The Executive Board for IAEM meets monthly. Below are highlights we hope you find of interest from the November and January meetings. (December meeting cancelled due to holidays).

**IAEM Board Business 2011 and beyond...**

One of the important pieces of business discussed by your IAEM executive board involves deciding upon the locations, dates and costs of future annual international conference.

The conference schedule currently under discussion looks like this:

- 2011 – Las Vegas
- 2012 – Orlando
- 2013 – Considerations include: Austin, San Antonio, New Orleans, Albuquerque, or Oklahoma City
- 2014 – Las Vegas (tentative, based on 2011 conference results).

The Board instructed:

1. The event should not occur over Halloween or Election Day.
2. **All-Inclusive Conference Rate** – will be offered, in addition to the ability to opt out of optional events

The IAEM Board meets via teleconference, monthly. Regional Presidents are provided an opportunity to submit information only items in advance. Those items are distributed in the agenda packet electronically the week before the meeting. Requests for Board action must be submitted by the Regional Presidents by the first of each month, or they will not be considered until the following month. This timeline makes it necessary for Regional member requests for action to be received by the Regional President prior to the first of the month. For our purposes this year, I would ask that you forward specific requests for IAEM Board action to Mike Gavin and I by the 25th day of the month so we might work to ensure they are appropriately placed on the Board Agenda in time.
Caucuses – What are they, how do they work within IAEM

A caucus is typically a group within a legislative or decision-making body seeking to represent a specific interest or influence a particular area of policy. Within IAEM, caucuses help the Board identify and program for hot topics of interest to subsets of the IAEM membership. Additionally they provide special interest groups a mechanism to network, coordinate and share their experiences.

IAEM currently supports the following caucuses:

- Big Cities
- Emergency Services
- Faith Based Organizations
- Hospital and Healthcare
- Public/Private Partners
- Special Needs
- Tribal
- Uniformed Services
- University and College

See one of interest? Get involved. Consult the IAEM website for details. www.iaem.com

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IAEM Awards

It is the policy and practice of the association to recognize and honor persons who have made special or significant contributions to the field of emergency management and have represented the profession well by their outstanding performance. The current award categories include:

- Career Excellence Award
- Business and Industry Preparedness Award
- Partners in Preparedness Award
  - Certificates of Achievement also awarded
- Public Awareness
  - Division 1: Local Emergency Management Agency
  - Division 2: State/Regional National Government, International, Not for Profit Groups
  - Division 3: Commercial/For Profit Groups
- Technology and Innovation

IAEM-Global procedures have been established for nominating new award categories for the IAEM Awards Competition. The deadline for new award category nominations for the 2011 IAEM Awards Competition is Mar. 1, 2011

Regions are not prohibited from establishing their own awards and recognition programs. To date, Region VIII has no specific awards or recognitions. Please take some time to think about who you might nominate for an IAEM award in 2011.