

WEMA Board Meeting October 16, 2013

Call to order

President Joe Meagher calls the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Approval of Agenda

Motion from Mark Owen to approve, second by Donna Haugom.

Approval of March 7, 2013 Minutes

Motion from Mark Owen to approve, second by Cristina Paige

Treasurer's Report

Lori has been handling the report and doing a good job.

As of 10/16/13 the checking account balance is \$15,632.02 Certificate of Deposit a balance of \$17,560.44 with an overall \$33,192.46

224 members as of the treasurer report. Those who have not paid in 2014 will be removed from the list.

Mark Owen approved, Darin Gudgeon second.

President's Report

President Meagher has received positive feedback regarding the conference venue. He would like to receive any feedback regarding any future changes. He is considering contacting the WI Firefighter Association Life Insurance availability to members. Also President Meagher has been considering the government shutdown and the potential impact to emergency management and impacts on EMPG. He will send a follow up email to set up a committee to look into the impacts of cutbacks and be proactive. He is also working on continual improvement on the WEMA website, please send any photos of exercises or events to the President.

Election of Officers

Both positions are for a two year term

- a. President: Mark Owen nominated Joe Meagher. The request was given two times. Tom Hall second the nomination. Keith from Douglas Co. close the nominations All in voted in favor.
- b. Secretary: This position can be a deputy or municipal EM director. Lori Hucek nominated Tanna McGregor, she politely declined. Mark Owen nominated John Innis. Keith from Douglas Co second and Tom Hall motioned to close the nominations. All voted in favor.

2014 WEMA Conference

- a. Dates: Avoid holidays such as Columbus Days and avoid being close to the NENA conference.
- b. Venue Would like to start the process earlier next year. The Ho Chunk Casino would be a good option, Marriott has been great this year. Kailyn Gresham suggested the

Radisson in Green Bay could be another option. It works well to have the WEMA conference right before the All Hands Meeting. There was a discussion regarding moving from the Madison area and the impact on WEM attendees.

c. Thoughts/suggestions: Lori Hucek suggested for payments it would be helpful if WEM's portal had the option to take credit card, pay pal or other options. This will be looked into.

d. Conference Ideas: President Meagher asked about the all morning general session and the group agreed it worked well.

e. Conference Planning Committee Volunteers: President Meagher would look for volunteers from outside county emergency management to assist. He will send an email to the members regarding soliciting volunteers. Nick Flueger asked about the Executive Director position that was brought up at the March meeting and if this should be discussed. Would this position be just responsible for the conference or to handle all of WEMA being an executive director. The members discussed event planner versus executive director. Keith from Douglas Co. shared the Fire State Chief uses a business manager to collect dues, track board meeting minutes and other matters. They can contract on an hourly rate and have increased the number of vendors. Svinicki is the name of the organization. President Meagher stated there will still need to have a committee for input. A monkey survey will be sent out regarding the conference.

WEMA Committee and Appointment Reports

WI VOAD : Donna Haugom is the liaison. There will be a training on Jan. 23, 2014 at Ho Chunk Casino on general sheltering for the community.

Comments from Board Members

None

Comments from WEMA Members

None

General Discussion

Lori Hucek requests the minutes be posted to the website 30 days after the meeting. The meeting minutes should be listed draft until approved.

Next WEMA Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th.

Darin Dudgeon motioned, Amy Nehls second to close the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned.