



PRESIDENT’S REPORT

There is an important **CALL TO ACTION** on pg 2 to help the **National Weather Service**. Please read it and contact your House and Senate Representatives.

This month, I am traveling to Bismarck to attend their annual NDEMA conference, and Robert Hill (Sec/Treas) will be in Deadwood at the SDEM conference. We’ll have booths set up in the vendor area, so come visit. ☺

Are there other events we can attend to represent IAEM, or R8? Are there events in your local area that we can help promote?

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REGIONAL CALENDAR

- NDEMA [State Conference](#) Sept 12-14 @Bismarck: **Bring Silent Auction Items!**
- SDEM [State Conference](#) Sept 11-14 @Deadwood
- [Utah PIO Conference](#), Sept 25-27 @Saint George
- MEMA [State Conference](#) Oct 10-12 @Red Lodge
- [IAEM Conference](#), Nov 3-9 @ Long Beach, CA
- CEMA [Conference](#), Feb 13-15, 2024 @ Loveland, CO
- NDEMA [State Conference](#) Sept 3-5, 2024 (tentative)

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

- Lynn Bailey, CO
- Brett Lloyd, MT
- Alexandria Potter, CO
- Ryan Rasmussen, UT
- Stephanie Rennik, UT

New CEM!

- ♥ Mallory Buys, CO

New CEM, but not IAEM member (yet)!

- ♥ Bart Evans, CO

Almost a CEM!

- ♥ Christian Lindquist, UT (needs exam)

Renewed CEM’s for 5 years!

- ♥ Lori Hodges,CO

Retraction and SINCERE Apologies –

Last month, I was excited to list the R8 members selected for a breakout session at the IAEM Annual Conference in Long Beach in November including two speakers from R8 who were not (yet) IAEM members.

One was **Jared Allen** – except I identified him as being in CO. I was gently advised that Jared is the **NOAA Weather Coordination Meteorologist in Cheyenne, WY**. Mea Culpa! I’ll definitely be at his breakout session.

Call to Action for the National Weather Service



The National Weather Service has always been an indispensable partner in our efforts to minimize the loss of life and property when natural disasters happen. With the increasing frequency of severe weather, now is not the time to slash the budget of the NWS; in fact, Congress should be investing additional resources to ensure the National Weather Service is providing the best possible forecasts, warnings, and decision support. But instead, the Senate has proposed a **\$40 million** cut to the NWS, and the House proposes to slash its budget by a whopping **\$200 million**.

The IAEM-USA Government Affairs Committee hopes you agree that this is completely unacceptable.

Contact your Senators and Member of Congress to let them know you strenuously oppose the proposed cuts to the National Weather Service. And share with them the letter IAEM sent to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees dated July 3. [Download the letter for use now.](#)

To find your Senator and Representative and obtain their email addresses, visit <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>.

Thank you for your support and help with this effort.

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IAEM Strategic Plan

The [IAEM-USA 2023-2026 Strategic Plan](#) sets the overarching goals and objectives for the IAEM-USA for the next three years. The plan objectives are set in three areas: membership and community; advocacy and thought leadership; and future-casting the emergency management profession. This plan was developed with much work by the Strategic Planning Committee and the Board of Directors.

Strategic plans are living documents. Input from members, especially on objectives and tasks to meet strategic issues are always welcome. Send your comments, questions, or suggestions to USAPresident@iaem.com.

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2023 IAEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EMEX**Register Now Pay Later Option**

As mentioned previously, this a great option to register today, lock in seats in training courses and optional events and pay later when your funds are available. More information can be found on our website. <https://www.iaem.org/usconf/registration/payment-options>

Work Off Your Registration Fee

This is a great opportunity to reduce your registration fee by volunteering to work during the conference. You can earn \$25/hr for every hour worked towards registration. Many on the Conference Committee do this every year. Volunteering offers many networking opportunities and is cost saving for your budget.

**R8 ANNUAL MEETING**

Mark your calendars for **Monday, November at 5:15-6:00 Pacific for the R8 Annual Meeting at the IAEM Annual Conference in Long Beach.**

**VIDEOS REQUESTED!**

The Conference Committee is looking for 20-30 second videos from our members about “What is Emergency Management”. These will be interspersed between plenary sessions to liven up the audience and get people talking. You can shoot it on your cell phone! (Use landscape format.) Send them to me (or Mike Gavin) and we’ll get them forwarded.

ALSO AVAILABLE:**EMbark Career and Emerging Professionals Day – Sunday, Noon-4 pm**

Whether you're a student, scholar, new practitioner – or all three – as an emerging professional you'll find something of value.

IAEM Career Workshop, Tues, 8-9:30am

This year’s workshop will explore recommendations for your resume, preparing for an interview, cover letters, etc.

RESUME Reviews, Tues, *various times*

Participants must sign up at the IAEM Store in the Registration/EMEX area for available time slots.