



Board Meeting
December 13, 2007
10:00 A.M
NDDES, Bismarck, ND

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Approval of last meeting Minutes.
4. Financial Report.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Final Conference Comments

NEW BUSINESS

6. By-Law change relating to election of Officers
7. (SIEC). State interoperability Executive Committee
8. Proposed elimination of EMGP funding at Federal Level

Other Business:

Adjourn

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Members Present: X Rick Hummel X Mary Hanretty
 X Libby Gravning X Renae Johnson
 X Teresa Johnson Jim Campbell
 X Lori Jones X Ken Jarolimek

Meeting called to order.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
MOTION, passed.**

Mary Hanretty motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting as written, second by Theresa Johnson. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Jones reported once two conference registration fees are collected, the association will have a \$1200 balance. Detailed report will be provided to board members.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. FINAL CONFERENCE COMMENTS

Lori Jones reported that there were 94 registered for the conference, 86 individual in attendance. A summary of the evaluations submitted was distributed with full comments.

APPROVAL OF CONFERENCE FEE INCREASE

MOTION, passed.

Theresa Johnson motioned to increase the conference fees from \$40 to \$50 for members, and from \$70 to \$80 for non-members. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: The conference in Fargo went over projected budget with food items coming in more expensive. The \$40 fee covers the rising cost of food. If the association continues to deliver the quality of conferences as in the recent years, more funding will be needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Board Member Status

Lori Jones reported that she will be leaving Emergency Management effective January 1, 2008. In the past, her position with emergency management has been within the sheriff's office. Effective January 1, 2008, Emergency Management in Cass County will be a

separate department. Jones reported that her position in the sheriff's office will allow her to remain on the board to finish out her term.

7. By-Law change relating to election of Officers

President Hummel reported that Jerry Bergquist, Chairman for the By-Laws & Resolutions Committee, feels it is not good to change the by-laws at this time. The by-laws state the elections are to be held at the annual meeting of the association which is the first meeting of the fiscal year. Any by-law changes are to be submitted in writing to the members for vote 30-days prior to the annual meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the state's two workshop being hosted this year. Libby Gravning relayed the southwest region's vote to keep the workshop in Bismarck, along with their discussion highlights favoring this decision.

Having elections at conference allows the board to work the full conference and not change out members half-way through conference preparations. With all the state changes at the present time, independence in the association gives stability to the members. Teresa Johnson, liaison with the by-laws committee will confer with Jerry Bergquist.

8. Proposed elimination of EMGP funding at Federal Level

Libby Gravning shared excerpts from an article written by Eileen Sullivan in the Associate Press regarding the Presidents final budget which cuts funding to EMPG, fire, law enforcement terrorism prevention, etc. Ken Jarolimek reported that Director Greg Wilz will be going to the NEMA Conference of state directors where these particular issues can be worked. Rick Hummel will visit with Al Reynolds and Greg Wilz regarding issue.

**9. (SIEC). State Interoperability Executive Committee
MOTION, passed.**

Rena Johnson motioned that President Hummel contact the three nominees in regard to being placed on the SIEC. Second by Libby Gravning. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

The association received a letter for MG Sprynczynatyk asking for a NDEMA member to sit on the SIEC. Russ Timmreck was presenting the information at the 911 Association meeting today. Nominations are: Gary Kostelecky, Charlie Russell, and Tammy Lapp-Harris.

**10. Motion to Adjourn.
MOTION, passed.**

Lori Jones motioned to adjourn meeting. Second by Rena Johnson. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED:

Lori Jones
Secretary/Treasurer

Rick Hummel, President
ND Emergency Management Assn.