

Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association  
Board Meeting  
August 28, 2008

John Hark	David Compton
Mike Daniels	Mike Boos
Dawn Warren	Bob Dopp
Karen Eagleson	

Convened at 1:19 p.m.

Purpose: Discuss issues of bylaws, websites, etc.

Old Business: The biggest issue we have is with our by-laws. I need input on:

1. Our website still does not have pictures and bios of our membership. Please submit these to Jonathan.
2. I would like to see it stated that 30 days after a meeting, the minutes are posted on the website.
3. On our website, our agenda, time, place, and location of the meetings and/or conference calls needs too be on the website. We are not keeping the members abreast of what we are doing. If they do not know, they are not going to join us.
4. Today, we hope to have the banking accounts straightened out, the MEPA account, to be closed and move to the US Bank along with our other accounts.

Treasure's report: The Excel bank was closed this morning on John's request for the amount of \$10,987.12, which is our MEPA board account. This will be placed in an US Bank account. This morning I picked up another membership, but I have not deposited it yet. In the US Bank has a balance of \$12,754.01, which is the conference account.

Mike: Asked to move to accept treasurer report.  
Motion carried, all favored.

John: Displayed the black organizer that we had planned in June. The letters that were printed were so small, nobody could read them. They agreed to reprint and cut the price to \$800 with no shipping fee.

Mike B: I agree that we should send them back.

Mike D: Do we want to revamp the logo.

Karen: They are just going to print MEPA.

David: We should look at changing color of the letters.

Bob: Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John: Does anyone have anything to add about the Website.

Mike B: We need to add more information.

John: My dream is to reunite MEPA and SEMA. There is criteria we have to meet in order to accomplish this. We have the MOU in place, but that is just a start. I question can MEPA information be placed on SEMAs website. Is there anyone other than Jonathan who can work on the website?

Dawn: There is a link there. Is the website through the county?

David: No.

Mike B: It is not that hard to import the information, we just need to have someone to do it.

David: I agree. We need to find someone to do maintenance on the web.

John: Let me talk to Jonathan and see if he knows someone he can recruit.

John: My next issue is conference call. I would like to have a conference call at least once a month and then a face-to-face quarterly.

Mike B: The by-laws say that there will be a fall meeting.

Karen: There are membership meetings.

John: If we had a conference call next month and then the following month have a face-to-face meeting, we can get a lot done.

Mike B: Repeated what the by-laws stated about meetings.

John: If we are going to a conference call it has to be official meeting and it has to be posted in advance.

Bob: You are requested to post it in three places: office, public place, and internet.

Dawn: If you state that the internet is your official posting site, then you are covered.

John: Do I understand that there will be a conference call next month. Should we determine on the call if we need a face-to-face. I believe we will have a face-to-face in December. We need to have a sergeant at arms at our election at the spring conference. All voting members need to move to one section for voting and their voting cards need to be checked for validation.

Karen: We had problems do that before because there was one more way into the auditorium.

John: If a member wants to nominate another member from the floor then they have the right to do so.

Karen: The geological society posts the folks who are running on the web and then anyone on the first day of the conference and anyone who wants to run and is nominated from the floor. That information is then immediately put on the web. The voting is done at the end of the conference.

Dawn: That is a point because with the way the gas prices are at this time, that not all members are present to vote.

John: We are going to have to put this to the general membership because it has to be posted 60 days in advance.

David: I think we need to get a resolution in place by the symposium. We need to give the entire membership the ability to vote because they have the right to vote regardless if they want any involvement.

Dawn: I think we should send out reminders for renewals with the voting list. Another problem is what if a member wants to change their vote.

Karen: Use the spring conference as a test run of what we are thinking and give it a try.

Karen: Need to start with the by-laws and then the voting.

Bob: We need to see if the ones who can vote by internet will do it that way.

Mike D: Motioned to incorporate in the bylaws that the internet will be the official conduit of information.

All favored, motion carried.

David: I will have a meeting on Sept 15 with Chris Weber, an Attorney who will give us a quote once he reviews what we have for our 501c3 status.

John: Our budget is \$750 to work with this.

Mike D: Does SEMA still plan to use the Trooper's Association for the Spring Conference.

Dawn: I will have to check with Ron.

John: I do not think we will have enough time for this next year.

David: I am ok with that

John: I am going to push to put this agency and SEMA as one so we present a united front to Missouri.

Dawn: Can you ask what it would cost for him to look at the constitution.

David: That has to be a part of the 501c3 and I hope that he will look at that anyway.

John: I definitely want to keep it simple. I do not have a problem with SEMA having a vote in the membership.

Break

John: How many have proxy votes? (4) This gives you 2 votes.

Mike D: Had a conference call 2 weeks ago with Paul Thomas and he pointed out his areas of concerns.

Article I: There are 4 actions suggested: 3 in section 1 and 1 in section 3.

Article II: None proposed.

[Dave mentioned that he would like to see a vision statement.

[Karen: We used to have a mission statement but it was removed because the purpose is the same as the mission statement. But our vision statement is item C.

At 2:41, Larry entered the meeting via telephone.

David read Florida's purpose statement, which will be adopted for MEPAs purpose.

Article III

Mike: Take out the Capital A in Association and Active.

Section 2: No change.

Section 3: Change wording of honorary to ex-officio for SEMA as they have 3 voting rights: 1 in the board, 2 in the general.

[Karen: I suggest that we take the word honorary out all together.

[John: If there is someone who wants to donate money and have no voting, they should be honorary. Also to put section 3 back to they way it was.

Section 4: Need to change the wording for lifetime members and that they are entitled to all active member privileges. If there is an EMD who is still an EMD and we want to recognize them with a lifetime membership and give them the right to vote.

[Larry: I think some emphasis should be on their contribution not just there tenure.

Section 5: No changes.

Article IV

Section 1: There is a conflict of voting members from political subdivisions and also being a general membership.

Recorder had to leave the meeting at 3:31.

Please see the power point presentation on the complete set of changes.