

WEMA Board Meeting Minutes

Portage County Courthouse Annex
1462 Strongs Ave.
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

Thursday, June 20, 2006
10:00 A.M. – 12:26 P.M

Officers Present:

Ben Schliesman, President
Steve Braun, Vice President
Mark Fritsche, Secretary
Lori Hucek

Kenosha County EM Director
Grant County EM Director
Dodge County EM Director
Kewaunee County EM Director

Members present:

Bruce Sims	Outagamie County EM Director
Carl Stenbol – Via Phone	Milwaukee County EM Director
Steve Haskell	Shawano County
Daniel King	Oneida Nation
Jean Westfall	Sentry Insurance

Others present:

Rob Rude	WEM
Carla Storm	F.C. Potawatomi
Linda Thomas Chefsky	F.C. Potawatomi

Quorum present.

- 1. Call to Order:** President Schliesman called the meeting to order at 10:08 A.M.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda (Sims / Braun). Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of April 03 Minutes:** Motion to approve Minutes (Hucek / Sims). Motion Carried.
- 4. Treasurers Report:** Hucek distributed the Treasurers Report for review.

Balance of the checking account as of 04-03-06	\$11,445.35
Deposits Added	\$ 435.00
Expenses Subtracted	\$ 315.00
Balance Forward	\$11,565.35
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 6,026.92
Total Balance:	\$17,592.27

162 (paid) current members (32 members were taken off the list as of April 15th due to not renewing membership)

- 5. WEM Update:** Rob Rude said that he would like to see the OJA committees' comeback together to talk about the distribution of the 2007 HS grant. Rob further talked about the WEM Annual Meeting and WEM is working with WEMA to have it in conjunction with the WEMA Conference. He spoke on the 2007 POW and that they would like to see WEMA

representation on Larry's committee. Items of concern will be the county allocation and degradation of the EM position. The matrix for the collapse rescue is complete. Also, WEM is working on Administrative rules for MABAS and the Disaster Fund. These will be going out for public comment in late summer or early fall. EMPG funds are late due to loss of fiscal personnel. WEM will be hiring a new fiscal person in the next few days. Finally, Rob concluded that the future plan is for County EMs' to receive their checks within 30 days of Regional approval of the mid-year and closeout of the POW.

6. Statutory, Ad-Hoc Committee & Appointments' Reports/Issues):

- Conference – Conference Committee is to meet following WEMA Meeting. A discussion began about attracting businesses and elected officials. Rude, Westfall, Sims, and Hucek discussed the importance of businesses continuity plans and that businesses have been asking for more and more information. Westfall briefly spoke about her role in Sentry's Insurance Business Continuity Plans, and their training and exercising program. Schliesman asked her if she would be interested in presenting at the WEMA Conf. Westfall said she could, but would need more information and asked if lodging and transportation costs would be included, however, there would be no costs for her to time.
- Legislative – House has increased the President's proposal by 10 million.
- Membership and Info – See Treasurers Report
- Public Affairs – Schliesman said the West Central Region is working on 4 separate PSAs.
- Website –8,379 visits, page review 17,808, up since announcement of WEMA Minutes and Agenda posted
- Logo – 16 entries, plan on Sep to choose new WEMA logo, still have 25 WEMA t-shirts left over. Call Schliesman if you want one or two or ten.
- Hazard Mitigation – None
- WEM/OJA NIMS Advisory – Schliesman said the feds have change the requirements to a "Best Faith Effort" The state NIMS site is up and running at WEM. The state has available "NIMS info sessions." WEM trainers will come out and give presentations to local governments or agencies on the new NIMS requirements.
- WLIA-EM Task Force – Jane G. from Adams has finalized the report with 15 recommendations. Go to the WLIA website for the report.

7. Updates from Regional/State Committees: WEMA is looking at moving the meetings to different areas in the state. SIEC has posted draft plan, looking for public comment.

8. Discussion: Increasing Dues - Schliesman talked about raising dues, but said we have to justify the raise in dues to the benefits. Sims mentioned that according to the bylaws, the members would have to vote on a raise in dues. Sims said the board would have to develop a resolution before the next WEMA Board Meeting.

9. President's Report: Schliesman talked about the WEMA Survey. A more consolidated document will be coming out in the near future. Discussion began about the National Plan Review. Stenbol said it tailored toward post-Katrina and that it skewed more toward areas and jurisdictions in the Hurricane and Earthquake zones.

11. Comments from Board Members: None

12. Any other Business: None

13. Next Meeting Date: August 2006, Stevens Point, WI

14. Adjournment: Motion by Sims / Braun. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.