



OREGON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION



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OEMA Quarterly Membership Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 16, 2019 – 10:00am-2:00pm
Pendleton Convention Center - Pendleton, OR

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9:30 AM: New Member Orientation by Kelly Piper

Rich Harriman – Malheur County Sheriff's Office

10:00 AM: Welcome / Introductions

Ashley Volz	Deschutes County Sheriff
Cheryl Vandlac, Treasurer	Washington County Juvenile Department
Daniel Stoelb	Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Dave Busby, West Side Rep	City of Corvallis
Don Mitchell	NG-9-1-1 Services
Eric Plebuch	Peterson CAT
Jessica Schwarz	The Blue Cell
John Ruffing	ESRI
Kelly Piper, President	Umpqua Bank
Kimber Townsend	Polk County CERT
Marilyn Nikolas	Plan to Continue
Matt Marheine	Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Nancy Bush	Clackamas County Disaster Management
Nathan Garibay, Vice President	Deschutes County Sheriff's Office
Rich Harriman	Malheur County Sheriff's Office
Sue Lamb	Oregon Health Authority

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

Motion to accept by Dave Busby – Second by Eric Plebuch

Treasurer's report from Cheryl Vandlac

Presentations

Wildfire Evacuation Boundaries & GIS..... Dan Stoelb & John Ruffing

<https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=9cbd8a37967b48b6b91fdc68d1508eef>

Basecamp Application..... Nathan Garibay

<https://www.dropbox.com/preview/OEMA%20Membership%20Meetings/2019/BaseCamp%20Proposal.doc?role=personal>

Committee Reports

Annual Conference - Kelly Piper: Schedule is finalized with 2 Key-Note Speakers, entertainment at the banquet, 18 breakout sessions and 4 Plenary sessions. We also have a Lane County Commission speaking, The Eugene Mayor and The Governor has been invited but will not commit before 6 weeks out. Registration officially opens June 1st but it is live now.

Bylaws: Scott Porter was not present at the meeting and will be retiring mid-summer. We need someone to fill this roll.

Finance – Kelly Piper: Annual budget presented for approval. Based on the presentation given by Nathan Garibay on BaseCamp, the budget was amended with an appropriation of \$1200, with \$600 addition from membership and \$600 addition from Basecamp subscriptions. This is based on communication to the membership from Nathan regarding Basecamp. Motion to approve the proposed budget with the appropriation was given by Nancy Bush and second by Marilyn Nikolas.

Legislative – Ed Flick: To date this session we have prepared three letters in advocacy for bills, and submitted two of those letters as testimony to the legislature.

One bill, HB2565 would provide \$100,000 annually in State funds to each county for the purpose of funding emergency management staff. This bill was voted out of the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee with recommendation to pass and is currently in Ways and Means. This bill may need additional help to get through Ways and Means. The association should provide written and in-person testimony when the time comes, as well as encourage AOC and other partners to advocate on its behalf. I'll reach out to currently-serving county emergency managers to find someone willing to deliver the testimony.

Another bill, HB 5031 is the bill that funds the annual budget of the Oregon Military Department, and by extension, OEM. The original bill contained a significant plus-up in the OEM budget, but did not include the additional FTE the agency had requested. In this testimony, we expressed support for the OEM budget, and also expressed the position that OEM must have additional staff positions authorized. Subsequent to our testimony, the additional positions were added. We can hope that our collective professional voice had some influence in that outcome. At least we made our voice heard.

In addition to these two bills, we conducted analysis and drafted written testimony on HB 2730. This bill, which did not leave the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee, would have separated OEM from OMD and establish it as an independent agency. We did not reach a consensus position on this bill, and therefore did not submit the testimony. Rep Evans, Chair of the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee, told me that this legislative initiative will come up again in Legislative Days this fall and might be reintroduced in the short session. My recommendation is that given the likely low attendance at the meeting, we aim to establish a position on this issue at the membership meeting in August and/or October to ensure maximum input from the membership. Of note, the RDPO counties and the City of Portland submitted written testimony in support of the bill. In addition to these three letters / written testimony, we completed policy analysis on another bill, and developed a legislative concept.

Legislative concept: Our analysis concluded that 2017 SB 62, which provided universal mutual aid between local governments but excluded schools and colleges should be amended to include them. To get this done, OEMA must partner with other associations (e.g. the Oregon School Board Association) to assess their awareness of the issue and see if they are interested to partner with us in a future session. Additionally, the association should conduct legislative outreach to find a legislator willing to sponsor the bill.

SB 643: Eliminates the cap on total amount authorized for the grant program for installation of generator connectors on fuel sources at card lock fuel facilities. This bill was passed out of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness and is at Ways and Means. My recommendation is that the association submit written testimony in support of SB 643 to Ways and Means.

In conclusion, I assess that we took some small but important steps forward towards our goal of effecting public policy. The \$3000 we spent to hire an attorney to conduct legal analysis and to write letters / testimony made this possible. I think if the association wants to continue down this road, additional funds should be budgeted in the next fiscal year to increase legal staff support.

As past president Mile Harryman told me at the start of the session, our association could be an important voice on emergency management policy, but we need to find our voice and be expressive in the legislature. With the very positive financial forecast released today, bills will begin to move quickly. I'll continue to monitor the status during weekly legislative status meetings hosted by Mike to identify opportunities for engagement. I will not have time to do much writing of new position papers, but I'll do my best. If, at the end of the session we see OEM with more staff, and each county with \$100k annually for staff each year, we will have had an outstanding session.

Private Sector – Marilyn Nikolas: Dependent on the fulfillment of the Public/Private Partnerships Manager at the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, Marilyn will work with them to help elevate awareness of OEMA.

Professional Development Committee – Nancy Bush: The new scholarship fund has over \$5300 to grant. Proposal of one grant of \$1500, 2 of \$1000 and 3 of \$500. The committee will contact several colleges with an Emergency Management degree program for possible candidates. The award will be issued directly to the college on behalf of the winner and the winner will be given a certificate. Discussion also was heard around providing a discount to the OEMA conference for scholarship winners.

ORCEMS – Nancy Bush: Ongoing. ORCEMS applications and mentorships are increasing. Currently processing applications for three (3) initial certifications, one (1) certification. Two ORCEMS subcommittee members are mentoring interested applicants.

ORCEMS Subcommittee has finished the Associate Oregon Certified Emergency Management Specialist (A-ORCEMS) application and will be publishing it by the end of May. One interested applicant will be completing it upon publication.

At the upcoming OEMA conference (2019), an ORCEMS session is scheduled for presentation. Presenters will be Mike Mumaw and Kelly Jo Craigmiles. A table at the exhibitor hall is also reserved for an ORCEMS booth. ORCEMS members will staff shifts at table during exhibitor events.

Strategic Planning – Nathan Garibay: We are on track with our strategic plan and there has been some good movement regarding outreach. During the August meeting we will review Committee chairs and recruit new members.

Liaison & Representative Reports

AWPA – Les Miller: Email report - OR-APWA Liaison Report - Spring Conference included a track for Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation. Fall Conference will include Mitigation and 2 other EM related topics. Any subjects Members strongly believe should be included?

IAEM – Kathleen Silva: Email report - PrepTalks Symposium held on Sept. 6, 2018, was released; The PrepTalk by Dr. Charles "Chick" Macal is entitled, "[Using Complex Adaptive Systems Thinking to Understand Community Interdependencies](#)." In his PrepTalk, Dr. Macal urges emergency managers to apply the principles of systems thinking to their work in preparedness and response.

Critical Partners: Emergency Managers and Healthcare Coalitions webinar will be held on June 7, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT, and will feature a distinguished panel consisting of: Melissa Harvey, director, National Healthcare Preparedness Programs, ASPR; Mike Sprayberry, director, North Carolina Emergency Management and past president, National Emergency Management Association; and William Ray, assistant director, North Carolina Emergency Management. Learn more and register [online](#).

IAEM certification and recertification fees will increase by 4% on June 1, 2019. Certification application fees will become \$410 for members and \$620 for non-members. Recertification fees will become \$260 for members and \$340 for non-members. This is the first price increase since 2014, and candidates may click here to pay before June 1 and avoid the additional cost.

IAEM 2019 Conference Savannah Georgia Nov 15-20, 2019

Oregon Department of Energy – Tom Roberts: Hanford cleanup meeting scheduled for July 15 & 16 in Troutdale.

Oregon Emergency Management – Matt Marheine: The bill to move OEM out from under OMD is dead. Funding for 11 new positions at OEM is pending.

Oregon Health Authority - Sue Lamb: Olympic Trials will be coming back to Eugene in 2021.