

Missouri Emergency Preparedness Association
Board Meeting
March 25, 2009

John Hark	Jonathan Ayers
Denise Russell	Mike Daniels
Mike Boos	Larry Woods
Teresa Tost	Ron Tost
Mike Boos	Tom White
John Prance	Paul Thomas
Phil Beeler	Susan Green

Called to order at 12:07 p.m.

In the constitution, the regions are still referred to as Troops and the constitution states “by-law” throughout.

Paul: If you look at the statues, legally it should be constitution.

John: I think that the verbiage needs to be looked at.

Paul: There are also some grammatical errors. The section regarding the election of the presidents and vice presidents has to be reworded. There are two options available: Either change the officers terms back to one year terms or eliminate the second term capability with a total of 6 years as a president or vice president, which is a long time especially if they are someone that you would not want in there.

Larry: I think that the most feasible option is to eliminate the rerunning.

Jon: I think we need to take this back to the constitution/by-laws.

Susan: I agree with taking it back to rehash it. I have a deep concern with the president not being elected upon. The dynamics of the position dictate that there might need a change. The vice president could be a nominee, but the option of adding another nominee should be available.

Do a play back here. You became dissatisfied with my presidency and if this worked, Brian Carter should be the president.

If you lock yourselves into the presidency, I am deeply concern about this.

John: I know that we have always elected the president and have taken nominations from the floor. I think the term limit for president _____. I do see where Susan is coming from as to the vice president automatically moving up.

This is the purpose of this meeting is to get the language correct.

Larry: Should we put out a survey to the membership to see what they want.

John: I do not have a problem with this.

Jon: We can do this via a website that tabulates this for you.

Paul: The vote taken electronically will eliminate the election taken here at the conference and you would just give the results at the conference.

John: The main thing is that we need to keep this fair and allow everyone to get a vote. The electronic voting does not set well with me because I am from the old school. The members that are at the conference will be able to nominate other personnel.

Jon: The electronic voting is not something that will be implemented next year. If we have the electronic voting closed before the meeting at the conference, we will be able to incorporate both.

Mike D: I would like to know how many of our members were not able or did not show up for the conference, because the electronic voting will be a benefit.

John: I would like to have a consensus of where we would like to go. I want everyone to be in agreement on the verbiage.

Jon: 2010 is too soon for the electronic voting to be available, but 2011 should be available. We have to work out details and have trials.

The answers have to be a yes or no format.

Susan: All you have to do is have at the bottom of the survey with a statement saying "If additional information is required then get in contact with your local representative."

The survey will be submitted to the board on April 10 then on April 15 it will be distributed to the membership (dues paid) and then closed on May 15 (can also pay their dues at that time as they expire April 30.)

John: Once the changes are made, we will have to notify the membership, but do not want to rush the timeline so we do not make mistakes and then have to start all over.

Teresa: A suggestion was to put the web site on the name badges.

Jon: I think we better wait on the tags because we will change our logo.

John: We are having some samples made so you will see them before we choose.

Teresa: We are out of pens.

A suggestion was given to add a color for 5, 10, 15 years of membership onto the tag.

Jon: How will we track that?

John Prance: I have heard several say that they did not know their membership dues needed to be renewed.

Jon: One of my projects is to have a membership list that contains all of their information and the member can access that and they will be able to pay with their credit card.

John: I do not want anyone to forget the small town EMDs who may not have a computer and cannot come to the conference.

Teresa: We need a list of all the area coordinators in our area.

Tom: One of the members asked if we could look across the state to coordinate the siren tones. Also, as the result of the state advisory board, there needs to be standardization of the ID cards.

John: We have talked about that at the EMD advisory meeting. I do not know if MEPA is big enough to handle that type of request.

Tom: A lot of jurisdictions are getting these systems and they are not being coordinated.

Continued discussion regarding ID badges not valid across counties.

John: Tom would you take this under your wing to come up with some guidelines that we can recommend to

Tom: We need to get on the wagon or get off the wagon. This may be an opportunity in order for the organization to come to the forefront.

John: Maybe I did not say it correctly, but maybe you could come up with some guidelines that could be presented to the board. Then the board can support.

Mike D: Why reinvent the wheel, we can look at the State of Maryland and see how they have accomplished their badging system. Blue-law enforcement, red-fire, green-emergency management.

Teresa: Relayed a message from David Compton that he says congratulations for everyone's election and thanks for re-electing him.

Paul: Made one more comment about the survey.

Teresa made a motion to adjourn.

Motion was carried.

All approved.

Adjourned 12:58.