

Board Retreat Report

The Board of Directors of IAEM met in Phoenix last week for a very productive and interesting board meeting/retreat. I was pleased to be able to attend on your behalf.

Among the key discussions and priorities for the organization for 2009/2010 will be a highly productive Annual Conference in Orlando in November and increasing involvement with the committees under the new structure. We will be having our midyear conference at EMI immediately following the FEMA Higher Education Conference in early June. This year we will be working closely with Congressional staff to make sure that the issues of EMPG and EMI funding continue to be recognized as priorities for Emergency Managers, and appropriately addressed in the new Administration's budget.

We have a special committee working on EMI issues and a new IAEM committee on Health and Hospitals. Other committees have become re-energized this year, including the Public and Private Partnership Committee under Shane Stovall and Co-Chair Stephan Krill from Region 3. Consider becoming more involved by working on a national committee or on a special project for IAEM. (This is also a great way to advance in your CEM or recertification for CEM efforts.)

Children in Disaster

IAEM will be working with other national organizations on Children in Disaster, including a new course to be piloted this year. We will include the topic at both the National Community Preparedness Conference and our national conference. Watch for exciting advances in this area.

Citizen Corps

We continue to work with FEMA National Office of Citizen Corps on the National Community Preparedness Conference to be held in Crystal City, Virginia August 9-12th. I have been meeting with FEMA Citizen Corps officials over the past several months to help with the collaboration on this effort. We covered the new NETGuard IT Corp program in the last bulletin. For more information on this program contact either me or Jackie Snelling with National Citizen Corps.

Member Services

Check out your organization's Bulletin over the next several months for information on the IAEM-USA Council activities, and support your organization in this most critical time for Emergency Managers. We will continue to support the Bulletin, national conference, scholarships, and website as services to you as part of your membership.

Stay Active-Stay Informed. Congressional Activities

Our Policy Advisor Martha Braddock and Government Affairs Chair Randy Duncan encourage you to write letters, make calls, and visit your Congressional delegation over the next several months on behalf of IAEM. We are being asked more than ever for our views, so make your opinions known. If you are planning a visit to Washington to meet with any of your Senators or Congressional Representatives, please contact me or Martha Braddock and we can help you with your visit.

And this is an especially important time to support your organization by paying your dues, and encouraging others in your offices and organizations to join IAEM. We will continue to make our voices heard with a strong organization that speaks on your behalf. This year we will be expanding our efforts to work more closely with the State Associations, and especially state and local legislative liaisons.

Support to Regional/State Conferences

This year Region 3 will again support our State Conferences by providing a booth, sponsoring an event, or provide funds to the VEMA, MEMA, and KEMA (yes our Keystone, not Kentucky) conferences to ensure that a portion of your dues supports local educational and association efforts. If you have information about association meetings or conferences in DC, DE or WV, I would love to hear about them. Please contact me so that your officers can support your local efforts.

Scholarship Support

In these very tight economic times, it is especially important that we support the education of the next generation of Emergency Managers. At the national conference in Kansas City we donated funds to student scholarships through the IAEM Scholarship fund, and also to students from Region 3 who volunteered at the conference. If you or your employer, or other organization is looking to support an excellent cause, consider donations to the IAEM Scholarship fund this year.

ICS 300-400 Classes

In response to my request for information about ICS 300-400 classes available to our regional members, we got back several offers. These will be posted on our website with the contact information. In the meantime, our Vice President Hui-Shan Walker is our point of contact for promoting free or low cost training available to our members. If you or your organization is offering a training opportunity open to individuals outside your jurisdiction or organization, please contact us on the website and we will post it.

Job Offers

IAEM has a job bulletin board and we will post your Emergency Management jobs and points of contact on the website. Please consider contacting us to share your information with our members since you will be promoting the profession, as well as better serving your organization, and helping each other. Networking truly works within our organization.

SMEs

Thank you for your offers of support. We continue to grow the Subject Matter Expert/Speakers List for our Region. Check out our website and volunteer to be on our speaker list.

Contact me

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk with me about IAEM and your organization, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Mark Your Calendars

IAEM-USA 2009 Mid-Year Meeting ~ June 4-6, 2009 ~ National Emergency Training Center (EMI), Emmitsburg, MD

National Conference on Community Preparedness ~ Aug. 9-12, 2009 ~ Washington, DC, USA (Hyatt Regency Crystal City)

IAEM 57th Annual Conference & EMEX 2009 ~ Oct. 31-Nov. 5, 2009 ~ Orlando, FL, USA (Rosen Centre Hotel and Orange County Convention Center)

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