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IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

I encourage you to be an active member and, to take full advantage of the resources available through IAEM. This year would be a great time to attend the conference! The conference is the best place to network with other emergency managers and learn through their experiences. This year's conference is Nov. 14-19, 2014, in San Antonio, Texas. Region 7 will have their annual meeting at the conference on Monday November 17th at 5PM! You can learn all about it on the IAEM website under [Events](#).

Another important benefit of membership is access to colleagues and experts who share your job challenges and responsibilities. Take some time to explore the online member database by going to the [Member Portal](#) of the IAEM website and clicking on the Membership Directory. Once on the search screen, you have the information at your fingertips.

- If you want to find people near you, use the "state" field and select your state.
- If you are in a large state, you could look for people in your city by putting your city in the city field.
- There are drop-down menus for Experience and Interests. You can choose from these drop downs to find people like you and combine it with the geographic search and find them near you.

Please use this information to build your professional network.

There are many IAEM [membership benefits](#). Don't hesitate to jump in with both feet and join a [committee or caucus](#) that relates to your talents or interests, write an article for the [IAEM Bulletin](#), or begin the [certification](#) process.

Below are activities to report within the region as well as with the national board of directors for IAEM-USA.

IAEM-USA Region 7 Activities:

- **Outreach:**
 - Distributed information to all members on pertinent Emergency Management issues including: FEMA leadership changes, Continuing Resolutions, Webinar Opportunities, and Hearings.
 - Attended the IAEM-USA board meeting via conference call on October 21, 2014.
 - Don't forget about the Scholarship Basket! Our theme this year is the "Giving Tree." We will have a large cardboard "Tree" that we will adorn with gift certificates. Many of us have special and unique gift stores/mail order places to make this a "regional tree." If you have any questions or want to donate, contact:

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IAEM-USA Activities:

IAEM-USA elections began September 15th. There are two (2) candidates for IAEM-USA Second Vice President and two (2) candidates for IAEM-USA Secretary. In the Voting Area, you can click on each candidate's name to read or download a PDF with their candidate statement, photo, phone number, and email address. You are encouraged to learn about the IAEM-USA officer candidates and to vote! Should you need assistance with online voting or have any questions about the election, please email Karen Thompson at Thompson@iaem.com.

IAEM-USA Individual, Lifetime, and Affiliate members are invited to vote on two proposed IAEM-USA Council Bylaws amendments offered for your consideration by the IAEM-USA Board. The Bylaws require that proposed changes must be circulated to members prior to the voting start date, which will be Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, 9:00 a.m. Eastern time. Voting will continue through Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. For your reference, [you can access the marked-up proposed IAEM-USA Bylaws amendments with explanation of changes here](#).

- **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1 - IAEM-USA Bylaws, Article III-Membership, Section 2E:**
The proposed amendment would reconcile the variations in the description of the Student Category of IAEM membership. There are slight differences in language among the IAEM Global and USA bylaws, administrative policies & procedures, membership brochure, and website text.
- **PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2 - IAEM-USA Bylaws, Article IV-Officers, Section 3:** The proposed amendment would add a new line specifying that the IAEM-USA executive director is a non-voting member of the board, so that the bylaws are consistent with the IAEM-USA Articles of Incorporation, as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia Corporation Commission.

To vote, go to: <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/Bylaws-Amendment-Vote2014>

I wanted to make sure all members are aware that the board agendas for future meetings and the minutes from previous meetings can be found at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=council/usa/board-minutes&lvl=3>. Highlights from the October meeting include:

- **CEM** –IAEM created the certification program for emergency managers to raise and maintain professional standards; it is a program to certify achievements within the profession. Any emergency management professional who meets requirements is welcome to participate. **All applications are now being submitted through the online application system.** I strongly believe in the CEM credential and am available to consult by phone or e-mail with any member who has questions, concerns, or needs advice.
- **Membership** – As of 10-15-2014 there are 5,144 paid IAEM members, of which 4,294 are within the USA Council (9,631 total members, of which 8,533 are within the USA Council). Last year on 10-03-2013 there were 1,525 paid members in good standing of which 1,232 were within the USA Council.

- Social Media – Facebook likes have grown to 1,487. There are now 2,838 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group. IAEM has 1,308 followers on Twitter.

Thank you for your continued support and if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

See you in San Antonio!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teri".

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