



WSEMA

Washington State Emergency Management Association

WSEMA Executive Board Meeting Minutes September 4, 2018 Phone Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Pattijean Hooper, Sandy Duffy, JoAnn Boggs, Lee Shipman, Eli King, James Yates, Matthew Lieuallen, Brenda Bramwell

Not in attendance: Chuck Wallace

Call to Order

Update on the Executive Board SOG Workgroup

- Eli has emailed everyone the draft documents for review for their current role or other roles they have held previously and has asked to review for accuracy and the “ideal” responsibilities. The goal is to be able to share these with those who are interested in running for a position during the September meeting.
- As a reminder the due date is September 10th and please included Eli and Pattijean as Eli is conducting a full scale exercise on the 14th and will not be available until after that date.

New WSEMA Mailbox

- New mailbox is located in Olympia, thanks to Chuck. The board does have it for the next six months which will allow the new board to make decisions on what will work best for them.
- We will not be posting the new address to the website until after September 20, 2018 to avoid any potential conflict prior to the conference.

Ballot Discussion –

Follow up from the President on the question from members on the process the ballots were mailed out.

- Based on our Bylaws and Constitution and what is actually written down and documented we have followed our process for mailing out the ballots.
- All 9 mailed in ballots have been received and are un-open and will remain up-open until the official count of all ballots.

Noted concerns from the executive board during discussion

- Validating the mail in ballots with the membership list of current members who have paid dues.

- Process to ensure the mail in ballots are also anonymous throughout the counting process after validation.
- Voting fraud since the ballot was posted on the website
- Concerns about the inclusion of the additions to the Bylaws & Constitutions (new items social media policy, etc.), should not have been included on the ballot at all.
- Board members are not comfortable the amount of change and only wanted to offer up the electronic voting to the general membership
- Board members feels like the recommended changes from the Committee and the vote has been rushed and is not comfortable with the amount of changes on the ballot.
- Concerns that the general membership will not vote because the process has flaws.
- Concerns that the board will be seen in a negative light by the general membership

Discussion to move the vote forward

- Eli, Pattijean, JoAnn, James, Jayme, and Brenda have all agreed to research Roberts Rules of Order, the WSEMA Bylaws and Constitution, and identify any precedent settings for how to address the specific concerns for a general membership vote during the September meeting.
- This group will:
 - Identify a process to validate mail in ballots and in-person ballots to ensure accuracy to the best of the board's ability to verify members who have paid dues are only being counted once.
 - We have all agreed that we will follow the process that will be developed by the above group through the ballot counting process.

Good of the Order

JoAnn – Has requested to talk to Pattijean after the call to discuss how to move forward with the Scholarship Award recipient and those who did not receive a scholarship.