



**Board Meeting
November 18, 2008
5:00 pm
Bismarck, ND**

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

OLD BUSINESS

5. Legislative Issues

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Association Committees
7. 2008 Conference Summary
 - a. registration
 - b. door prizes
 - c. training
 - d. exhibitors
8. 2009 Conference
 - a. dates
 - b. location
 - c. committee
9. Workshop
10. Other new business

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Members Present:

<u>X</u> Libby Gravning	<u>X</u> Shawna Paul
<u>X</u> Teresa Rotenberger	<u>X</u> Renae Johnson
<u>X</u> Al Reynolds	<u>X</u> Rick Hummel
<u>X</u> Lori Jones	<u>X</u> Ken Jarolimek

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION, passed.

Lori Jones motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Renae Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION, passed.

Al Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written. Second by Shawna Paul. Motion carried unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION, passed.

Teresa Rotenberger motioned to approval the financial report as presented. Second by Al Reynolds. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Al Reynolds motioned to give the legislative committee the go ahead and develop a plan on how to advance and bring back to the board on legislative issues. Second by Shawna Paul. Discussion: none. Unanimously passed.

Al Reynolds reported that since the conference, legislative came out with not many changes, and believes asking for another vote from members may be redundant. Brett Lambrecht has fielded calls on how can association members that are not emergency managers vote on something that doesn't affect them, it affects emergency managers. At that time, emergency managers were looking for support from the association. Members voted on recommendations, which has now been put to legislation. What was done in Minot is done, wording has gone to legislation for voting. We are going to impress legislation a lot more with association backing rather than one emergency manager. Dean Pearson wants to be on the legislative committee as he is afraid with that, that when the association recommended to support it, that now it says regional is optional it opens the

door for the state to use it, twisting the arm, but does that mean we are pushing for it, transferring the emergency management to a regional model bullet.

Discussion was had on how to proceed. We can show our support against it in trying to get it voted down. Only 11 went forward from the Association of Counties. Libby Gravning doesn't like the money in it, if you combine, there is money in it. Emergency managers had no input on the wording, that doesn't mean we don't have a say. Give legislative committee authority to do some work. There are 11 bills with 22 meetings (in house and in senate). If presented one-by-one, association should have option to voice concerns. Board pass authority to legislative committee who will address it to the board and get approval or disapproval on which direction to go.

Dean Pearson wanted to bring up the bill to remove cap and let county regulate fee for 911. Pearson is looking for a letter of support from the association to the 911 bill. Jerry Bergquist stated there is no sponsor on this bill. Directed to go to legislation committee as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES

By-Laws: Jerry Bergquist, Chair; Al Reynolds, required; questionable: Dave Rogness and Brent Nelson

Awards: Mary Senger, Chair; Lori Jones, required; questionable: Gary Stockert, Sally Jons, Tim Heisler

Legislative: Al Reynolds, Chair; Libby Gravning, required; Sandra Hanson, Mary Senger, Dean Pearson, Brett Lambrecht

Membership, Nominations: JoAnn Ozbun, Chair; Teresa Rotenberg, required; Renae Johnson, Dean Pearson

7. 2008 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Lori Jones reported there were 94 registrations received, 88 registered at attendance. She also distributed the summary and comments from the evaluations, and provided a financial breakdown. Still have comments on non-prepared presentations. Al Reynolds stated that had the Sleep Inn known they did not have all the presentations, they would have had a setup up front for us. Also suggested the door prizes move back into the exhibitor area.

8. 2009 CONFERENCE MOTION, passed.

Renae Johnson motioned to moved the Conference dates to September 16-18, 2009, second by Lori Jones. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Kostecky was present and informed the board that there is a conflict with hosting facilities for September 9-11, 2009. He proposed moving the conference to the following we and have it at the Grand Dakota Lodge. Gary will lock in when he gets back on Thursday.

Committees for 2009 Conference:
Registration: Lori Jones & Shawna Paul;
door prizes: Teresa Johnson & Renae Johnson;
Exhibitors: Libby Gravning
Training: Al Reynolds & Rick Hummel

Some suggestions mentioned for training are: Motor carried presentation, Kathy Spillman; John Haas from Canada. Keep in mind public health. Regional breakout sessions. Legislative review.

9. WORKSHOP

Lori Jones sought feedback with regard to sponsoring a workshop for association members this winter. Workshop could be from noon to noon give networking time in the evening with items such as breakouts for regional meetings and committee meetings, and some training. Feedback from the conference suggested members would like more networking time, and with the state having split their workshops last year, it left no time for members to network as a whole. Ken Jarolimek report that he and DES Director Greg Wilz had a brief discussion approximately one month prior regarding this topic at which time Director Wilz did not know what he wanted to do, he is aware of the feelings of the association members. Ken Jarolimek will check with Director Wilz and report back to President Libby Gravning.

**10. MOTION TO ADJOURN
MOTION, passed.**

Renae Johnson motioned to adjourn. Second by Al Reynolds.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED:

Lori Jones
Secretary/Treasurer

Libby Gravning, President
ND Emergency Management Assn.