



Oregon Emergency Management Association
Annual Membership Meeting
May 8, 2007
Gleneden Beach, OR

Members Present:

Jim Adams	Oregon Emergency Management
Steve Bailey	Wash. Assn. of EM (WASEMA)
Dean Bender	Polk County Emergency Management
Keith Berkery	Portland Office of Emergency Management
David Billstrom	National Interop
JB Brock	Union County Emergency Management
Rocky Brown	Washington County Land Use & Transportation
George Buckingham	Klamath County
Diane Canaday	City of Bend, Public Works
Ariel Cleasby-Heaven	Western Washington University
Robert Costa	State of Oregon Public Health EM
Col Rick Coufal	SEPLO – US Army
Steve Craig	Columbia County Emergency Management
Doug Cummins	McMinnville Police Department
Michael Curry	Jackson County Emergency Management
Mary Davis	Washington County Emergency Management
Pam Duncan	Portland Development Commission
Cherilyn Foglio	Foglio International, Inc.
Roger Gano	City of Newberg, Emergency Management
David Gassaway	American Red Cross – Oregon Trail Chapter
Rose Gentry	Oregon Department of Transportation
Russ Gilbert	Portland Transportation
Justin Gooding	Pacific Stor Communications
Mike Gotterba	City of Salem, Public Works
Tom Groat	CTGUIR – Umatilla Indians
Tom Griffith	American Red Cross
Vicki Harguth	Columbia County Emergency Management
David Harrington	Portland Transportation
Jim Hawley	Lincoln County Emergency Management
Glenda Hales	Coos County Sheriff's Office/EM
Ray Hansen	City of Keizer - EVAK

Chris Hermann	CH2-EMTech
Patty Hopkins	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Doug Hormann	Washington County Sheriff's Office/EM
James Howell	Linn County Emergency Management
Paul Karvoski	Wallowa County Emergency Management
Bert Kile	American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
Sharon Kennedy	City of Hillsboro Emergency Management
Gene Juve	Clackamas County Emergency Management
Bert Kile	American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
Sandi Lain	Hood River County
Ben Lapp	Tactron, Inc.
Chuck Leonard	Oregon Department of Agriculture
Mike Lueck	City of Tigard, Emergency Management
Bob Maca	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Tom Manning	Tillamook County Emergency Management
Dave Mayer	Bonneville Power Administration
Bill McCaffrey	Oregon Military Dept. – DCSOPS-T
Mark McKay	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Desiree' McLaughlin-Garcia	Coos County Sheriff's Office/EM
Carrie Meier	City of Keizer Emergency Management
Mary Metcalf	Lincoln County Emergency Management
Les Miller	Army Corps of Engineers – Portland District
Ted Morris	City of Beaverton Emergency Management
Steve Muir	Washington County Emergency Management
Mike Mumaw	Beaverton Emergency Management
Jeanette Nachbar	Washington County Animal Services
Mary Nathe	City of Keizer, Volunteer Training Coord.
Lonni Nicoll	Oregon Emergency Management
Susan Otjen	Oregon State Fire Marshall
Laureen Paulsen	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Peggy Peirson	Benton County Emergency Management
Scott Porter	Office of Consolidated Emergency Mgt.
Krista Rowland	Marion County Emergency Management
Patty Rueter	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Jeff Sargent	Oregon Federal Executive Board
Pascal Schuback	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Randy Shaw	Oregon State Public Health
Brandon Smith	Crook County Sheriff's Office
Larry Stevens	Clackamas River Water District
Roger Stevenson	City of Salem Emergency Management
Gene Strong	Clatsop County Sheriff's Office
David Tedisch	City of Albany Emergency Management
Deb Treusdell	City of Seaside, Tsunami Preparedness
John VandenZanden	Marion County Emergency Management
George Whitney	Multnomah County Emergency Management

Call to Order:

President Rose Gentry called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting were distributed. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by Tom Groat
Seconded by Bert Kile
The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurers report for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 showing an ending balance of \$50,863.78 was distributed.

Proposed 2007-2008 Budget:

The Finance Committee presented the FY 2007/08 budget. Committee Chair Cheryl Foglio answered a variety of questions regarding budget line items.

Motion to approve the budget by Gene Strong.
Seconded by Doug Cummins

The proposed FY 2007/08 budget was approved.

Oregon Emergency Management Directors Report – Ken Murphy

Ken reported on a variety of topics related to Federal and State legislation including a mutual aid bill created by first responders that has been signed. Also SB 570 on pet evacuation for companion and livestock animals.

SB 489 relates to mapping of schools. This bill speaks to money for a study to do the mapping of schools. The Governor created a task force regarding Search & Rescue, SB 1002 & 1003 speak to this issue. Ken is working to combine SB 1002 with another bill that asks for regional coordinators, SB 1003 will give strong subpoena power to law enforcement to obtain cell phone records, hotel receipts and other types of documentation. Movement of OEM to the Oregon Military Department is another bill that is being reviewed by the Legislature. This move will provide OEM with a stronger support base.

Ken stated that many new Federal policies and procedures are currently being put in place as a result of actions during Hurricane Katrina. He directed members to view the FEMA policy website. Ken talked about the timber tax issue and additional EMPG funding that is tied to the war bill. He suggested

contacting your congressional representatives urging them to work with the President to pass this important bill.

The State Legislature, for the first time, has a Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy. There is good representation from around the State sitting on this committee. OEM and OEMA are following the committee very closely.

Ken mentioned that many changes are taking place at FEMA regarding states and regions around the country. Each FEMA regional will organize an advisory council made up of all levels of government and disciplines.

Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (ORWIN) is about interoperability and supported by the Governor. It's a very expensive program. Currently a proposal before the legislature will make ORWIN a separate agency similar to a public utility or people's utility district. A cost of \$237 million is needed to begin the first phase of this project.

Abby Kershaw reported on the new Public Assistance Pilot Program related to large and small projects and debris removal during an event. A State strategy for debris removal is currently being worked on. Operational plans should be at the local level. A new FEMA requirement is that if a local jurisdiction has an approved FEMA debris plan and three identified contractors you can apply for a higher cost share following a Presidentially declared disaster. More information is available regarding this program on the OEM and FEMA websites.

OEM will be updating the State Emergency Operations Plan this year and will add new information on long term recovery issues. OEM will be working with other State agencies on these issues.

Guest Speakers – Theresa Masse & Rick Retzman, Oregon Department of Administrative Services, “Pilot Project: Credentialing of Emergency Response Personnel.”

The State Office of Administrative Services is launching a pilot program, if there is interest at the local level, regarding credentialing responders. The program would standardize the process of identifying responder personnel for multiple jurisdictions. The benefits include enhanced security; increased efficiency and reduction in identify fraud. The program would be a cost share with local government. The card would also be recognized at the federal level. The purpose of this presentation is to see what local jurisdictions think of the program and if there is interest in participating with the State. It will be tested during TOPOFF.

Old Business:

Meeting with Washington State Emergency Management Association (WASEMA) – Mike Mumaw:

OEMA Board met with WASEMA Board to discuss a joint OEMA/WASEMA conference. Target year is 2009. This conference would be held in the fall since WASEMA participates in “Partners in Preparedness” conference in Tacoma in the spring.

Motion to support a fall 2009 conference with WASEMA by Doug Cummins.

Seconded by Patty Rueter.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mike brought up a proposal regarding a training activity for spring of 2009. There was a variety of discussion regarding replacing a spring activity with attending the Partners conference in Tacoma. There were many ideas regarding participation in the Washington conference.

It was decided that a follow-up survey will be sent to the members regarding spring 2009 training and whether we want to move our conference time permanently to the fall. Mike will send the survey to the membership.

2008 Spring Conference – Sunriver – Patty Hopkins

Our 2008 conference will be held April 20-24 at Sunriver. Patty is working on facility negotiations.

Election of Officers – Les Miller

Les provided the slate of officers and stated there were no write-ins on the absentee ballots. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Absent of nominations he requested that the membership accept the current slate of officers.

Motion to approve the slate of officers presented by Gene Strong.

Seconded by Tom Manning.

Motion approved unanimously.

New Officers:

President	Mike Mumaw
President Elect	Tom Manning
Past President	Rose Gentry
Secretary	Mary Davis
Treasurer	Patty Hopkins

Committee/Liaison Reports:

Strategic Planning, Mike Mumaw

The Committee provided proposed changes to the Mission Statement, Core Values and Purpose Statement. These were identified, discussed and approved by the group of members attending the strategic planning retreat in October, 2006. The changes are not significant, but will make the document clearer and more concise.

Motion to accept revisions to the OEMA Strategic Plan by David Harrington.
Seconded by Tom Manning.
Motion approved unanimously.

Patty Rueter reported on Section 3 of the Strategic Plan regarding priorities of future work planning efforts.

Motion to maintain the “Forums for peer interface and Advocate EM programs to State agencies” as our current year work plan and cover the four future work plan efforts as possible with available time and resources.
Seconded by David Harrington.
Motion approved unanimously.

Bylaws – Scott Porter, Chair

Scott reported on several changes that are being proposed to the Bylaws. The Board asked the Committee to look at some items and others are housekeeping updates. Scott is asking the membership today for thoughts on possible language changes identified below.

Membership – add a new category for Student Membership. This change would necessitate looking at dues and voting privileges. Policy statement of what constitutes a student will be developed by Board, Membership and Bylaws Committee.

Terms of Office – Secretary and Treasurer. Currently all Board members serve a one year term. Potential of all officers changing every year. Board interested in having stability in Secretary and Treasurer positions. They would change to two-year terms, staggered.

President Duties – regarding appointment of liaison to OEM. This has always been the President. Language should reflect that. Scott discussed other language regarding President’s duties that needs to be modified.

Emergency Management Workshop – Workshop should be changed to Conference.

Committee's – Language regarding members in good standing can serve on committees. Proposed language should reflect that committee members do not need to be OEMA members. Often we would like OEM staff or members of other associations or agencies to participate in our committee's. Language should state that the "Chair" must be an OEMA member in good standing.

Missing from the Bylaws is any discussion of what a "Liaison" is or does. Adding this definition to the Bylaws would also necessitate adding a piece in the Finance Section allowing liaisons to be eligible for travel reimbursement associated with attending meetings.

Language change to statement "Only members that are in good standing may participate in meeting." This should be removed or changed to allow anyone to attend our meetings. We want to encourage partnerships with other agencies and associations.

The Committee will work on these language modifications, get feedback from the Board and then send revised Bylaws to the membership asking for comment. Revised Bylaws will be on agenda at next membership meeting.

Communications Committee - Tom Manning, Chair:

Encouraged each county and city to work with amateur radio operators in downloading Echolink Software on EOC computers. The software is free. This will allow needed bridging with other communication tools.

Legislative Committee - Gene Strong, Chair:

The Committee is having regular meetings and have met with Steve West. They will also meet during the conference.

Membership Committee - Jim Howell, Chair

The Committee is reviewing a student and business membership.

Training Committee - Bob Maca, Chair:

Will be working on possible two-day training in the coming year.

Scholarship Committee – Patty Rueter, Chair

Committee will be working on criteria for scholarships.

Domestic Preparedness Working Group – Scott Porter

Scott sent an e-mail to all members regarding the State Homeland Security Grant Program. Applications are out now to local government. Projects must be consistent with State Homeland Security Strategy. This document will guide what you can ask for. Funding will be reallocated differently this year. There will be a base allocation of funds for each county, then every county will get money

based on a formula related to population, the remaining money will be competitive. The State will be holding grant briefings.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) – Roger Stevenson

LEPC is undergoing several changes. Roger will be holding a session to discuss all the changes. Encouraged members to attend.

Announcements:

Bob Maca stated that Portland is recruiting for evaluators and controllers to participate in TOPOFF 4. Please see Bob for a form to complete if you are interested.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis
Secretary