

**NEMA 2014 Annual Emergency Management Policy & Leadership Forum
October 9-12, 2014
Atlanta, GA**

Draft General Session Minutes

October 12, 2014

Present *p = proxy

<u>Region I</u> Connecticut Maine Massachusetts – p New Hampshire - p Rhode Island – p Vermont – p	<u>Region II</u> New Jersey New York Virgin Islands	<u>Region III</u> Delaware - p District of Columbia Maryland Virginia West Virginia	<u>Region IV</u> Florida Georgia Mississippi - p North Carolina South Carolina
<u>Region V</u> Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota Ohio Wisconsin	<u>Region VI</u> Arkansas Louisiana New Mexico - p Oklahoma	<u>Region VII</u> Iowa Kansas Nebraska	<u>Region VIII</u> Colorado Montana North Dakota South Dakota Utah Wyoming
<u>Region IX</u> Arizona California - p Hawaii Nevada	<u>Region X</u> Alaska Idaho Oregon - p Washington		

President Charley English (GA) called the general session to order at 9:30 am and asked Secretary Bill Hackett (CT) to call the roll. There were 37 states/territories present and 9 proxies. A quorum was declared. English then showed a video message from Gov. Nathan Deal welcoming attendees to Atlanta, GA and commenting on the importance of emergency management.

Advancing Integrated Planning with the Private Sector - Bryan Koon, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management; Major Jeffrey D. Mottley, Commanding Officer, Emergency Management Section, New Jersey State Police; Robert Smith, Vice President, Air Group Security, UPS; Jim Williams, Corporate Manager, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Walgreens; Jonathon Monken, Director, Illinois Emergency Management Agency

The public-private panel discussed key issues associated with integrated planning between the private sector and emergency management. Memorandums of Agreement work well for some states and companies and not for others. The key is for government to recognize that the sooner business is able to open following a disaster the quicker their employees can get back to work and stabilize the economy and the faster private sector can provide supplies and commodities to the public so government can

focus their efforts elsewhere. Panelists discussed issues related to information sharing, common operating picture and situational awareness, data analytics and standards and decision-making tools.

When Will Moneyball Reach Emergency Management? Yee San Su, Senior Research Scientist, CAN
This session focused on the use of data analysis to support emergency management decision-making. A copy of the presentation slides is available on www.nemaweb.org.

NEMA Business Session

Voting on Committee Position Papers and Resolutions

Mitigation Committee – Mike Sprayberry (NC), Chair
A position paper was presented regarding the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program.

Moved: IL DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: MN

Reports by Officers

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Hard (CO) reported that in FY14 the NEMA Board of Directors approved a budget calling for spending down the fund balance by \$114,799. Instead, NEMA ended the fiscal year with \$5,126 in expense over revenue which was significantly better than anticipated. While memberships were in decline overall for the 6th straight year, other revenue made up the difference including revenue from the annual forum in Anchorage which had stronger than expected attendance. NEMA also benefitted from increased grant recovery from CSG. The organization had to expend \$6 million dollars in EMAC grant funds this fiscal year which resulted in greater than usual grant recovery. This was a unique situation that likely won’t be repeated. NEMA ended the fiscal year on solid financial ground with \$1,119,059 in the fund balance. NEMA also secured \$2,263,589 in grants and contracts.

In June, the Board of Directors approved the FY15 budget which called for spending down the fund balance by \$154,420. As of August 31, NEMA had \$350,769 in revenue over expense. That amount is directly tied to the influx of membership payments at the beginning of the fiscal year. Also, it reflects forum registration fees and sponsorships but not expenses. In terms of development activities to date, NEMA has secured \$2,100,000 in grants. There’s another \$310,000 in grant awards pending.

Secretary’s Report – Bill Hackett (CT) presented the draft 2014 Mid-Year Forum minutes for approval.

Moved: WV DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: AK

Membership Proposal – Bryan Koon (FL), Vice President

The Business Model Review Group presented a report to the State Directors and subsequent conversations brought about the following proposal.

Proposal:

1. Expand state member category to include all employees of state emergency management agencies effective immediately (these employees are currently eligible to participate in NEMA activities; this proposal will clarify that eligibility, clearly state that they are NEMA members, and provide them greater access to NEMA resources)
2. Clarify that the Key State Staff Category may include state employees other than those employed by the state emergency management agency, effective July 1, 2015. (this already exists)
3. Increase state dues by \$300 (for states, \$3200 to \$3500) effective next fiscal year on July 1, 2015. This is necessary to offset the loss of revenue from the change to Key State Staff criteria.
4. Standardize cost for state & territorial attendees at \$550 for mid-year forum. This is necessary to reflect the change in membership category for state emergency management personnel.

This proposal is cost neutral to the organization based on current membership levels and projected Mid-Year Forum attendance. This proposal assumes no additional NEMA staff work. NEMA will not keep a by-name roster of each state emergency management member aside from the State Director. NEMA will determine the best approach for state staff to have access to the NEMA website. An additional dues increase will likely be necessary at the next annual forum; this proposal will only clarify membership and will not address on-going financial issues.

Moved: NC DISPOSITION: PASSED
Second: WA Opposed: DE

Adoption of NEMA Strategic Plan – President English presented the draft Strategic Plan for 2015-2018 for adoption.

Moved: HI DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: NC

Officer Elections – Past President John Madden (AK) presided over the election of officers. He announced the candidates:

Vice President – Jonathon Monken, Illinois
Treasurer – Dave Hard, Colorado
Secretary – Bill Hackett, Connecticut

According to Robert’s Rules of Order nominations may be made from the floor if at the time of nomination the candidate can produce the necessary documents. Madden called for nominations from the floor and there were none.

A motion was made to close nominations:

Moved: FL DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: AZ

A motion was made to approve the slate of officer candidates:

Moved: MN DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: ND

Remarks by Incoming NEMA President - Bryan Koon accepted the president's gavel from outgoing President Charley English and thanked him for his service. Koon outlined several focus areas for the coming year including shaping national policy, expanding information sharing between states, advancing the profession through training for newly appointed state directors, strengthening the finances of the association, and partnerships.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Annual Forum at 12 pm.

Moved: AK DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: GA