



**Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association (NEPA)
Executive Board Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (1:15 pm)**

Call to Order

Present- Roy Anderson, Matt Williams, Kara Easton, Angeline Szymanski, Jon Bakkedahl, Cheryl Nagy, Amanda Windes, Kelly Echeverria, General Membership

Approval of Minutes-approved

Recognition of Guests/New Members- Thank you for attendance at the conference and attending the annual meeting.

Old Business- List of SMEs-Kara and Guy are working on a spreadsheet, hashing out the details so that the form results are easy to use for NEPA leadership. Roy asking what needs to be done, Kara stated the issue with Google Forms is when it gets downloaded. Basically, it is the output that we are having issues with. Could put it out now, just needs to be organized on our end.

NVEM/NVEM-A Certification-Matt is working on getting the certification into a form; Matt will continue with this. Roy said this is critical to get this pushed out. Roy mentioned either live session or recording screen/video step-by-step to provide assistance/training on how to apply.

Research Project/Program Certification – NEPA is in support of Amanda's doctoral project; this was voted on by the executive team via email. Amanda has reached out to folks to ask her to review questions that will be on the survey. Amanda introduced the project to attendees, with the goal of the project for entities to have guidance on how to meet or exceed NRS requirements for emergency planning.

New Business-Membership Cards-Angeline looking for blessing to add membership cards to website. Cheryl asked what the cost was, no cost estimates yet. Looking for blessing to look it up. Will share at next meeting.

Website Management-professional website management. Guy and Angeline both supported this, need pricing info at a future meeting.

Introduction of Matt Williams as new VP-Thank you to Kara, congrats to Matt. Will be filling vacancies for Western NV and conference committee.

Change Higher Education Committee to Education Committee-Roy would like to change the name to Education to open membership to all levels, may be looking for a new chair. May have folks who are interested. Cheryl and Angeline voiced support.

2021 Legislative Session-Kelly introduced as the Advocacy committee chair. AB 14, changing meeting frequencies for EM-related state and tribal meetings, supporting. AB 93, automatic 15-day length for a declared emergency unless approved by legislature. Another bill in a similar vein is SB 88 except it is an automatic 30-day termination. Thorough and careful review prior to any support or opposition should be done by NEPA executive team. SB 15, post NRS required ERP, physical copies only on request, adds PUC and NDEP and DOE required to submit. In support. SB 36. Add district health to schools' plan review. School task force is proposing a friendly bill amendment for language. Instead of state approving plans, they review.

Officer/Committee Reports

Vice President-none



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Treasurer-none

Secretary -Approximately 200 members as of 2/9, reminder to those renewing that most are due on 3/1. The email will be coming from WordPress/Stripe. Email for membership questions is secretary@nepaonline.org.

Advocacy Committee-heard earlier.

Preparedness Summit Committee -Summit is going well. Looking at Silver Legacy in Reno in 2023, contract transferred from the 2021 Summit. Cheryl volunteered to assist for 2022 planning. Discussion already to look at 2022 locations.

Public Affairs and Marketing- Guy is uploading the rest of membership to our payment processing service. Last board meeting for Guy, will assist in transition. Big thank you to Guy for all of his hard work in this committee.

Certification Committee-none.

Utilities Committee-none.

Education Committee- Some education emergency management professionals were invited to be members of TMCC Bachelor's advisory committee.

VOAD Committee-State VOAD/VOAD partners are working at the testing sites statewide. Cheryl stated that if people want to help at vaccination POD they must go through SERVNV.org. Next quarterly is March 8, looking to combine North and South into one VOAD. Challenges due to COVID, waiting for folks to get back on the ground.

Chapter Reports-

Western Nevada Chapter-none

Eastern Nevada Chapter -Vacant

Southern Nevada Chapter-Vacant

Additional Comments/Questions

Specific membership questions were asked, which were addressed offline.

President's Comments-Thank you again, looking forward to 2021 for NEPA.

Adjourned



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▼ **Participants (18)**

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AS	Angeline Szymanski-CCWRD (Me)		
MW	Matt Williams (Host)		
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RA	Roy Anderson		
GD	Guy DeMarco		
AB	Anthony Burton		
BK	Becky Knapp		
BE	Bill Elliott		
BF	Brian Foote		
CN	Cheryl Nagy		
CH	Crystal Harjo, NTECC		
JH	Jeff Hahn (LVCVA)		
JF	Joanne Farris		
JB	Jon Bakkedahl		
KE	Kara Easton		
KE	Kelly Echeverria		
LB	Lindsey Bartlett		
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