

MAINE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGERS

MINUTES OF MALEM MONTHLY MEETING, 28 June 2022, 1400

Attending: Dale Rowley, Sarah Bennet, Rob McGraw, Matthew Mahar, Emily Kaster, Olga Hussey, Joe Legee, Henry Obrey, Michael Durkin, William Guindon, Alsina Brenenstuh, John Bellino, Annabelle

Call to Order: The meeting of the executive committee commenced at 1400, conducted online.

Minutes: Following introductory comments made by Dale Rowley, a review of the minutes and the business conducted during the 24 May 2022 meeting was presented. Olga Hussey moved to accept the minutes; this was seconded by Andrew Sankey; there was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Olga Hussey reported the following:

Savings-	\$6315.01
Checking-	\$ 195.70
Total-	\$6510.41

There were no expenditures.

The report was presented, moved by Dale Rowley, voted unanimously, and approved.

Member comments: Sarah Bennett inquired as to voting privileges and membership status of members, with Dale Rowley offering explanation.

Elections: Dale Rowley spoke to the coming November election for both president and secretary. Dale inquired as to if the organization should temporarily appoint a vice-president or await the coming November balloting. It was conversationally decided to leave the position vacant.

Old Business:

1. Emily Kaster spoke to fundraising for the MALEM scholarship, suggesting this be leveraged and combined with the state preparedness conference. Emily shared MEMA is amenable to MALEM hosting a mixer; as such, MALEM will better formulate our intentions accordingly prior to requesting this formally.
2. Survey update- Emily Kaster spoke to the membership survey; Andrew Sankey spoke to next steps, with Emily responding she suggests the survey's results be publicly posted on the MALEM site for transparency. Dale Rowley suggested the executive committee meet to review findings and integrate its recommendations in a planning session to be convened in-person.
3. Training seminars, CEM-ME and BEM I & II: Dale reported that he has coordinated with Director Woods and is preparing an informational Zoom session tentatively scheduled for 20 July, for interested applicants.
4. Preparedness Conference- Emily Kaster spoke to the planned MALEM mixer and combined breakout session panel discussion. Also discussed were details of the Augusta Civic Center's pricing for services and associated costs, along with prospective panelists slated to speak.

Membership status /outstanding dues – Dale Rowley shared that dues submissions are remaining halfway through the year, with some prominent members still outstanding.

New Business:

1. Dale Rowley spoke to the need for developing individuals to fulfill appointed positions that will serve to further the organization.
2. Dale Rowley opened discussion on the need or interest in holding a MALEM annual meeting. Matthew Mahar suggested an in-person meeting, to be convened once, annually, to serve this purpose.
3. Sankey suggested development of a Radio Rodeo to take place in the Bangor region.
4. Matthew Mahar spoke to an article on de-confliction in EM, with Dale Rowley committing to see it published and shared by MALEM.

Communications/Presentations: Joe Legee offered thanks for the opportunity to attend and Bill Guindon commended the organization's efforts and initiatives.

Next meeting: Dale Rowley shared the next meeting of the association convenes on 26 July 1400, via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1455.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Sankey