



Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026 via Zoom

- Call to order (Please drop your full name into the chat)
- Approval of Minutes -- Approved
- Treasurer's Report
- Report of Officers
 - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
 - Awards and Scholarships
 - Legislation
 - Training & Education
 - Training Session Delivery Platform: Google Platform -- In progress
 - Planned distro targets - MALEM, MMA, MFCA and Maine Town, City, and County Administrators Association.
- Old Business - None
- New Business
 - By-Law Updates to be sent to members for vote
- Open forum for member comments
- Adjournment
- Next Meeting: July 14th at 2:00 pm

Awards

Service Award – Kelsey Preecs

Lifetime Achievement Award – Tony Fletcher

Emerging Professional Award – Chris McCall

Mentorship Award – Bill Guindon

Primary By Law change recommendations include:

Dropping the IRS 501c3 designation. We have received no benefits from this designation. However, we must fill out IRS reports every year, and we are not allowed to lobby for EM legislation.

Regarding the IRS 501c3 -

- Tax deductible donations need to be very large for a donor to get any benefit
- No one has ever requested a donor benefit letter in 27 years
- Exemption for Income Tax - Income needs to exceed \$50,000 per year for benefit
- 501c3 does not include sales tax. MALEM is not eligible for state sales tax exemption
- Does not provide Liability protection for elected officers. However, the State Incorporation does provide this benefit

Simplify our association mission to:

1. To educate statewide-elected officials on the field of emergency management.
2. To train and educate statewide local Emergency Managers.

Change dues from a fixed amount to “determined by the Executive Committee.”

Change Committee Chairs to Project Officers

Next Meeting 6/9/26