



Oregon Emergency Management Association

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Membership Meeting
May 5, 2003 – Hood River, Oregon

Members Present:

Mike Bamberger	Benton County Emergency Management
Carol Boucher	Portland Fire Bureau
Mary Davis	Washington County Emergency Management
Sandy Eccker	Jackson County Emergency Management
Cherilyn Foglio	Foglio International, Inc.
Rose Gentry	ODOT
Tom Groat	Umatilla County Emergency Management
Vicki Harguth	Clackamas County Emergency Management
David Harrington	City of Portland Transportation
Bryant Harrison	FEMA Region 10
Andrew Hendrickson	FEMA Region 10
Patty Hopkins	Portland Emergency Management
George Houston	Base Camp Emergency Planning
Gene Juve	City of Gresham Emergency Management
Sharon Kennedy	City of Hillsboro Emergency Management
Bert Kile	American Red Cross
George Kneese	City of Hillsboro, Public Works
Chris Lassen	LEPC
Bill Lennox	Amateur Radio
Doug McGillivray	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Les Miller	US Army Corps of Engineers
Ken Murphy	Oregon Emergency Management
Peggy Peirson	Benton County Emergency Management
Terri Poet	Clackamas County Emergency Management
Scott Porter	OCEM – Washington County
Laureen Paulsen	Polk County Emergency Management
Larry Raaf	USDOE/BPA
Patty Rueter	Portland Emergency Management
Debbie Sinner	Marion County
Jim Slausen	JWS Consulting
Roger Stevenson	City of Salem Emergency Management
Stan Sutton	Hollywood Entertainment
John VanderZanden	Marion County Emergency Management



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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Laureen Paulsen at 1:05 p.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the membership meeting of February 19, 2003 were distributed. There were no corrections or deletions to the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by John VanderZanden.
Seconded by Carol Boucher.
The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report ending February 28, 2003 was distributed. There were no additions or corrections to the report.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Roger Stevenson.
Seconded by George Houston.
The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Presentation:

Informational updates were given by the following federal, state and local representatives: Bryant Harrison, FEMA Region 10; Ken Murphy, Oregon Emergency Management; and Laureen Paulsen, Polk County Emergency Management.

Federal - Bryant Harrison, FEMA Region 10:

FEMA Region 10 will be participating in TOPOFF2, a disaster preparedness drill conducted in the Seattle area to test local and national response to a terrorist attack. A variety of agencies will be involved including the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Red Cross. In the scenario, "terrorists" will explode a simulated radiological dirty bomb. High level officials in a variety of jurisdictions will be taking part in the exercise. TOPOFF2 is the first large-scale counterterrorism exercise since the September 11th terrorist attacks and the first since the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.



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Bryant also discussed the new Department of Homeland Security and shared a wiring diagram of the various divisions and sections of the new department. FEMA will now be a part of the new department. There are five major divisions or "Directorates" as follows:

- Border and Transportation Security (BTS)
- Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR)
- Science and Technology (S&T)
- Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP)
- Management

A breakdown of each division and agencies that are included can be found at the US Department of Homeland Security website, www.dhs.gov.

Bryant shared information regarding Presidential Directive #5 which establishes the new National Response Plan. The plan addresses use of a National Incident Management System (NIMS) for responding to emergencies. There was discussion from the membership regarding the difference between the NIMS identified in this Presidential Directive and the NIIMS ICS which most agencies in Oregon have adopted as the management system used to respond to emergencies.

State – Ken Murphy, Director, Oregon Emergency Management:

Ken brought the group up to date regarding changes at OEM. Beverlee Vernell has returned to her previous position and responsibilities at OSP. Due to funding issues, OEM will remain a part of OSP with Ken as the new Director.

Ken discussed the following legislation:

HB 3617 – Takes residual lottery dollars and sale of corrections land to fund Homeland Security defense projects. This bill is in the Ways & Means committee and has some of the same elements as our OCEMA bill, including adding an emergency fund.

HB 2410 – Credentials healthcare officials around the state. This list would be available if a bioterrorism event occurs.

HB 2251 – Allows the State Health Officer to declare a crisis in relation to a health emergency. This is related to a terrorism incident or pandemic.

HB 3206 – Creates a scaled down urban search and rescue team with the ability to do confined space rescue. This team would be available through the regular OERS notification. The team would be managed by the State Fire Marshall. Les Miller asked if federal employees, who meet the training criteria, could be placed on a team. Ken will check on this request.



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The legislation creates the framework for this concept. Currently there is no funding attached to the bill. Ken will forward the draft of this bill to the membership for review and comment.

If members have questions regarding legislation, please call Ken. He will advise the membership of a website where the status of bills can be viewed.

Ken discussed mutual aid agreements, including EMAC, among counties in Oregon. This is an area OEM will spend time on after the legislative session is complete. OEM is in the process of updating the Disaster Recovery Guide. The new guide should be available within the next few months.

Ken updated the group on a variety of terrorism grant opportunities. Contact Matt Marheine at OEM if you would like further information or applications.

Ken discussed the National Center for Disaster Decision Making. This critical decision making training for leaders is being offered through Portland State University and the Hatfield School of Government. Ken is working on development of future curriculum and would like to forward some questions to the membership regarding what leaders need to know before and during a disaster. Responses will be considered in future course content.

Recent meetings were held around the state regarding the Oregon Regional Concept for Domestic Preparedness. Ken, along with Captain John Salle, OSP, Dr. Grant Higginson, DHS and other members of the Governor's Security Council, conducted information briefings on homeland security in Oregon and sought input and suggestions regarding roles and strategies in the effort to regionalize our emergency response capacity. Upon completion of a draft concept, Ken will forward to the membership for comment.

Patty Rueter commented that she wanted to lend her support and confidence to Ken for taking over the Director position and given locals honest input and support. Other members agreed.

Local – Laureen Paulsen, Polk County Emergency Manager:

Laureen commented on the fact that locals are facing a larger work load without additional funding resources. As noted in the theme for the workshop, "Reality Bites," locals are taking the bite during these times. Opportunities for grant dollars, increasing security issues and homeland security are all taking time out of an already full schedule.



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Committee Reports:

Training Committee – Patty Hopkins, Chair:

At the request of the E-Board, the Training Committee was asked to provide a proposed budget for sponsoring emergency management courses next year. Due to funding issues, OEM is no longer able to provide most of this essential training for emergency managers. The RISC training group in the metro area will no longer be able to provide as many ICS courses as has been taught in the past due to staff and budget issues. Patty solicited comments from the membership prior to this meeting but didn't receive many responses. She will send another e-mail asking for recommendations regarding training courses the membership is interested in. The committee will meet and develop a proposal to take to the next E-Board meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee – Gene Juve, Chair:

Gene stated that a current copy of the strategic plan will be available on the OEMA website for membership review. Gene reviewed the top five goals of the strategic plan:

- Strengthen the relationship between OEMA members and the state Office of Emergency Management.
- Develop a more effective internal committee structure and liaison program to pursue the Association's mission, purpose and goals.
- Promote passage of the Oregon Comprehensive Emergency Management Act (OCEMA) or equivalent legislation that includes statewide funding for emergency management programs, disaster relief, and pre-disaster mitigation.
- Enhance hazardous materials spill response planning throughout the state through improved coordination and partnering with the state's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- Increase member participation in Association activities and programs.

Gene will meet with the Strategic Planning Committee to review the goals and update the status of each.

Finance and Audit Committee – Cherilyn Foglio (Chair)

Cherilyn presented the proposed budget for 2003/04 to the membership. A few changes were noted. The contract lobbyist item was reduced to \$1,000 due to budget and economic issues. The accountant/CPA services item was reduced to \$1,000 due to the fact we are not required to have a full audit each year.



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The training/education/ORCEMS item was increased to \$2,500 to accommodate future proposed sponsored training.

Motion to approve the budget by Jim Slauson.

Seconded by Patty Hopkins.

Budget was approved unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Oregon Showcase State – Carol Boucher

Carol reported that the workgroups are up and running. They are looking at ways to market Partners for Disaster Resistance, including private partners. The group has a website, www.oregonshowcase.org which lists on-going activities. The next meeting is scheduled for July.

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Mary Davis

The Emergency Management Committee for APWA continues to meet and introduce emergency management related sessions at the twice yearly APWA conferences. There has been discussion regarding partnering with APWA at a future OEMA workshop. Mary will take this request to the APWA Board for consideration.

Domestic Preparedness Policy/Working Group (DPPG/DPWG) – Scott Porter

Scott continues to give the membership updates via e-mail regarding terrorism grant application information and deadlines. He will be part of a group of individuals who will be reviewing grant submittals.

There were no other liaison reports.

Election of Officers:

Kelly Jo Craigmiles submitted her resignation as OEMA Treasurer to the Board, effective June 30. Election ballots had already been mailed to the membership in accordance with the bylaws. President Paulsen entertained nominations for Treasurer from the floor. David Gassaway nominated Patty Hopkins for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

Members were asked to complete a ballot if they had not already voted via e-mail, adding Patty's name for treasurer. The Finance & Audit Committee counted the ballots. Results were as follows:

President: Bert Kile

President Elect: Les Miller



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Secretary: Mary Davis

Treasurer: Patty Hopkins

Motion to destroy the ballots by Jim Slausen.

Seconded by Doug Roberts.

Destruction of the ballots was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Workshop 2004: Laureen asked for volunteers to assist with the May 2004 workshop to be held at the Valley River Inn, Eugene.

Program Chair To be determined

Registration Mary Davis

Vendors Sharon Kennedy

Gene Juve suggested that OEMA send a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge regarding Presidential Directive #5 relating to NIMS. He suggested our letter specifically state that NIIMS ICS has been adopted in Oregon as our management structure when responding to emergencies. There was discussion regarding this letter. President Paulsen called for a vote on sending a letter to Secretary Ridge endorsing NIIMS ICS.

Yes 29

No 1

President Paulsen will draft a letter to Secretary Ridge endorsing NIIMS ICS.

George Houston suggested we consider hiring a lobbyist to monitor legislative activity related to emergency management. There was discussion of lobbyist activities related to the OEMA bill and what the intent of hiring someone now would be. Gene suggested we look to our Legislative Committee to review the bills and pass information to the membership. According to Ken, staff at OEM monitors legislative activity and could share this information with the membership. There is also a website (www.leg.state.or.us) members can check regularly for information.



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It was agreed that the Strategic Planning and Legislative Committees should meet to identify ways to keep up to date on legislative activity. Doug McGillivray will coordinate this meeting.

There was no further business.

Patty Hopkins moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Cherilyn Foglio

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.

President Laureen Paulsen adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis

Secretary