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## IAEM-USA Region 7 Monthly Update

Region 7 Members:

I would like to take this opportunity and welcome new members to the International Association of Emergency Managers. I'm pleased that you have chosen IAEM as your resource for professional and personal growth. IAEM continues to be the premier emergency management organization representing you as we face the many challenges of these changing times. If there is anything we can do for you or answer for you about IAEM, please let us know!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone else for renewing your membership and continuing to invest in IAEM and be a valued member.

Everyone's membership reflects your commitment to the promotion of excellence in emergency management. IAEM will provide you networking opportunities with colleagues and experts who share your job challenges and responsibilities. You have access to 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.
- 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.

Most important, you can make a positive difference! I encourage you to take an active role. 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.

You can also check out the latest schedule of events at our website <http://www.iaem.com>, where you will find complete information on our organization, activities, and opportunities. If you are a part of the Facebook online community, be sure to become a fan of IAEM's page <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAssociationOfEmergencyManagers!>

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:
  - EMPG Survey
  - Disaster Deductible
  - The Future of FEMA: Stakeholder Recommendations for the Next Administrator
  - National Weather Service
  - Grants language in Trump Skinny Budget (EMPG is at Risk)
  - Continuing Resolution

### **IAEM-USA Activities/Updates:**

**Board Meetings:** The IAEM-USA Board of Directors Retreat was held in Falls Church, VA at IAEM-USA Headquarters March 13-15, 2017. **Agenda items included;**

- Review IAEM-USA Mission and Vision statements
- Review of Committee/Caucus/Ad Hoc purpose statements and an update of the groups work plan
- Update on Global Board initiatives
- Presentation from the National Weather Service
- General overview of the CEM with proposed changes
- Government Affairs presentation with discussion on work plan and position paper
- ASMI presentation
- Financial review
- Board assessment

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>.

#### **IAEM Bulletin:**

The December 2016 IAEM Bulletin is available for all IAEM members online and you can read or download it at: <http://www.iaem.com/news.cfm?201612bulletinonline.pdf>

#### **CEM:**

- Certification Prep Course and/or Exam Offerings:
  - ✓ April 28, 2017 (Prep Course and Exam): Virgin Islands - Instructors: Lanita Lloyd, CEM and Christian Lanphere, CEM
  - ✓ May 15&16, 2017 (Prep Course and Exam): San Antonio, TX – Instructor: Daryl Lee Spiewak, CEM
- The Featured Mentor initiative was announced to all current CEMs on February 12, 2017. The program is for individuals who will be willing to mentor candidates through the certification process.
- If anyone is ready to take the exam to become a CEM, please let me know as I can proctor your exam!

**Membership:**

As of 2-9-2017 there are 4,122 paid IAEM members, of which 3,582 are within the USA Council. These counts include 605 from the Global Student Council (572 are within the USA Council). When including unpaid members there are 5,510 total members, of which 4,239 are within the USA Council. The great majority of the unpaid members are those within the 90-day grace period who have not yet renewed. The unpaid members also include Lifetime, Complimentary and Staff (about 93 total).

**Social Media:**

- Facebook likes have grown to 3,821. IAEM has 16,444 followers on Twitter. There are now 4,074 active participants in the IAEM LinkedIn Group.

**Scholarship:** The Scholarship Commission is developing the application for 2017.

- At its meeting in January, the Commission unanimously voted to annually name an undergraduate scholarship in memory of Robert Bohlmann. Once named, members will be informed.

I want to hear from you, so send me an email or give me a call with any ideas, issues or challenges. Please note the IAEM email address has changed to [IAEM.R7@iaem.com](mailto:IAEM.R7@iaem.com). I look forward to personally meeting many of you! Hopefully, I will be able to attend your state association conferences if I am invited to attend in advance.

Take care!



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