

## OEMA Presidents Letter

Dear OEMA Members:

As our new Association's President I want to take this opportunity to thank you and our Executive Board for this chance to serve you during the next year. I want to recognize the great job and service our past Presidents and Executive Board has made in furthering our organizations goals and objectives. I would like to share my vision for the Association during my tenure. I want to personally thank our Past President Mike Mumaw and his Executive Board for their successes in building a stronger Association. My goal and vision is to continue in their good work and I will be leaning on them for guidance and support during my tenure. The Executive Board has agreed that the following goals are a priority and my goal is to continue to move these forward.

I want to build upon our recent outreach to our Business and Industry partners in emergency management. I would like strengthen our membership in this area and to continue having a Business and Industry Track at our annual conference. We need to strengthen our relationship with Oregon Emergency Management, so we can collectively work on important issues that have a direct bearing on emergency management in Oregon. Working with OEM on jointly supporting legislative or policy changes that may be necessary to better prepare for and respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. We will also continue joint meetings and conferences with our partners in emergency management.

The Executive Board is excited to continue working with West Consulting Group and further grow the Association's involvement and input into important issues that affect emergency management at the State Legislature.

My second goal would be to update our strategic plan so we can reflect our current organizational make-up and our membership's goals and direction. Our By-Laws will also need to be updated at the same time to reflect changes in our growing organization.

My third goal is to provide additional professional education and training for our Association by adding a spring training workshop or conference. This would be in addition to our current annual conference. Marketing and membership growth is also very important to me. We need to ensure that our membership receives a great value for membership in our Association.

The last issue that I would like to address is the strengthening of our OEMA Committees. We need to support our committees and define clear objectives for each one. I will work with our Executive Board and our membership to clarify the roles and responsibilities we all share serving the Association.

In closing we need everyone's participation, as we move forward into charted and uncharted territory. If we are successful meeting our organization's goals and objectives we will need commitment from each of us to further our Association's mission.

Sincerely,

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