

IAEM-USA Region 4
October/November 2014: Report
Lanita Lloyd, CEM – Region President
Doug Bryson – Region President-Elect
Rick Cox – Region Secretary/Treasurer
Ron Campbell – Region Immediate Past President

Congratulations to Region 4 President Doug Bryson who was sworn in on November 19 at the IAEM-USA 2014 Annual Conference in San Antonio, and to Chauncia, Region 4 President-Elect!!

The IAEM-USA Region 4 Bylaws Amendments: Held from Oct. 15 – Nov. 16. A total of 89 Region 4 members voted in the bylaws vote. All 13 amendments passed – each with 96% - 98% voting yes. An updated copy of the Bylaws will be available on the Region 4 webpage.

Meetings:

- Held Region 4 General Membership Meeting at IAEM-USA Conference, Nov. 17
 - Presented Regional Citations
 - Recognize new Region 4 Officers
 - Doug Bryson, President
 - Chauncia Willis, President-Elect
 - Prepared Region 4 Student Scholarship Basket – thanks to Chauncia Willis!

President's Activities:

- Distributed regional October/November update to all members
- Attended the IAEM-USA Board Meeting via Conference Call, Oct. 21 and on-site meeting, Nov. 14.

Other:

- With Region 4 Officers, and Region 4 Bylaws Committee, prepared proposed Bylaws materials for vote. 13 Bylaws amendments were approved.
- Continue to update the Region 4 webpage to share information specific to the region

President's Other Activities:

- Membership and Marketing Committee (Liaison): Meeting held on Oct. 2, Nov. 18. Continue to coordinate with committee chair.
- Standards and Practices (Liaison): Meeting on Oct. 13, Nov. 18. Continue to coordinate with committee chair.
- CEM® Commission Reviews, Nov.

Member Engagement:

- Emailed “Welcome” to new IAEM Region 4 Members
- Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues, including legislative updates from IAEM Policy Advisor, Martha Braddock. During September, our focus was to review our Region 4 Bylaws and continue promoting our Regional elections.

Region 4 Student Scholarship Basket:

This year the Region 4 Student Scholarship Basket, “Unbridled Spirit of Change” focused on Kentucky and the conference’s overarching theme “Navigating the New Normal”. Thanks to all who donated! A picture of our basket will be available on the Region 4 website.

Other Updates:

Region 4 Webpage

Our webpage can be viewed at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/region4> *As always, please remember to send information to post and/or pictures of events when available.*

IAEM Bulletin

The October IAEM Bulletin is available to all IAEM members online; you can download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/documents/Oct2014-IAEM-Bulletin.pdf>

Important Dates:

- Feb. 9-15, 2015: FEPA Annual Meeting and Workshop, Orlando, FL
- June 23-26, 2015: AAEM Annual Conference, AL/MS Hurricane Conference & Governor's Preparedness Conference, Mobile, AL

Organizational Information:

- **Board Minutes**
 - IAEM USA Board minutes can be found at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/board-minutes&lvl=3>

Thanks again to the members who have taken the time to respond to requests to participate in various activities in IAEM on behalf of Region 4. I also appreciate your emails and calls about questions, concerns, and other input. For those of you still searching for opportunities to be more engaged, please review the committees and caucuses at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=groups/us-committees> and select a group to get involved with. You can contact the Chair of the group directly or reach out to your Regional President if you don't receive a response.

This update is bitter-sweet for me! I asked our new Region 4 President, Doug Bryson, to allow me to send this month's update to continue the tradition of keeping you posted on the work in your region during October and through the first few weeks of November. It has been my honor to serve the members of this great region, and I will be forever grateful for the opportunities to get to know you and serve you. Thanks to our other officers, Ron Campbell and Rick Cox - for their commitment and dedication!

Doug has really worked hard over the last couple of years, and I have total confidence in his leadership. He will lead our region forward as we successfully continue to progress. I know you will join me as we continue to support our region under Doug's leadership, along with your new President-Elect, Chauncia Willis.

Thanks for your continued support!

Best,

Lanita

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