



Oregon Emergency Management Association

**Executive Board Meeting
February 22, 2007
Aloha, Oregon**

Members Present:

Mary Davis	Secretary
Rose Gentry	President
Les Miller	Past President
Mike Mumaw	President Elect
LTC, AR Kevin Peterman	US Army

President Rose Gentry called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

March 15 Membership Meeting - Agenda:

The meeting will be held at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum in The Dalles from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Agenda items:

- Speaker to discuss the recent rescues on Mt. Hood. Rose will contact Search & Rescue staff who led this search.
- Conference update from Mike Mumaw.
- Conference location for 2008, SunRiver, Patty Hopkins.
- Website update – Exercise Calendar, Mary Davis
- 2007/08 Executive Board Nominations – Les Miller
- Joint Board Meeting – OEMA/WASEMA
- TOPOFF 4 Update – Patty Hopkins

Presentation – West Consulting Group – Steve West:

The Board invited Steve West of West Consulting Group to discuss services provided by his company. Rose stated the Board's objectives revolved around three issues:

- The Association has grown from dealing with local government efforts, expanding to State agencies, businesses and other emergency management professionals.
- For the first time there is a Legislative Committee devoted to emergency preparedness, The Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness.
- Oregon Emergency Management is moving to the military. OEMA sees this as a positive move and we want to develop stronger ties with the military.



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Mr. West discussed his background and ideas on how he can assist the Association in various ways during the legislative session. West Consulting Group offers a full range of consulting and advocacy services in three areas; Government Relations, Strategic Planning and Communications.

The Board identified key areas of interest:

- Track specific legislation as identified by OEMA.
- Advise OEMA on emerging issues from the 2006/07 Legislative Session that may require a position statement from OEMA.
- Draft testimony for OEMA to present to the Legislature.
- Give testimony on behalf of OEMA to the Legislature on specific issues if OEMA members are not available.
- Facilitate visits to key Legislators for OEMA members, or meet with key Legislators to provide input on emergency management issues if OEMA members are not available.
- Begin facilitation of the development of a long range plan for OEMA to effectively interact with State Legislators.
- Provide a Legislative 101 presentation at the OEMA annual conference in May.
- Facilitate the development of a “marketing” brochure for OEMA to be used to educate elected officials and potential partners about the Association.

It was agreed the Board would draft a scope of work for West Consulting Group for the four months remaining in this fiscal year. Current funds will be determined for this work.

Other Business:

Mike proposed that the OEMA Board vote to include a military member on the Executive Board. The motion was approved unanimously. The proposal will be taken to the membership and the annual meeting in May. If approved by the membership an amendment will need to be made to the Bylaws. In the interim LTC, AR Kevin Peterman, US Army, will attend Board meeting but will not have voting privileges.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis
Secretary