



PRESIDENT’S REPORT

In my quest to attend all the R8 state EM conferences, I will be attending the North Dakota EM conference in September. Because the South Dakota EM conference is on the same days, I’m looking for someone – preferably in South Dakota – who can go and represent IAEM. There are perks (like free registration) involved!!

I am planning to appear (in person!) at Montana’s conference in October. I’ll use it as an excuse to see Yellowstone again. 😊

Let me know if there are any other events we can attend to represent IAEM, or R8.

Mark your calendars for **Monday, August 7th at 5/Central, 4/Mountain for a Region 8 ZOOM get together.** Bring your favorite beverage (or not!) and let’s talk about regional issues, what to spend money on next year, and whatever else comes up.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

- AFN [Symposium](#) July 11-12 – Online
- NDPIO Conference July 18-19@ Bismarck
- IAEM R8 Quarterly ZOOM Get Together - August 7 @ 5pm CST (joining info to come)
- NDEMA [State Conference](#) Sept 12-14 @Bismarck
- SDEM [State Conference](#) Sept 11-14 @Deadwood
- MEMA State Conference Oct 10-12 @Red Lodge
- [IAEM Conference](#), Nov 3-9 @ Long Beach, CA

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS (May-June 2023)- Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them to Region 8.

- Bacon, Isaac, MT
- Diaz, Otoniel, CO
- Ellis, Chet, UT
- Frazen, Dan, CO
- Gray, Austin, UT
- Grieb, Hal, CO
- Jadrich, Alex, CO
- Martinez, Gabriel, ND
- Phan, Amanda, CO
- Sideria, Stormy, UT
- Smith, Regan, SD
- Tagliaferri, Carol, MT
- Thigpen, Ian, MT
- Turner, Kevin, ND
- Walker, Byron, CO
- Wilson, Taylor, UT
- Young, Brianna, CO

Invite your friends!

Do you know emergency managers who are not an IAEM member? Invite them to join!

Membership benefits include:

- Access to the *IAEM Bulletin*
- Discounted rates on CEM certifications and training
- Representation in government working groups addressing vital issues
- Weekly E-Dispatch access giving you the latest EM news
- Access to the IAEM Jobs Board
- Professional development opportunities
- Reduced cost to IAEM and industry events
- And many more!

Invite your friends at <https://www.iaem.org/join/intro>



**CALL FOR AEM®/CEM®
COMMISSIONERS**

Applications are being accepted to join the IAEM Certification Commission and the deadline for applying is July 28th.

Commissions are selected for 3 years, with a maximum of 2 terms. The Commission is looking for at least 4 CEMs to join the Commission beginning January 1, 2024.

Commissioners must be current CEMs and recertified at least once. See the IAEM website for complete details and application instructions. Response deadline is July 28.

**IAEM NOMINATIONS FOR USA
OFFICERS – Better Hurry if You Are
Interested!!**

Nominations are now being accepted for the positions of IAEM-USA Second Vice President and IAEM-USA Treasurer.

Candidates must submit their credentials by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, next week on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, to IAEM Headquarters via email to info@iaem.com, to be reviewed by the IAEM-USA Nominations & Credentials Committee.



Registration is now OPEN!

**WOW! A CHANCE TO ADVISE ON
SPACE WEATHER??**

IAEM has been asked to identify 8-10 members to participate in a NOAA/NWS [Space Weather Advisory Group](#). It would be a virtual focus group to help develop a survey for EM's about their needs in space weather events.

If you are interested (*and who wouldn't be!*) send **ME** your name, title, organization, address and email by Monday, July 24th. I will then forward them to IAEM HQ who submits them to [the IDA Science and Technology Policy Institute](#).



IAEM POSTER SHOWPLACE

If you have been to any of the IAEM Annual Conferences, you are familiar with the Poster Showcase.

This year, I would like to see a poster for Region 8. We have a lot going on here!! We should be recognized! 😊

I have templates, I just need help deciding how to format and what to put on it! Shall we divide it into sections for each state? Perhaps with a poster sized map of Region 8? Should we have pics from each state conference, or biggest disaster ever? How about our colleagues, like the state OES offices, CAP, FEMA, amateur radio, VOAD, etc. Your thoughts?