

MAINE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, **28 APRIL, 2021**, 1400

Attending: Dale Rowley, Raymond Lussier, Emily Kaster, Andrew Braley, Andrew Sankey

The Call to Order was made and the meeting commenced at 1400.

Following introductory comments made by Dale Rowley, it was stated that there are no formal minutes to be approved. Dale offered an informal treasurer's report discussing funds on-hand, totaling approximately \$7000-\$8000.

Communications: There were no formal communications

Member comments: Ray Lussier shared that he has fulfilled a work obligation and has returned to his life safety business, presently focusing on technical rescues and allied trainings.

Emily Kaster shared that she is conducting thesis research exploring the degree of professionalization among public sector emergency managers in Maine, as well as the graduate certificate EM programs at UMaine and UNE. Emily Kaster inquired as to the possibility of MALEM providing scholarship funding in support of these programs. There was ensuing discussion regarding the establishment of a core curriculum for Maine emergency managers.

Old Business: Dale Rowley shared that the Association's bylaws require updating with a draft forthcoming for review by the Executive Committee and following, the Association's membership. A discussion ensued in review of the pending drafts.

New Business: Dale Rowley solicited for assistance in managing the Association's website.

A brief discussion took place to review the current membership dues structure, with a proposal to reduce the annual rate from \$25 to \$10.

Budget: Dale Rowley presented a proposed budget. Moved by Andrew Braley and seconded, Sankey; Motion passed.

Dale Rowley asked that we consider the need to renew our affiliation with Maine Municipal Association; it was decided to forgo our present usage based upon the cost versus services; moved by Sankey, seconded by Andrew Braley. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding membership development and in seeing all Maine municipal EMs engaged, along with private sector and nonprofit participants.

Board Member comments: None.

Dale Rowley shared that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on 25 May, 2021, Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 1447.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Sankey