

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

President Sharon Nalls, CEM, TEM called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Emergency Management Association of Texas at 11:34 am on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Marcos, Texas.

Chandelle Crane, EMAT staff, conducted the roll call of the Board. Board members participating in all or a portion of the meeting were Karen Adkins, CEM, Jeff Braun, Shelly Butts, Jamie Galloway, TEM, George Garrett, Dee Harrison, CEM, TEM, Jeb Lacey, CEM, Cindy Mohat, CEM, TEM, Sharon Nalls, CEM, TEM, Patrice Reisen, Courtney Ring, CEM, Billy Ted Smith, Kevin Starbuck, CEM, Jeff Suggs, RJ Thomas and Brenda Vermillion. Others participating in the meeting were EMAT members Steve Rosa and Susannah Thorne and EMAT staff James E. Coles, CAE, Nancy Davis and Chandelle Crane.

President's Report

Sharon Nalls welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and thanked them for their support during the past six years. She proposed conducting the 2013 Officer Election by individual elections starting with the President, then Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Seargent At Arms. Each nominee would have a chance to address the Board for three to five minutes before conducting a secret ballot. The Executive Director would be responsible for counting the votes, with oversight by Steve Rosa, before delivering the election result to Sharon Nalls. A motion was made to approve the Officer Election and allow Sharon Nalls to preside until the last election was held.

Officer Elections

Sharon Nalls requested nominations for the office of President. RJ Thomas nominated Jeb Lacey. Jeff Suggs nominated Jamie Galloway. Each nominee addressed the Board on why they wanted to serve as President and what issues they felt were important facing EMAT in the future. After a vote was cast, Jeb Lacey was elected as President for a two year term.

Sharon Nalls requested nominations for the office of Vice President. George Garrett nominated Jamie Galloway. Courtney Ring nominated Karen Adkins. Each nominee addressed the Board on their service to EMAT and what issues they felt were important to the future of EMAT. After a vote was case, Jamie Galloway was elected as Vice President for a two year term.

Sharon Nalls requested nominations for the office of Secretary. Jeff Suggs nominated Karen Adkins. No other nominations were received. Karen Adkins was elected by acclamation.

Sharon Nalls requested nominations for the office of Treasurer. George Garrett nominated Shelly Butts. No other nominations were received. Shelly Butts was elected by acclamation.

Sharon Nalls requested nominations for the office of Seargent At Arms. Jamie Galloway nominated Billy Ted Smith. Jeb Lacey nominated Kevin Starbuck. Each nominee addressed the Board and their involvement in EMAT. After a vote was cast, Kevin Starbuck was elected as Seargent At Arms.

Sharon Nalls thanked the Board again and stated she looked forward to serving as Past President and passed the gavel to President Jeb Lacey.

Approval of Minutes

Jeb Lacey presented the minutes from the October 23, 2012 Board Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Shelly Butts presented the Treasurer's Report, which consisted of the 2012 Year End Report and the Balance Sheet. She reported that there was a positive net income for the year of \$2297. She commented that this was a good financial performance considering that there was not a 2012 Symposium and that there was an unbudgeted expenditure for the commemorative coins. After a discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Shelly Butts reported that the EMAT Financial Procedures Manual would be presented at the next Board Meeting for consideration. She commented that she had reviewed the document with Jim Coles, CAE to ensure that there were not any bylaw inconsistencies.

Membership Report

Shelly Butts reported that the membership total was 515, which is an all time high. For purposes of any voting by the membership, the 10% rule of the delegate members, would require 51 votes for any voting action.

Conflict of Interest Forms

Jim Coles, CAE reported that each of the Board members and Committee Chairs would be required to complete a conflict of interest form for 2013.

Committees

Bylaws

There was a discussion about changing the bylaws to allow the general membership to elect the President. Jeb Lacey announced he would appoint a working group to look at this issue before the next Board Meeting. A comment was made that only 59 members voted electronically for this year's Board of Director's election. It was

suggested that EMAT look at an ascension program and do more to promote the candidates, possibly by video, prior to electronic voting.

Awards

Jeff Braun reported that he would continue to refine the awards process and asked if anyone had any comments to please share with him.

Communications

Karen Adkins reported that there were a lot of "Like" remarks on the EMAT Facebook page.

Conference

Jeb Lacey reported that this year's Symposium was a great success. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the TDEM Conference next month.

Legislative

George Garrett reported that he would meet with Chief Nim Kidd to offer the assistance of EMAT on any issue. He also wanted to convey to the Chief that EMAT would support and promote TDEM. He requested that he would like Sharon Nalls to serve on the Legislative Committee. She graciously accepted his offer to serve on the committee.

Membership/Marketing

Jeb Lacey reported that Mariah Armitage was very active in supporting and developing a very tangible product for the Symposium.

Nominating

Jamie Galloway reported that the next election would be in 2015 and suggested that nominations and promoting candidates begin in 2014. He announced that 7-8 of the Board Members would be ineligible for re-election and would be leaving. There was a discussion regarding the vacancy in Region 4 and Region 6. Pat Patton has recommended Jack Hammond as a possible candidate. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

TEM

Sharon Nalls reported that the TEM application packets are updated and the recertification packets are on the website. There was a discussion on how to contact the TEM certified members that need to recertify. It was stated that it would be difficult to go back through old records to identify TEM certifications in Texas, but a suggestion was made to go to the CEM Commission on the website and solicit membership in EMAT. This issue would be passed onto Mariah Armitage for a goal of the Membership/Marketing Committee.

Public-Private Partnership

Jeb Lacey reported that Courtney Ring was the Co-Chair of the committee. He reported that there would be a quarterly spotlight of successful partnerships in Texas.

Website

It was suggested that there be a review of the committee pages on the website and update everything.

Jeb Lacey announced that the next Board Meeting would be in March in conjunction with the TDEM Conference. He reported he would review the schedule of the conference and notify the Board next week. He encouraged everyone to make their hotel reservations. There was discussion regarding a hospitality suite and the possibility of checking with Casa Rio Restaurant for the room, drinks and snacks.

Other Business

Jeb Lacey requested a copy of the Committee Review Project in evaluating the committees. He wants to involve the membership more with committees.

Cindy Mohat commented that she thought the EMAT website was not a user friendly site and not easy to find things.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeb Lacey
President

James E. Coles, CAE
Executive Director