff's Office was the lead in this search. Rose will pursue this presentation. Other agenda items discussed were TOPOFF news from meeting with FEMA Region 10 that Colonel Coufal will be attending and website update.

Website Exercise Calendar:

It was noted that there is not one comprehensive location for exercise and training information. The military would like to get involved with local exercises. The Board discussed adding a feature to the website under the password protected area that is an exercise and training calendar. Exercise information should include date, type of exercise and contact information. Mary will talk to the webmaster and get a quote for doing this work.

OEMA Legislative Issues:

There are many emergency management related issues being brought to the legislature this session. Gene Strong has volunteered to chair the Legislative Committee and has scheduled a Committee meeting for February 1. Rose has received information regarding a lobbyist Steve West that is interested in representing OEMA. Rose will set a meeting for the Board and Gene to meet with Mr. West. The Board felt hiring a lobbyist is a good idea and this is an important time for emergency management issues, supported by OEMA, to be heard at the Legislature. Mike suggested the Committee look at the issues OEMA wants to provide input on and prepare position papers on those.

OEMA Elections:

Past President Les Miller will lead the recruitment for OEMA Officers for 2007-2008. Les will send an e-mail to the membership outlining the positions available and responsibilities. Members can let Les know if they are interested in running for a position.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis
Secretary



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