



Oregon Emergency Management Association  
**Membership Meeting**  
**May 12, 2009**  
**Lincoln City, OR**

**Members Present:**

Dean Bender	Polk County Emergency Management
Eric Corliss	American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter
Beth Crane	Oregon State Public Health
David Davis	West Lane Emergency Operations
Mary Davis	Washington County Emergency Management
Tracy DePew	HRSA Regional Preparedness Coord. Reg.3
Pam Duncan	Portland Development Commission
Don Ellis	North Shore Utility, Washington
David Gassaway	Office of Consolidated Emergency Mgt.
Debbie Guerra	Pacific Power
Mike Harryman	Oregon State Public Health
Maureen Hittner	Salem Hospital
Scott Hittner	Providence St. Vincent Medical Center
Patty Hopkins	Portland Office of Emergency Management
Jim Howell	Linn County Emergency Management
Chuck Leonard	Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Karen McFaddin	Yamhill County Emergency Management
Doug McGillivray	Yamhill County Emergency Management
Tom Manning	Clatsop/Tillamook County Emergency Mgt.
Les Miller	Army Corps of Engineers
Mike Mumaw	City of Beaverton Emergency Management
Ken Murphy	Oregon Emergency Management
Eric Plebuch	Peterson Caterpillar
John Plechinger	PacificCorp
Bill Riley	Oregon Dept. of Human Services
Robbie Roberts	NW Natural
Krista Rowland	Marion County Emergency Management
Jeff Sargent	Oregon Federal Executive Board
Randy Shaw	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Steve West	West Consulting

**Call to Order:**

President Tom Manning called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Introductions:**

Introductions were made around the room.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting were distributed. There were no comments or corrections to the minutes. According to Mike Mumaw no motion was needed since the meeting was over 30 days ago. Mary Davis will verify this in Roberts Rules of Order.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurers reports of March 30, 2009 showing an ending balance of \$40,481.11 was distributed.

**Legislative Update:**

Steve West, OEMA Lobbyist, distributed a Legislative Update for the week of May 4-8, 2009. Included were all the bills Steve is watching and an update of activity for each one. State and local government are waiting for the next financial update, which will be available on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Currently West Consulting is actively monitoring 29 bills for OEMA.

There was considerable discussion of HB 2377A – Use of Mobile Communication Device while Driving. The Association was concerned with our Amateur Radio partners ability to use their radios during emergencies. Steve has discussed this with some Legislators and feels this does not apply to Ham Radio Operators when using their radios for public safety purposes.

The group discussed the role of OEMA's Legislative Committee. The Committee should be working closely with West Consulting and provide feedback on various bills. If the Committee feels the Association should offer testimony on an upcoming bill this information should be passed to the OEMA Board for further discussion and direction. The Association should be looking at developing priorities for the next Legislative Session.

The report Steve gave was very extensive and the group appreciated the update regarding important Legislative bills that could directly affect OEMA members.

**2009/2010 Elections:**

Tom Manning conducted elections for the 2009/10 year. New Officers are:

Jeff Sargent	President
Mike Harryman	President-Elect
Patty Hopkins	Treasurer

**OEM Update:**

Ken Murphy gave a short legislative recap for 2009 (Handout attached). Ken also gave an update of OEM activities as of May 12, 2009 (Handout attached).

Ken discussed the possible changes in EMPG funding and agencies that could be eligible. He would like to convene a group consisting of OEMA, League of Oregon Cities and Association of Counties representation to develop a formula that will support the needs of all eligible agencies.

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) will be coming to a close soon. The program began in 1981 and by next year all of the chemical weapons will have been destroyed.

Ken discussed Cascadia Peril '09 and the lowered level of play in April by State agencies. The State did support city/county play during the April timeframe. In July State agencies will participate in a tabletop exercise using the Cascadia Subduction zone scenario.

Ken mentioned that National Guard resources are in short supply due to the many deployments by the Guard. Much of the ground equipment located in Oregon was also deployed.

**Conference Updates:**

**2009 – Joint OEMA/WSEMA Conference - Salishan – September 13-17**

The conference committee has sent out a “Call for Presentations”. The committee will be meeting to review the proposals and discuss other logistics of the conference. The group wants to make the conference more affordable to encourage conference attendance. Jeff said there is still time to get in presentation proposals for consideration.

Mary will be sending out a letter for raffle basket donations. Members are asked to use the letter when soliciting donations. Proceeds from the raffle baskets go the American Red Cross, Disaster Relief Fund in Oregon.

**2010 – OEMA Conference – Hood River – October 11-14**

Patty has negotiated a contract with the Best Western Hood River Inn for the 2010 conference.

### **2011 – OEMA/ Conference – Sunriver Resort – October 11-14**

Patty has negotiated a contract with Sunriver Resort for the 2011 conference.

Looking ahead to 2012 the Board would like to determine a conference venue and possible conference partner. If you have ideas on either please send to Patty so preliminary preparations can begin.

### **2009/10 OEMA Proposed Budget:**

Mike Harryman presented the proposed 2009/10 budget. Patty Hopkins discussed changes from last year. There was no discussion of the proposed budget.

Motion to accept the 2009/10 OEMA budget by Doug McGillivray.

Seconded by Randy Shaw.

The 2009/10 OEMA budget was passed unanimously.

### **Committee/Liaison Reports:**

#### **Membership & Marketing – Mike Harryman, Chair**

The committee held two conference calls and also met prior to this membership meeting. The committee would like the membership to know that “all OEMA members are recruiters”. The goal of the committee is 100% retention of current OEMA members and recruitment of new members. The group agreed that OEMA must add value for all members. OEMA is currently offering a one year complimentary membership to members of the private sector working group chaired by Doug McGillivray. What other organizations can we approach and share the benefits of OEMA and possible membership. Others ideas the group would like to explore is a mentoring program and internships. The committee will look at the current OEMA database and discuss improvements regarding what member information we would like to capture.

#### **Strategic Planning – Deb Treusdell, Chair, Eric Plebuch, Co-Chair**

The committee sent an e-mail to the Board asking several questions regarding the current OEMA strategic plan. The Board is reviewing the questions and will reply to the committee soon. The committee would like to do an analysis of the organization to include what we are doing internally for our members and how we are viewed externally.

#### **Training & Education:**

This Committee needs a chair. There was discussion of various recommended training and posting a recommended training list on the website.

#### **ORCEMS:**

This Committee needs a chair. Mike Mumaw needs to step down as chair due to other commitments. The ORCEMS process will be on an annual cycle with new

applications submitted to the Committee by July 1 of each year. Expired Members who need ORCEMS re-certifications must submit them by July 1, 2009.

Health Preparedness – Mike Harryman

Mike gave an overview of the State Health response to the H1N1 virus. A four-month incident action plan will be developed over the summer months. There was great cooperation during this event between CDC, State and local public health agencies with several conference calls and joint public information planning. Public Health will be working to inform citizens of flu prevention strategies during the fall flu season.

American Public Works Association (APWA) – Les Miller

Les recently attended the spring APWA conference and brought back ideas for the Membership & Marketing Committee. APWA is interested in a future conference partnership with OEMA.

**Member Concerns or Issues:**

It was noted that OEMA members Jim Hawley (Director) and Mary Metcalf (Coordinator), both of Lincoln County Emergency Services, will be retire at the end of May. Jim was one of the original founders of OEMA and served as President in 1990. Jim has been a member of OEMA for 44 years and Mary for 34 years.

Motion by Doug McGillivray to acknowledge Jim and Mary for their service to the Emergency Management profession and their many years as OEMA members. Seconded by Jeff Sargent.

Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Manning volunteered to research an appropriate acknowledgement for Jim and Mary.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis  
Secretary