

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS (EMAT) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 11:56AM EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

EMAT President Kevin Starbuck called to order a meeting of the General Membership at the EMAT Symposium at 11:56 AM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The General Membership Meeting was called to order during the Member Appreciation Banquet. There were approximately 150 members in attendance and a quorum of the membership was present according to the 10% rule per the existing EMAT Bylaws.

Kevin Starbuck welcomed everyone to the Symposium and General Membership Meeting and thanked them for their support of EMAT. He thanked the Symposium Planning Committee for all their hard work and stated that this year's Symposium was one of the largest yet. He also encouraged the membership to become involved on EMAT Committees.

Treasurer Dee Harrison presented the Financial Report. She reported that the membership total had grown from 275 to 309 members with 129 membership renewals pending. There was \$33,000 in income generated from January 1, 2018 from dues income and symposium registrations. She announced that EMAT had accomplished measures to reduce expenses. These measures include transitioning to a new website and member database, thus saving approximately \$3000 per year and by streamlining symposium expenses where possible.

TEM Commission Member Cindy Mohat updated the membership on the changes to the TEM program, since accepting the TEM Certification program from the University of North Texas. She reviewed some of the revisions to the rules, processes, fees and the examination. One of the most important changes is that the TEM Commission will accept and review TEM applications electronically and membership in EMAT is required in order to obtain and maintain the TEM certification.

Bylaws Task Force Chair Patrice Reisen Hicks presented the proposed Bylaw Revisions for Membership approval. She discussed the Bylaw Revision process and reported that the comments received from the membership during the 60-day comment period were included in the revisions. She announced that one of the main revisions was that the officers would be elected by the members present at the time of the annual meeting. Another revision reduces the number of regions from 7 to 6 to align with the Texas Department of Public Safety Regions. With there being no questions or comments, the proposed Bylaw Revisions were accepted as presented.

President Kevin Starbuck asked if there was any additional business for discussion. With there being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Starbuck
President

Cindy Mohat
Secretary

Jim Coles
Executive Director