



Minutes of the 2015 VEMA Annual Membership meeting, held Thursday March 19th at the Hampton Convention Center in Hampton VA. The meeting was called to order by Michelle Oblinsky, VEMA President, who presided. In attendance were 83 Virginia Emergency Management Association Members.

Michelle Oblinsky presented a report on the status of the organization, including an overview of the financial position, membership benefits, strategic plan, the website, legislative updates, the symposium and the VEMA newsletter. She additionally commented on the quality service and skill of the Keeney Group, VEMA's association management firm. Bo Keeney, VEMA Executive Director, presented an overview of VEMA financials on behalf of VEMA Treasurer Jennifer Maul. She noted that the association is financially strong with a healthy general operating fund, reserves and a money market account. She additionally commented on the strengths of the organization and expressed his appreciation for the VEMA Board members, committee members and volunteers.

Mark Penn, Immediate Past President conducted the 2015 nominations and elections. The position of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were all up for election this year. Mr. Penn read the candidate statements for those individuals whom had previously announced their intention to run for office. Mr. Penn opened the floor for nominations for the Treasurer position. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the nominations process was closed. Jennifer Maul was elected the 2015-2016 VEMA Treasurer. Mr. Penn opened the floor for nominations for the Secretary position. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the nominations process was closed. Cheryl Elliott was elected the 2015-2016 VEMA Secretary. Mr. Penn opened the floor for nominations for the 1st VP position. John Bridges ran from the floor against Walter English. The nominations process was then closed and a vote was conducted by secret ballot. Walter English was elected the 2015-2016 VEMA 1st VP. Mr. Penn opened the floor for nominations for the 2nd VP position. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the nominations process was closed. Robert Foresman and Scott Hudson both ran for office and as such a secret ballot was conducted. Robert Foresman was elected the 2015-2016 VEMA 2nd VP. Mr. Penn opened the floor for nominations for the President's position. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the nominations process was closed. Michelle Oblinsky was elected the 2015-2016 VEMA President. There being no further elections the slate of officers was confirmed and the 2015 elections were closed.

Motion Foresman/Ruch to accept the Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Annual Membership Meeting as previously distributed on the VEMA website. Motion passed unanimously.

Neal Turner presented the treasurer's report in which he commented on the VEMA checking account, money market account, 5 CD's and an audit of the VEMA books. Motion Turner/Davis to approve the financial summary of accounts as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Other committee chairman made various reports; including by not limited to:

- Legislative Committee (Allyson Kurgier)
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee (Creig Moore)
- Certification (Brittany Schaal)
- Caucus Reports – IHE (Brittany Schaal)
- Scholarship (Scott Wollek)
- Membership Committee (Marc Barbieri)

Motion on behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to approve the revised VEMA Constitution and Bylaws as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Under New Business Carrie Speranza commented on the new VEMA strategic communications policy.

Following the elections and treasurer's report, the floor was opened to general member's inquiries concerning the association. Bo Keeney, VEMA Executive Director, fielded questions as was necessary.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Michelle Oblinsky at 4:45: pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Elliott, VEMA Secretary