

AAEM Board Meeting
Minutes

ACCA
Montgomery, Alabama
April 14, 2010

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Establishment of Quorum, Secretary Mindy Nash documented that the following board members were present: President: Dan Long, President-Elect Roy Waite, Immediate Past President: Ellen Haynes, Area Director 1: Ronnie Adair, Area Director 2: Jessica Tomlin-Seabrook, Area Director 4: Eric Jones, Area Director 6: Phyllis Little, Area Director 7, Deborah Gaither, Nominations and Credentials: Margaret Bishop, and Training and Certification: Patrice Payne. Quorum established.
 - b. Board Members absent: Area Director 3: Wayne Hayes, and Area Director 5: Scott Porter.
- II. Welcome
 - a. President Dan Long gave the welcome and presented the minutes from the previous board meeting.
- III. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. Ronnie Adair made a motion for accept the minutes dated January 26, 2010 as written and Roy Waite seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- IV. Summer/Hurricane Conference Update
 - a. 2010 Summer conference registration
 - i. AAEM – 47 members
 - ii. Hurricane Conference – 147 members
 - iii. 34 Exhibitors registered
 - b. Working on 50th Anniversary program. Anita McBurnett and committee have worked very hard to put this program together.
- V. 2011 and 2012 Summer Conferences
 - a. 2011-2012 Summer Conference, May 18, coincides with the County Administrators Conference at Perdido Beach Resort
 - i. Due to economic restrictions the board has asked the Area Directors to poll their counties to get their feedback for a location for the 2012 Summer Conference. The beach or another location in the State.
- VI. AAEM Workshop Committee Recommendations
 - a. 2011 Winter Workshop
 - i. Banquet has been cancelled.
 - ii. Monday G-course has been cancelled.
 - iii. Combine our AAEM Winter conference to coincide with the ACCA Legislative Conference.

1. Margaret Bishop likes the idea of combining meetings. It saves money. Additionally, it will allow Emergency Managers to interact with their Commissioners.
 2. Eric Jones thanked the Conference Review Committee for their work.
- b. 2011 Legislative Conference is in Auburn November 29 – December 1, 2011.
2012 Legislative Conference is in Montgomery – December 4-6, 2012
- i. Both hotels have room for AAEM to join with the Legislative Committee for our Winter Workshop.
 - ii. Roy Waite made the motion to join ACCA Legislative Conference and AAEM Winter Workshop for the next two (2) years, and Eric Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

VII. Committees outside AAEM

- a. Disaster Recovery, Eric Jones – Committee will meet second week of May and will incorporate ideas and suggestions. Hope to have a draft plan by summer conference. Lot of positive feedback from AAEM members.
- b. GIS, Dan Long – no changes, still moving forward.
- c. ACCA Education-Sonny revamped the training programs for County Government Basics. Each organization has additional courses for their respective groups. Sonny will introduce County Government Basic Certification. Dan Long made a motion to incorporate these classes into AAEM training, and Jessica Tomlin-Seabrook seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- d. Homeland Security Communications-no updates.
- e. EMPG-keep an eye on EMPG funding.
- f. Citizen Corps Review- be sure to return the survey that Brook Fussell sent out.
- g. Shelter Review-no progress since last meeting.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. Board recommendation that AAEM members must have a minimum of one (1) year membership to run for Area Director and three (3) years to run for President-Elect. Roy Waite made a motion to incorporate these recommendations, and Eric Jones seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- b. Nominations and Credentials
 - i. Margaret Bishop will send a request to Jonathan Gaddy to change constitution to allow nominations to be accepted by email.
 - ii. Nominations for Area Directors
 1. Area Director 1 – none
 2. Area Director 2 – Jessica Tomlin-Seabrook
 3. Area Director 3 – none
 4. Area Director 4 – none
 5. Area Director 5 – Scott Porter
 6. Area Director 6 – Phyllis Little
 7. Area Director 7 – Patrice Payne
 8. Area Director 8 –Ricky Little
- c. Award and Recognition

- i. Rookie of the Year
- ii. Career Achievement Award
- iii. Mitigation Award
- iv. Preparedness Award

1. Dan Long proposed the awards and certification be issued out in this order:

- a. State EMA certification and awards
- b. Presidents award
- c. Rookie of the Year
- d. Career Achievement Award
- e. Volunteer of the Year Award
- f. Preparedness Program of the Year Award
- g. Response Program of the Year Award
- h. Recovery Program of the Year Award
- i. Mitigation Program of the Year Award
- j. Pat Neuhauser Award

d. Training and Certification

- i. Talking with Kyle Eskridge on working with CDP to offer ENA classes strictly to Alabama EMA personnel only. The committee will be meeting with CDP to work this out.

e. Technology

- i. AAEM conference information is not on the website. We need to have it added.

f. Legislative

- i. Committee has put forth a lot of effort for the Washington trip. Two new members accompanied the committee, Leigh Ann Ryals and Rocky Milliman. They both have expressed interest to be a part of the Legislative Committee. Because of our relationship with ACCA, the county commissioners were discussing the same issues as the EMA Legislative Committee. This seemed to increase the success of the visits. Three of our five talking points were discussed in FEMA congressional hearings the following week.

g. Membership

- i. Working on new ideas to promote membership.

h. Conference

- i. No update. Going well.

i. Public Information

- i. No update.

IX. Other Business

- a. AAEM Masters Level Certification Item was tabled until the next board meeting. Have a lot of questions to bring before the board at the next meeting before approving.

X. Next Meeting

- a. June 1, 2010 at 10:30 am.

XI. Meeting adjourned