

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

I had as great time at the UEMA conference, and congrats to Kathryn McMullin for her election as President for another year. In this issue:

- ➔ (pg. 2) Lots of congratulations in order.
- ➔ (pg. 4) IAEM is kicking off a "Grassroots Campaign" to help legislators (Federal and local) understand the vital importance of funding our EM programs. It starts with a survey.
- ➔ (pg.5) Pete Gaynor (former FEMA Administrator) is writing a book and wants you to contribute.  
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**REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)**

- [National AFN Symposium July 11-12 ONLINE](#)
- [NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck](#)
- [SDEMA Sept 9-14 @ Chamberlain](#)
- [MEMA Oct 1-3 @ Butte](#)
- [IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ CO Springs](#)
- R8 Quarterly Conversations
  - Mon, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm MST
  - Mon, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS (May-June)**

Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them.

- ♥ Andrew Kirking ND
- ♥ Baillie Brooks CO
- ♥ Bradley Banyai ND
- ♥ Byron Walker CO
- ♥ Darrell Kirby CO
- ♥ Diego Sigala CO
- ♥ Drew Matthews UT
- ♥ Hal Grieb CO
- ♥ Hank Eng CO
- ♥ James Baumgartner CO
- ♥ Jamie Lewis CO
- ♥ Jennifer Dinsmore CO
- ♥ Jocelyn Rosado CO
- ♥ Juliet Madsen CO
- ♥ Kelly Johnson UT
- ♥ Kendal Herzer CO
- ♥ MacLaine Butterfass CO
- ♥ Mark Wlazlak MT
- ♥ Mary Bennett UT
- ♥ Navin Nageli CO
- ♥ Pierre Freeman ND
- ♥ Richard Kaczmarek CO
- ♥ Savannah English CO
- ♥ Scott Morrill CO
- ♥ Scott Swanson CO
- ♥ Shannon Armstrong CO
- ♥ Stockton Trujillo UT
- ♥ Thomas Buettner CO
- ♥ Victoria Wells CO



REMINDER, you can see all the newsletters, notes and minutes on the [IAEM R8 website](#)

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**

**R8's NEWEST CEM!**

- ♥ Alex Jadrich, CO
- ♥ Lindsey Means UT
- ♥ Brett Lloyd MT
- ♥ Thomas Simons UT

**R8's CEM RECERT's**

- ♥ Julianne Ehlers UT
- ♥ Embret Fossom UT
- ♥ Richard Ochs WY

**Almost (needs exam)**

- ♥ Brittany Rasmussen ND
- ♥ Chris Breitbach CO



**Selected as Speakers at 2024 IAEM Conference in Colorado Springs**

- ♥ Lynn Budd, WY. Director of WOHS and President of NEMA. Plenary Session *“Living and Working in the Wyoming Frontier”*
- ♥ Bill Murtagh, CO. NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center. Plenary. *“Solar Maximum is here - Is the U.S. Ready?”*
- ♥ Mallory Buys, CO Manager of EM at Denver Water. *“Compliance versus Preparedness: do Regulations Help or Hinder Emergency Preparedness?”*
- ♥ Timothy Gablehouse, CO. Attorney in Denver. *“Avoiding Liability and Measuring Success in Community Preparedness Planning”*
- ♥ Brian Painter, CO EM Ops Specialist at Denver Water. Panel. *“Microsoft Teams to the Rescue: A Tale of Emergency Management Awesomeness”*
- ♥ Jolie Wills, CO. CEO of [Hummingly](#). Panel *“Protecting the Wellbeing of those Working in Emergencies – from Concept to Action”*

**3rd Annual National AFN Symposium**

**National AFN Symposium**  
 Highlighting forward-leaning, inclusive, innovative practices in emergency management  
 July 11-12, 2024 | 12-3 PM ET Daily  
**Organizers:** IAEM, Cal OES, COLORADO, NYU  
**Sponsors:** American Red Cross, BIGCITY

[Register now for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Access and Functional Needs Symposium taking place on July 11 & 12, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. \(Pacific\)!](#)



**Everything you wanted to know about ...  
 IAEM GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

[Register for the webinar here.](#)

**WHAT:** IAEM Lunch and Learn - Government Affairs and Advocacy Basics

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 17, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. EDT

Register now for an overview of the IAEM Government Affairs Committee's work and how to help support their efforts.

The basic topics will be:

- ➔ The difference between advocacy and lobbying.
- ➔ The issues we are focused on now and annually.
- ➔ How you can get involved.



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING AN IAEM OFFICER?**

Nominations are being accepted for IAEM leadership!! **This is for official IAEM members only.** Candidates must submit their credentials by **5:00 p.m. Eastern time, on Friday, July 5, 2024**, to IAEM Headquarters via email to [info@iaem.com](mailto:info@iaem.com), to be reviewed by the IAEM-USA Nominations & Credentials Committee. Positions open are:

- a. IAEM-USA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- b. IAEM-USA Secretary
- c. IAEM Region 8 President
- d. IAEM Region 8 Vice President
- e. IAEM Region 8 Secretary/Treasurer

Voting will begin 8/1 at 9am EDT and close on 9/2 at 5pm EDT.

**... OR MAYBE A COMMITTEE/CAUCUS CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR?**

The IAEM-USA committee and caucus Leadership Selection Process runs through July 5. Reach out to [Travis@iaem.com](mailto:Travis@iaem.com) with questions.



Registration is open!! Check it out [HERE](#).

Meanwhile ...

- Registration [Rates](#)
- Check out the [Register Now/Pay Later](#) plan.
- Interested in [Working Off Your Registration?](#)
- You are [Not A Member?](#)



... and ...

- [Pre-Post Conference Training](#) (most are FREE!)
- [Student/New EM Program](#)
- Sunday [Federal Update Series](#) 2024
- EM [Trivia Showdown](#)
- EMEX [Exhibitor Floor](#)

**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>

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM IAEM

In April, we learned that the DHS grant funds that support our programs would receive cuts that average about 9% across the board for the FY24 budget year (Oct '23 – Sept '24). Two months later, we are finally starting to see the actual consequences of those cuts.

While IAEM, NEMA, BCEM, and others have had some success reversing these cuts in the initial FY25 budget planning, the process is still being played out, and nothing is guaranteed.

To help solidify our position, we need your help! We are kicking off a "Grassroots Campaign" to help legislators understand the vital importance of funding our emergency management programs. This campaign will start with two actions:

1. Survey – How does this funding cut impact your program?
2. Outreach Tools to help you advocate for your programs at the local, state, and national level
3. Additional items will be added as we see how the appropriations process is shaping up

This message is part of the first phase. We need to know how the cuts in funding are impacting your program. To help with this, we are providing you with a survey to share specific stories that help make the cuts tangible to legislators. As we collect these stories, we will look for trends or powerful examples to develop talking points, position papers, or advocacy materials. All examples will remain anonymous unless we receive your express permission to name your agency or organization.

**You can find the link to the survey here:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/BzrZE4qGP4>

We need your impact stories as soon as possible to start building our next phase of materials, but there is also no immediate deadline. In fact, we encourage you to submit multiple stories as you encounter them. The more data and information we have, the better case we will be able to make.

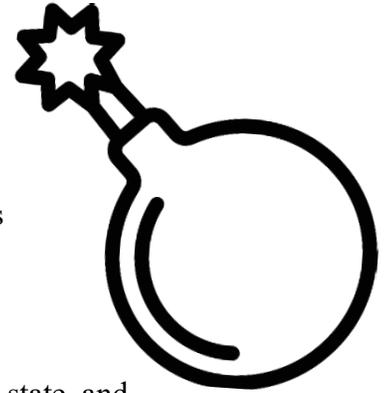
If you want to refresh your memory on the last updates:

- <https://www.iaem.org/groups/us-committees/GAC-News-2024>
- <https://www.iaem.org/groups/us-committees/IAEM-Letters-Statements-Testimony>
- Look back through the IAEMconnect Government Affairs group



More to come soon!

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# Calling all Emergency Managers!



We need you to contribute your best problem-solving solutions for a new book. Pete Gaynor, former FEMA Administrator, is compiling and editing collective wisdom from emergency managers across the globe.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this project! This book will become the go-to functional reference for emergency managers when they are struggling to find solutions to thorny problems. It will be the place to turn when there are seemingly no solutions left. This will be a collective effort to leave our field in a better state than we found it.

**How to Contribute:** To contribute, follow the instructions listed on our dedicated website (link below). Contribute as many times as you like, but there is a word limit, so keep those submissions pithy.

**Visit our website:** <https://femapete.com/book-contributions>

**Questions?** Email us at: [info@eight-north.com](mailto:info@eight-north.com)



## Let's Leave it Better Than We Found it.