



Oregon Emergency Management Association

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Annual Membership Meeting
May 17, 2004
Eugene, Oregon

Members Present:

Dean Bender	Polk County Emergency Management
Darren Branum	ODOT - TMOOC
Mike Curry	Jackson County Emergency Management
Mary Davis	Washington County Emergency Management
Mark Dorin	ODOT - TMOOC
Scott Etlinger	American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
Cherilyn Foglio	Foglio International, Inc.
David Gassaway	American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
Rose Gentry	ODOT
Tom Groat	Umatilla County Emergency Management
Glenda Hales	Coos County Emergency Management
Ed Hauer	Clatsop County Emergency Services
Vicki Harguth	Clackamas County Emergency Management
Andy Hendrickson	FEMA Region X
Chris Herrman	OCEM, Volunteer
Patty Hopkins	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Gene Juve	City of Gresham, Emergency Management
Sharon Kennedy	Hillsboro Emergency Management
Bert Kile	American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
Kevin Lapp	Albany Research Center, USDOE
Michael Lueck	City of Tigard
Bob Maca	Yamhill County Sheriff's Office
Matt Marmor	Wallowa County Emergency Management
Doug McGillivray	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Tim McMenamin	Malheur County Sheriff's Office
Les Miller	US Army Corps of Engineers
Pat Mulligan	Canby Fire – CERT
Ken Murphy	Oregon Emergency Management
Mike Murphy	Curry County Emergency Management
Ruth Obadal	Eugene Fire & EMS
Scott Porter	OCEM, Director
Patty Rueter	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Doug Roberts	Port of Portland
Tom Simpson	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Chuck Solin	City of Eugene
Roger Stevenson	City of Salem
Wayne Stinson	Douglas County Emergency Management
Karl Tesch	Hood River County Emergency Management
Don Webber	Deschutes County Sheriff's Office



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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Bert Kile at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the membership meeting of February 10, 2004 were distributed. There were two minor corrections to the minutes, submitted to the Secretary by Scott Porter.

Motion to approve the minutes, with corrections, by Cheryl Foglio.

Seconded by Doug McGillivray.

The minutes, with corrections were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report ending March 31, 2004 showing a balance of \$33,012.97 was distributed. There were no additions or corrections to the report.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Roger Stevenson.

Seconded by Doug McGillivray.

The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Presentation – Changes at the NWS, Tyree Wilde and Andy Bryant, National Weather Service, Portland:

Tyree Wilde, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, began the presentation by sharing information regarding the National Digital Forecast Database. This feature is available to all users and partners, both public and private. It allows for use of a wide range of text, graphic and image products. The user will be able to obtain more weather data, with a higher resolution forecast, displayed in a variety of ways. Weather information can now integrate with GIS mapping. Tyree encouraged members to test this new product at www.weather.gov/forecasts/graphical.

Andy Bryant, Senior Service Hydrologist discussed the "Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service." Flood information is available for some sites showing historic high and low water levels, probabilistic forecast information and graphical and tabular data showing observed and forecast river levels. Impacts are based on information from past floods and reports from of emergency management, public works and planning personnel and local residents.

The NWS, Corps of Engineers and Oregon Emergency Management are interested in working with locals to identify more detailed and accurate flood impacts for rivers in your area. Please contact Tyree or Andy if you are interested.



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OEM Report:

Ken Murphy, Director, Oregon Emergency Management, gave the following report:

The Governor's Office has just announced the creation of the new Oregon Department of Homeland Security. This effort merge several agencies into one and consolidate the state's effort. Beverlee Venell will be the new Director. The Office of Homeland Security will be formed from the Office of Emergency Management, the Office of Public Safety and Security and Criminal Justice Services Division, the office of the State Fire Marshall, and the military Department's office of Support for Civilian Authority and Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team.

Ken thanked Scott Porter and Washington County staff for the recent trip to the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Washington County participated in a community specific, Earthquake Response and Recovery, Integrated Emergency Management Course. Ken was part of a group of 75 staff from Washington County that attended. Ken encouraged others to consider the opportunity for their county. He thought it was excellent training and well worth the trip.

Marion County hosted a Crisis Decision Making Course. Ken felt the course was very good and would recommend it to others.

OEM is in the process of closing out two disasters and should be complete by July or August.

The Chemical Stockpile program had a very good exercise May 5th. As part of their emergency preparedness program, they will be testing a new radio system. They are still in the process of obtaining a variety of permits from DEQ to begin the stockpile burning process. This will be a five to seven year program when the go-ahead is given.

Ken updated the group on the EMPG grant funding. Currently a letter is being signed by many senators supporting the 50% grant funding. Ken will keep the group updated on this issue.

The Department of Homeland Security is requiring all jurisdictions to re-validate their terrorism assessments. OEM staff will be meeting with every county to walk through the process.

The state interoperability group hired a contractor to do an assessment of communications systems in the State. This will be primarily for the public sector. A recommendation for next steps will follow.

Patty Rueter commended Ken for keeping the emergency management community informed via e-mail updates. She also thanked Matt Marheine for his work with locals regarding the terrorism grant process.



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Officer Elections:

Bert presented a slate of Officers for the 2004/05 OEMA Board of Directors. The slate was prepared by the nominations committee. He then asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. A ballot was passed out for those individuals who had not previously voted by e-mail. Below are the results after ballot tabulation:

2004/2005 Executive Board

President	Les Miller
President Elect	Rose Gentry
Secretary	Mary Davis
Treasurer	Patty Hopkins

Proposed 2004/05 Budget:

Cherilyn Foglio, Finance Committee Chair, passed out the proposed budget for 2004/05. She stated this is a fluid document, a planning tool that can be changed throughout the year if needed. Bert asked for questions from the floor regarding the budget.

Gene Juve asked about item #13 – Committee Planning and Support. The budgeted amount changed from \$1,000 to \$6,000. Gene asked what the increase was intended for. Les stated that the E-Board was hoping to sponsor an off-site strategic planning meeting to include all the Committee Chairs. The purpose of this retreat would be to develop a vision for OEMA and develop workplan items. Part of the increase was also meant for Committee Chairs to host working lunch meetings. Patty Rueter was concerned about the amount and asked for a written explanation of what the \$6,000 will be spent on. She also suggested holding a strategic planning session at the next workshop.

Patty Rueter moved that the membership reject the \$6,000 and change the amount back to \$1,000 for #13 – Committee Planning and Support.
Seconded by Gene Juve

Discussion ensued. Gene suggested the strategic planning meeting be open to the entire membership. Cherilyn suggested that the \$6,000 remain with the funds not to be used until the membership receives a proposal from the Board identifying what the money will be spent for and votes on it. Kevin Lapp said the idea of a strategic planning retreat has merit but there needs to be clear definable objectives. He suggested the amount be reduced to \$3,000 and allow for a trial period to see if a product can be produced. Les said that if all seven Committee Chairs receive \$200 each for quarterly meetings the amount would be \$1,400.

Gene Juve withdrew his Second for this proposal.
There was no other Second – the proposal was dropped.



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Patty Rueter stated she did not feel there was enough information to vote on the budget.

Ruth Obadal stated that the budget information is an estimate. She said that it would be great if the membership could be provided a year to date actual before the budget is adopted. She thinks the membership needs to know more about the budget and how it works.

Gene stated a clearer budget with actual expenses shown would be helpful. Gene also asked about the increase in the Training/Education/ORCEMS line item which changed from \$2,500 to \$7,000. Bert stated this was increased due to the training courses that are being sponsored by OEMA. Two were held last fiscal year. These were training opportunities sponsored by OEMA, to offset cuts in the State training calendar.

Wayne Stinson suggested that the membership would like to see more documentation regarding the budget but it looks like it currently is not available. He suggested the budget be tentatively approved and re-visited at the next membership meeting.

Wayne Stinson moved that the budget be tentatively approved until the next quarterly meeting when the Board will provide the membership clarification regarding changing line items. If the membership has concerns they should e-mail them to Bert.

Karl Tesh Seconded the motion.

Discussion – Gene would prefer passing a budget with the same line items amounts as the 2003/04 and amend the budget at a future date. Patty Rueter asked for a call of the question.

Bert stated the motion – to pass the proposed 2004/2005 budget subject to review and approval at the next membership meeting with clarification by the Board. Associated documentation will be posted on the website. Member comments should be sent to Bert.

The motion passed with a majority of the vote.
Two nays were recorded.

Other Business:

President Bert Kile introduced John Pennington, Director of FEMA Region X. John will be a keynote speaker at the OEMA workshop. John thanked everyone for the invitation to speak at the workshop. He stated that he appreciated what the local emergency managers are doing and understands the many challenges they face.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned by President Bert Kile at 12:00 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis
Secretary