



VEMA 2018 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Virginia Emergency Management Association annual meeting held Thursday March 22, 2018 at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Walter English who presided. There were 73 members in attendance.

Under the nominations and elections report Sara Ruch presided over the 2018 elections. She reviewed each position and the candidates (see below). Each candidate was provided 1 minute to make a candidate speech from the floor. Sara noted that after the voting the winners will be announced at the end of the meeting.

- Candidate for President: Walter English Candidates for 1st VP: Robert Foresman
- Candidates for 2nd VP: Jennifer Maul & Jim Redick Candidate for Secretary: Bobby Gelormine & Creig Moore
- Candidate for Treasurer: Bill Lawson

Under the Secretary's Report Creig Moore moved to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2017 Annual Membership meeting as previously distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Under the Treasurer's Report Jennifer Maul moved to accept the VEMA financial report as of February 29, 2018 as distributed; reflecting the following:

- Checking Account \$215,777.09 Money Market Account \$57,227.76 CD's totaling \$66,178.32
- Audits of books on a monthly basis continue to show we're in a solid financial position and the books are in good condition.

Motion passed unanimously.

Under the Executive Director's Report Bo Keeney commented on the position of the VEMA membership, a review of activity over the past year, a review of member benefits and general association issues. He noted that the association continues to add new member benefits each year, increase membership numbers, increase attendance at VEMS and improve association finances.

Under Committee reports the following committees made presentations:

- Audit Committee (Foresman) – The committee reviewed the finances of the association over the past year. The committee reviews association finances and the bookkeeping services of the Keeney Group on a monthly basis. All items appear to be in good financial standing and in accordance with proper bookkeeping standards.
- Legislative (McGregor) – VEMA has worked hard over the 2018 legislative year to introduce a few different pieces of legislation with the help of their new lobbyist. The association was most successful in passing legislation to improve operations of emergency managers at institutions of higher education.
- Certification (Pruitt) – The certification committee reviewed the certification process and encouraged all members to become certified. The committee will review applications at the 2018 VEMS conference.

Under new business motion on behalf of the VEMA the Constitution and Bylaws committee to approve the bylaws changes as presented below. (Note: these recommendations have previously been approved by the VEMA Board of Directors and will be ratified upon affirmative vote of the VEMA membership.)

ARTICLE 6 - STANDING COMMITTEES

~~Section 9. Technology Committee~~

~~The Treasurer shall serve as the liaison / ex officio member of the Technology Committee. The committee shall work to assist in the development of information technology solutions to meet the Association's strategic needs while balancing technical and operations considerations.~~

Section 10. Nominations Committee

The Immediate Past-President shall serve as the Chair of the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall solicit nominees from the membership, confirm interest and qualifications of candidates, and make recommendations to the membership for nominees to serve as officers of the Association.

Motion passed unanimously.

Under General Membership issues the VEMA President opened the floor for discussion. The VEMA membership discussed various issues surrounding the VEMA membership including legislation, VEMA member benefits and VEMA finances. Additionally Walter English thanked the VEMA membership and board of Directors for their support over the past year. He made special note of the VEMA business meeting sponsor, Everbridge, for their continued support of VEMA.

Sara Ruch, returned to the stage to announce the winners of the 2018 board of directors elections.

- Candidate for President: Walter English Candidates for 1st VP: Robert Foresman
- Candidates for 2nd VP: Jennifer Maul Candidate for Secretary: Creig Moore
- Candidate for Treasurer: Bill Lawson

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Creig Moore, Secretary