



**Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association
(NEPA) Annual Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 11th, 2020 (5:00 pm)**

Call to Order -5:11 pm

President's Report-Yuri thanked the members for the opportunity to serve. He was initially hesitant, but happy he made the decision to serve as President. Hopes to build a strong bridge between IAEM and NEPA as he serves as Region IX President. Yuri ended his term, and introduced incoming President Roy Anderson. Roy is honored to serve as president. Solome presented Yuri with a plaque, and thanked him for his leadership and service. Roy mentioned he would like to propose switching the election period for the Treasurer to be opposite of the president. He will add this to agenda for executive board to consider.

Vice President-No report

Treasurer-All monies for the conference has been collected. Collected approximately \$50k between sponsors, exhibitors and registration fees. A balance will be available for booking next year's Summit. Registration fees for the 2020 Summit totaled \$4,500. After paying for 2020 Summit, approximately \$22k will be left in the account. Solome will send out a treasurer's report sometime in the next week once conference costs have been calculated and settled.

Secretary-No report

Advocacy Committee- Carolyn will monitor the 2021 session for legislation that may affect our members. Additionally, NEPA can write support or opposition letters for bills if desired.

Preparedness Summit Committee-Michelle received a lot of positive feedback on the 2020 Summit so far. The live stream was working well and also well-received. Matt Williams will chair the 2021 Summit in Reno. Roy mentioned exhibitors were happy with the foot traffic.

Marketing Committee-Summit presentations and videos will be uploaded and available on the new website. Working on setting up registration for next year's conference on new website. Major project will be transferring membership database from old website to new. Long term goal for the website/marketing committee is creating a NEPA online store for NEPA-branded items. Discussion that the items should be made to order. Yuri suggested working with business contacts we have that make custom items for businesses.

Certification Committee-No report

Higher Ed Committee-No report. Roy mentioned a VOAD committee will be established.

Southern Nevada Chapter-Mary Camin mentioned a So NV meeting will be after the next quarterly EM breakfast. FEMA want sot advertise/recruit for its Youth Preparedness project and include Nevada more. Will be promoted through this chapter. Roy suggested reaching out to ROTC programs, and talk to Mike Wilson about how to recruit students to apply for the project.

Western Nevada Chapter- Will meet after the EM breakfast in March. Reaching out to start planning the 2021 Summit.

Eastern Nevada Chapter-No updates.



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President Wrap-Up- Roy received feedback detailing his vision for the direction of NEPA. He plans to focus on strengthening chapters in 2020 as they are the catalyst to moving NEPA forward. NEPA can help with the SME list, Resilience Commission and any statewide projects. Proposed a small chapter conference 6 months after the Summit. He would also like to strengthen tribal membership in chapters. Jon asked how many tribal members we have, but this is not tracked.

Jon proposed recruiting tribal advocates to bolster membership, bu possibly sponsoring membership for a few tribal members so they can spread the word.

MaryAnn mentioned that Elko uses their HazMat meeting to try to recruit members, including mining as 5 counties attend the meeting.

Roy wants to try to engage partners by having them present at chapter meetings. Also would like to start a membership program for more than just students. Yuri suggested a student scholarship for students to attend the conference. Roy also proposed a internship program for the future, they could help with the conference to attend/network.

A question was asked about the growing conference attendees. Silver Legacy can accommodate 500, may have to re-evaluate for 2022.

Chief Luna mentioned he is excited for the growth of NEPA and that he and the State are happy to promote and support the association.

Meeting adjourned-5:45