

MEPA General Membership Meeting
December 13, 08

John Prance	Chris Berndt
Teresa Tost	Gloria Michalski
Tom White	Bob Kitsmiller
Larry Woods	Marie Payne
Dawn Warren	Dave Clippert
Steve Moody	Rick Lewis
Mike Boos	Stan Swaggart
Dave Compton	Sara Williams
Denise Russell	Roger Latham
Susan Green	George Albert
John Bier	Bill Brinton
Robert Easton	Jeanne Millsap
Shea Lane	Jason Henry
Bill Farr	Diane Bosworth

Called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Dave stated that the minutes did not have to be approved, as they were over 30 days old.

Denise Russell: Gave Treasurer's report. Please see minutes from meeting on Dec 12.

Steve M: Did we lose the website after it was paid?

Denise: The domain name was lost shortly after we tried to get it up and going.

Dave: Asked if there was anything else for the Treasurer's report. Moving on to Committee Reports

Committee Reports

Dave: As of Dec 24, we will have the letter with the changes out to the general membership so it can be reviewed before the spring conference. It will then be voted on at the Spring Conference. Our bylaws do not allow for electronic distribution. We encourage you to get your comments in early.

Missouri Certified Emergency Manager Program

Dawn: The notification for the certification has been mailed out to everyone.

Dave: After the EMD Advisory Committee had approved the program, it was turned over to MEPA to start processing. We need to compose a panel to review applications for the first applicants to be certified.

Larry: As of Dec 09, through the international Association you will have to have a Bachelor's degree in order to become a Certified EMD.

Dave C: Will experience be accepted if you worked in a different state.

Dave: Will there be reciprocity—no. Will they be able to walk through the process easily—yes, at a level 3.

Dawn: If you have a EMD in the state of Missouri, you should not have a problem. At least 6 parts of contribution, 3 of them have to be in the state of Missouri.

501c6:

The attorney has the packet as we speak. We are in the process of obtaining the c6 status.

****: What will that do for us?

Dave: We are a professional, not-for-profit organization. C3 is limited greatly in the ability to lobby and perform specific functions such as the Missouri School Board Association. In the future, this will allow us to be the fiscal agent for the SEMA conference. In the past, we did not hold the c3 status. This will help our organization grow and mature.

Leadership training for members

The training will help you network with others in the state and out. Unfortunately because a variety of disasters, we have had to cancel it. It was scheduled for July. We do need to have a level of interest in holding another leadership conference. It is for 1 day and a half sometime before June.

*** Are you trying to do this on our own and not in combination with the SEMA Conference?

Dave: That is correct.

Susan: You are trying to have a leadership conference after the Spring Conference. I hope your budget is better than mine.

Dawn: The next communication conference and is supposed to be at the Lode of 4 Seasons. Could we maybe attach it with that?

Dave: I think that is a possibility.

Larry: How much money are we incurring?

Teresa: We will require 50 rooms at \$69 a night.

Dawn: The only other opportunity is to find another conference to hook up with. What about the Winter Fire School?

Larry: Maybe we could sell off the rooms to somebody else. If the interest is still there, what conference would we attach to.

John: Actually it was \$68 a night.

Susan: I say not the Spring Conference because it takes us away to long, the cost is too high, and it is a burden in itself. The Missouri School Board Association would be having their meeting. You just need to explore your options.

Dave: Is there an interest to keep on with the training.

Dawn: We are getting enough feedback that we will be doing the Hazmat conference again, I just do not know when or where.

Susan: But that becomes a board issue.

Dave: Yes.

Dave: Is there any additional old business.

None.

Dave: We discussed the audit last night and we have not had one in several years. There is an internal audit starting now and by the Spring Conference we will be able to present to the membership.

New Business

Spring Conference: The conference is March 24-27 at Branson. The Chateau is sold out. Please book your room quickly. We will have a general membership meeting there and be introducing the by-laws and the information for the certification program. If you have any topics for breakout sessions, please forward this immediately to

Shea: I would like to see something on Critical infrastructure protection.

Dave: There is a section on hazardous material.

Dawn: Your LEPC does have to vote on the ability to let your members attend.

Larry: Does everyone know who your representative is?

The representative by region is:

Region A Mike Boos

Region B Phil Beeler

Region C Mike Daniel

Region D Larry Woods

Region E John Prance

Region F Tom White

Region G Teresa Tost

Region H Dennis Johnson

Region I Jonathan Ayers

We will send an updated list of names and e-mail addresses of the representatives to the entire group.

Position Letter for Transition Team

There were several members have asked whether we have a position on the transition. A lot of professional organizations do take positions on the old or new leadership.

We need to know if we agree to submit information.

Comments: Chris: My view is what would the Director of SEMA do for us or help us. I think we have to be careful of supportive of one person.

Shea: I think there should be a meeting to not just plant the seed for Director Reynolds to stay but to say what we need for organization.

Dave: From an organizational standpoint, I think it is appropriate for us to state what our expectations are.

Steve M: We might want to consider having a letter stating what MEPA's mission statement is, who we are, and what we can improve on.

Shea: Also we can state what the pros and cons are.

Larry: Because time is of the essence, we may have to actually seek out a meeting, the transition team will not have time to meet with us, we have to be the one initiate.

Larry: I think we have a cushion as we are not applying for any position.

Dave: We need to have a couple of members work on this.

George Albert: I think we need to get the letter sent off.

Susan: I think that is all you can hope for because you will not get to meet with them. SEMA is not a department and they will start with the Departments first and then work their way down.

Shea: I think that it should state that we are expecting some type of contact.

Teresa: Every person should get a copy of the letter so they know what was said.

Shea: I would be glad to take the letter to the Transition Team point of contact.

Discussion continues regarding the situation of the transition team and position letter.

Questions/Answers

Dave: Please everyone to sign the card for Carol Tharp who is sick with cancer. Please make sure that everyone has signed in. If anyone has any further, we will accept a motion to adjourn.

Mike: Motion to adjourn.

Larry: Seconded the motion.

All approved.

Adjourned at 3:27 p.m.