

## WEMA Board Meeting Minutes

Grand Geneva Resort  
7036 Grand Geneva Way  
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Monday, April 3, 2006  
2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M

### Officers Present:

Ben Schliesman, President	Kenosha County EM Director
Cullen Peltier, Past President	Brown County EM Director
Bruce Sim, East Central Representative	Outagamie County EM Director
Carl Stenbol, Southeast Representative	Milwaukee County EM Director
Pat Beghin, Southwest Representative	Columbia County EM Director
John Elliott, Northwest Representative	Jackson County EM Director

### Members present:

Shirley Connors	Rock County
Tanna McKeon	Green County
Lynn Boening	Waushara County
Kathy Krusiec	Dane County
Kevin Williams	Walworth County
David Gribble	Florence County
Don Wilmot	Winnebago County
Clarence Puza	Oneida County
Ken Kortenhof	Oneida County
Dawn Robinson	Onieda County
Rob Schmid	Washington County
Cheryl McCrary	Kenosha County
Jennifer Warmke	Dodge County

### Others present:

Larry Reed	WEM
Erik Lowman	WEM
Ernest Meress	UWM
Keith Tveit	WEM

### Quorum present.

- 1. Call to Order:** President Schliesman called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda (Sims / Connors). Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of February 9, 2006 Minutes:** Motion to approve Minutes (Sims / Stenbol). Motion Carried.
- 4. Treasurers Report:** Schliesman distributed the Treasurers Report for review.

Balance of the checking account as of 2-9-06:	\$11,096.00
Deposits Added	\$ 785.00

Expenses Subtracted	\$ 435.65
Balance Forward	\$11,445.35
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 6,026.92
<b>Total Balance:</b>	<b>\$17,472.27</b>

Currently there are 114 active members, 65 associate members and 15 sustaining members for a total of 194 members. Motion (Sims / Peltier) to approve the Treasurers Report.  
Motion carried.

- 5. NIMS Update:** Jerry Haberl spoke regarding NIMS. They have met as an advisory group to put together a plan to implement NIMS. He will discuss this more in the breakout session at the conference tomorrow. They are also in the process of creating a website, an email question and answer resource site, putting together a 2006 validation system for jurisdictions and are also looking at an auditing process for those jurisdictions. The goal is to make NIMS easier to understand and they are working hard to get this accomplished. There was a question raised about some departments within a jurisdiction being 100% compliant and others not participating at all and how that would affect the validation of jurisdiction. The validation of a jurisdiction would be based on a whole, not departmentally so this will help in those instances. It was questioned in regards to exercising if multi-county exercises if the participating counties can get exercise credit. Rob Rude stated that this has been done in the past and he didn't see why it would change. It was also asked if full-scale exercise credit would be given for actual events and that will continue, however an AAR would have to be completed.

**6. Statutory and Ad-Hoc Committee Reports/Issues:**

- Conference – Schliesman said the WEMA Conference will be held sometime in October.
- Legislative
  - Several US Senators signed a letter to increase EMPG funding. A letter was also sent from WEMA for the same thing. Rob Rude said that the Senate had voted to restore EMPG funding to the '05 level for '06. The Governor's Office will be encouraging the same. NEMA has the same concerns and is in favor of writing letters.
  - The Governor will sign the State Disaster Relief Fund bill on Wednesday.
- Membership & Information – Nothing to report
- Public Affairs
  - Community Television Production – Elliot explained that they had a meeting last week regarding PSA's and produced four different scripts that will be used to produce commercials for WEMA and WEMA related issues.
  - Website Update – Elliot shared the changes that were made to the website which included a legislative tab, removal and add-ons, links to county EM sites, new look to the site, and other changes. Elliot mentioned the WEMA logo contest. Current stats show that since September of '04 the website has had 7,519 visits and 15,996 page view.

**7. Updates form Regional / State Committees:**

- Emergency Services Advisory Group- The group has not met yet, the meeting is planned for April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- WEM / WEMA Certification – Peltier reported that there is no longer a test for either program. The committee is reviewing what will be required for continuing certification. A class substitution for the Municipal Planning Course since it is no longer offered will be IS-235.

**8. Discussion:**

- Dues-Schliesman reported the WEMA is looking into raising membership dues in the future. Currently dues are \$15. Minnesota charges \$30 per year and Michigan charges \$45

per year. Sims noted that a resolution to increase dues must be proposed within 60 days of the annual meeting in order for an increase to be considered.

- WEMA Display-Schliesman reported that the WEMA display could stand to be updated after the new logo has been designed and that members should think about what they would like to see.

**9. WEMA Survey:** The finalized WEMA survey results will be sent out this week.

**10. President's Report:** DHS is looking for input on the Federal Strategic Plan. The plan is on the WEMA website for review.

**11. Comments from Board Members:** Stenbol reported that the Southeast region has completed their planning on Mass Evacuation and is sharing their plan with other regions. The guidance was done with the intention that the plan could be easily adapted to be used in other regions across the state.

**12. Any other Business:** None

**13. Next Meeting Date:** Tentatively June 8, 2006 is planned for the next meeting date in Steven's Point.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion by Sims / Elliot. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.