

MAINE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, 22 JUNE, 2021, 1401

Attending: Dale Rowley, Olga Rumney, Emily Kaster, Andrew Braley, Andrew Sankey, Jesse Legros

The Call to Order was made and the meeting commenced at 1401.

Minutes were not available from the May meeting and will be presented at the July meeting along with June's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: \$8,186.09 in savings; \$73.21 in checking; and \$50.00 in new membership fees to go into checking. Andrew Braley made a motion to accept report, Olga seconded, all accepted.

No new communications as of today.

Association Bylaw changes: Andrew Braley stated that he is still receiving votes from membership. He will send an email to Dale at the end of the month with official results, but it seems that most are accepting of the changes at this point. Dale asked if anyone had any comments regarding the proposed changes. None were offered.

Website management. Dale received a blog article from Emily Kaster (Thank you Emily) which he posted on the website. Dale has been sending emails to MALEM members as blogs are posted in hopes that it will entice folks to go to the webpage. He is trying to promote the website as much as possible.

Emily Kaster shared the status of her survey. She is hoping to have it all together by this fall. She received about 100 responses.

Annual Meeting: Dale mentioned that August was originally slated for the date of the annual Association meeting but he would like to aim for September instead. He will send out a poll so that we can find a time and date that works for most folks.

Still looking to recruit Chairs for different committees: Awards, Education, Legislative and Membership. Dale noticed that most of Emily's projects sort of center on membership and asked if she might like to Chair that Committee. Emily said she would check into it and get back to us.

MALEM Scholarship Program: Did anyone have anything else to say regarding it? Emily said she is standing by and is just waiting to hear from the Executive Board to say yes or no. Andrew Braley likes the idea. And the only way to see if there is interest is to put it out there. Dale asked if we wanted to make a motion to make it an official program. Andrew Braley made a motion to accept and move forward as Emily's one page idea had suggested. Olga seconded, and it was unanimously agreed upon. (Olga asked for Emily to please resend the page to her as she cannot find it.) Emily will reconnect with the Board with updated info and strategies before "pushing out" any scholarship info. Dale mentioned that we need to come up with a way to maintain a consistent funding source. Maybe an event dedicated to making funds specifically for the program, such as an auction. Something that can be done online instead of in person. One of the Food Pantries in Waldo County does an online Auction that creates \$8-9000/year for them.

Emily advised that her blog posting was designed to get emails for her, she is standing by to receive them. She is going to start making phone calls to specific people in an attempt to get the ball rolling.

Dale likely not make the July MALEM Board Meeting and Andrew said he can chair it.

Meeting adjourned at 1414.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga Rumney