



Oregon Emergency Management Association
Membership Meeting
February 18, 2009
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR

Oregon Emergency Management Association held its first meeting at the State Legislature on February 18, 2009. The meeting began with a tour of the Capitol by Senator Jason Atkinson. The tour was both informative and interesting with special insight into the history of Oregon.

Invitations were delivered to Senators and Representatives to stop by the OEMA membership meeting at their convenience to address the group.

Mr. Paul Evans, Emergency Preparedness, Military & Veterans' Affairs Policy Advisory:

Mr. Evans addressed the group discussing the partnership between the military and Oregon Emergency Management. He stated that his office is open to any ideas, suggestions or concerns the Association had to offer concerning emergency management issues. He is also interested in any innovative solutions. Mr. Evans proceeded to give the group some suggestions when meeting with your Legislator:

- ◆ Explain your job and what you do.
- ◆ Tell them any successes you may have accomplished.
- ◆ Research the occupation of the person you are lobbying. Know their world view, understand how they communicate.
- ◆ This is an opportunity to put forward your ideas.
- ◆ Share any relevant stories.

Representative Tim Freeman:

Representative Freeman's past experience in the public safety field has made him a strong emergency services advocate. He would like to see more partnerships between emergency management and the private sector.

Representative Deborah Boone:

Representative Boone called for the group to use “creative thinking” to prepare the community for emergencies. She suggested using a variety of ideas with children to get the message across to parents regarding the importance of family preparedness.

Steve West, OEMA Lobbyist, gave an overview of the Legislative process and his role in monitoring and reviewing bills of interest to OEMA. Steve provided the members with a packet which included contact information for the Senate and House of Representatives, OEMA Legislative Priorities and a sample of his weekly Legislative Update. The weekly update is posted on the OEMA website in the “members only” section each week. Steve gave the group ideas on how to move forward with any legislative bills OEMA may want to sponsor in the future. Steve suggested the Association should position ourselves as a resource to the Legislature. We have an opportunity to participate in the Legislative process during this time of change.

Mike Mumaw suggested that the Board and the Legislative Committee may want to submit point papers on various bills we wish to support.

OEMA Business Meeting

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting were distributed. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes by Roger Stevenson.

Seconded by Doug McGillivray.

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurers reports of October, November and December, 2008 showing an ending balance of \$44,982.76 was distributed.

Election of Officers:

Jeff Sargent reported that OEMA will be holding officer elections at the May membership meeting. If you are interested in running for Treasurer or President-Elect please contact Jeff. You must have written approval from your supervisor to run for an OEMA Board position.

Spring Training Update:

OEMA will be holding Spring Training May 12-15 at Chinook Winds hotel in Lincoln City. There will be two leadership tracks provided by the Executive Leadership Institute at Portland State University. Program content and registration information will be sent out in the near future.

OEMA/WSEMA Conference Update:

A conference “Save the Date” flyer was e-mailed. Members are encouraged to book their hotel rooms. A conference theme contest will be sent out soon. The Program Committee will be sending out a “Call for Presentations”.

Website Update:

Mike is in the process of finalizing the updated website. He will notify the membership when it is up and running.

IAEM Conference Update:

Patty provided information on the IAEM Conference held in Overland Park, Kansas in November, 2008. Several OEMA members attended. Patty brought back items of interest from vendors. She was appreciative of being able to attend and represent OEMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis
Secretary