

# MO Emergency Preparedness Association

## Board Meeting

June 29, 2009

Jonathan Ayers	John Hark	David Compton
Teresa Tost	Bob Dopp	Denise Russell
Larry Woods	John Prince	Ron Tost
Dennis Johnson	Tom White	

John called the meeting to order at 12:00.

David: For the 501c6, there were a couple of items that we needed such as financial items and article of incorporation and after the submission of the items, it should be about 60 days.

John: We have missed the deadline to be incorporated into the SEMA conference for 2010. We should assume by our meeting in September that we should have this accomplished.

We are going to set up a general membership meeting while we are at the September meeting.

The Crisis Communication conference is going to be in St. Charles in October.

Web site: Jon: It is still up and running. I have not heard any complaints. We are short of pictures on the site. I just have to compress some pictures and get them on there. I have distributed some of the e-mail questions that I have had such as credentialing, financial.

Dave C: We should have a links page on the site.

Bob: I think this is important to keep the site updated with current events.

Larry: Could we have an operations page with a MERIS link.

Dave: On the front page, we could have a current event scroll.

John: We should have some training listed that SEMA is offering.

Larry: It would be good to have it when you click on the picture their contact information pops up.

Teresa: The partnership really liked the website when they pulled it up at the partnership meeting.

Jon: One of my workers has come up with some new logos for MEPA.

We need to change the font to look like the second which is Ariel.

John: I like to see the tornado removed.

When Loretta returns, we will discuss the logo and pin with her so we can have a finished product for voting at the September meeting.

Continue discussion regarding the colors for the new logo, pins, cards, etc. The pins could be color coded according to position.

Jon: Will bring some samples to the September meeting.

Legislative: (Larry)

SB494—sales tax to fund interoperable emergency communications—Second read and referred to S Jobs, Economic Development & Local Government Committee

HB787- never made it.

HB39—tax credit for storm shelters. It was reported as Do Pass.

HB103- is on the Governor's desk and has not been signed.

HB320- Tax credit for storm shelters--Was voted Do pass.

HB549- Changes to Chapter 44 was referred to Public Safety.

HB580- Workers compensation--was signed by the Governor on June 19, 09 and delivered to the Secretary of State.

HB662- Tax credit for storm shelters--was reported Do pass but has stalled.

HB736- telecommunication carriers--died at the public hearing. Senator Crowell got a hold of this and it does not pass.

HB844-Civil air patrol was defeated on third read.

SB462- Hazardous Substance spills—Hearing conducted S Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources Committee

The house had over 1000 bills to be reviewed.

John: This is why we need to be working together with SEMA. We need to have a set-aside fund in order to help the citizens when they are waiting on help through the Government.

Denise: The state does not know what we have for resources in the state. Paul Fennwald started working on the list and it was my understanding that we would not be able to get that list. I disagree, because we are the local people and we need to know.

Larry: That is why we made the DMAC, so as not to do away with SEMA, but the DMAC acts as the buffer between the locals as the problem needs to be handled at the local level first.

Omnibus Legal and Financial Agreement was distributed.

*Development, Improvement, Implementation of Emergency Response, Plan Enhancement, & Exercise Development Committee*

*Members:* David Compton-Chair, Tom White, Dennis Johnson

The locals, state, and Department Of Health are all doing different things. We have a Governor now that wants to have his thumb on everything and is very demanding on this matter.

Dave: My answer is “I will be glad to give that answer as long as you provide the staffing and funding for these activities.

Tom: When the Department head is appointed, they are going to do what he says.

John: I know the Governor and is a little head strong, but he is not afraid to sake things.

Bob: He has come from a small community where they have not be heard.

Larry: Maybe we should get a dialogue going with him.

John: I want SEMA to understand that when we talk to the Governor or Reps, we are on the same side, we just are not in tune with each other. Maybe this subject needs to be brought up at our EMD meeting.

David: We need to stress that the state agencies need to get on the same page before we get shot in the foot.

John: Asking for a package to present to the EMD Advisory meeting tomorrow.

Tom: I think there is a lot of good effort going on, it is just not coordinated with a result of extra work being created such as the Highway Patrol were going around and asking local nursing homes and the emergency managers did not know anything about it.

The information flow does not go to the locals.

David: I believe we need to go to the Director of DPS who in turn can bring in who they want.

EMD Advisory reporting committee: Tom White, John Hark, David Compton.

*Development assessment of local response capabilities (with SEMA)*

*Members*: Bob Dopp, Larry Woods, Teresa Tost

MERIS should have the list of resources, but it goes down in the middle of a disaster.

It is a good program to track resources.

Credentialing/security issues needs are to be addressed.

Bob: In Franklin County, the EMD has control of who gets the MERIS training.

## *MC EM Credentialing*

*Members:* David Compton-chair, Tom White, Mike Boos, and Mike Daniels.

We have some changes that have to be made, we just have to type them in. There was a discussion about changes committee members. It was Tom, myself, Mike Boos, Mike Daniel. John: I have no problem with that committee.

Dawn had asked me why I brought this subject back up. I just wanted

David: We are clarifying what grandfathering in. Our intent was that someone would grandfather in at the lowest level. To grandfather in, you would provide your proof of experience and evidence of actual work in the community.

John: I will not write out a 500-word essay explaining my life, but I do understand where you are coming from.

David: I agree that there are ones who have very good experience, but there are ones that have done nothing. We need a minimum of information explaining their experience.

The grandfathering eliminates the needs for classes.

I want to get the program up and running.

Tom: I want to caution everyone as to what standards that you apply to this program. You do not want to make it unobtainable.

John: I have no problem with some requirements.

The level one is a stepping stone for the higher levels and might give them some motivation.

Continued discussion regarding requirements for an EMD/grandfathering, etc.

John: Read aloud his letter that he sent in to be an EMD.

Tom: You need to be objective not subjective.

David: Each section of your application should be assigned points and the total represents the tiers.

EM/PS Experience 5 years – 10 points

College Degree AS = 15 points

BA = 25 points/35

Master = 10 points/20

Letter of Reference (City or Higher) = 5 points

PDS series 1 class = 10 points

APDS series 1 class = 10 points

Public Safety Licenses = EMT/Post = 5 points

NIMS = per class = 5 points

Denise: You have not taken into consideration any of the state committees, LEPC, military.

Larry: Membership; Professional Conference; Service role; Leadership role— board of directors; Special assignment that addresses emergency management issues; Speaking- member of a panel not just authored the speech; Teaching; Course Development; Publications- this requires you to be published; Conduct research; Legislative contact

John: I serve on the board of directors of American Red Cross, but now on the board of The Salvation Army. So I have presented enough evidence that I should be certified.

*HAZMAT Alliance*

*Members:* Bob Dopp-Chair, Denise Russell, Dennis Johnson

*Legislation Committee*

*Members:* Larry Wood-Chair, Bob Dopp

*Membership Committee*

*Members:* Denise Russell-Chair, Jonathan Ayers, John Prance

Find every EMD in their region and find out if they are a member.

*Constitution & By-Laws Committee*

*Members:* Mike Daniels-Chair, Dennis Johnson, Paul Thomas

*Nomination Committee*

*Members:* Gretchen Keith-Chair

The person has to be someone that is not a board member.

*Audit Committee*

*Members:* Mike Boos-Chair, John Prance.

*Appointment to Partnership Faith-Based Strategy Committee*

*Members:* Teresa Tost.

*Co-Chairman for Vendors*

*Representative for Conference Planning Committee*

These two committees are mute points to me.

After we obtained our 501c6 status, when I have my meeting with the Director and we re-affiliate with them, we will be a part of the planning & running of the conference.

Discussion regarding training and the difficulty of attending them, in addition to offering that class at the spring conference.

Larry: If SEMA does not want to allow us to be on the planning committee, they just want to use us for the bank account.

David: I believe that the training for children/internet was to draw a cross over from the schools.

Teresa: Does the historian have to be a member.

John: They do have to be a member but not a board member.

What happens if when we get into half of the year and they want to join? Do we want to prorate the price?

No it is \$15 regardless.

Our next meeting will be on September 22, 2009 at Booneville at 11:00 am.

The board members that are not present (Phil Beeler, Mike Boos, Mike Daniels, Susan Green) were not placed on committees.

Bob Dopp made a motion to accept all logos on the left side.

David Compton seconded.

All approved.

Mass Care conference will be in October but not sure of dates yet. It will be in St. Charles. It is covered by a grant.

Larry: Regarding the Shelter For Life, it has to be Pre filed in November. I have not had any feedback.

Denise: I would like to see the SFL get off the ground.

Larry: I really need for you to read the legislation. As a board, we need to be comfortable with the verbiage.

Read the Shelter For Life CD and get back with Larry.

Bob: When you talk with the Directors tomorrow that we know that some bridges have been burned, but we want to get back with them and move forward.

Regarding the name plate board, it was hung at SEMA. I will take the plate board there with me and see if it can be re-hung at SEMA.

The board thanked Jonathan Ayers for his hospitality.

Adjourned at 3:49 p.m.