

IAEM-USA Region 9 Monthly Report – September 2017  
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1. Successful participation at the Arizona Emergency Services Association (July 12-13) proctoring 12 individuals taking the CEM Exam. Also staffed exhibit booth promoting IAEM membership and the CEM/AEM Certifications.
2. Finalized arrangements with organizers for the California Emergency Services Association annual conference in Yosemite (October 10-12, 2017) for an exhibit booth promoting IAEM membership and the CEM/AEM Certifications.
3. Answered communications about members seeking jobs, networking, and questions about AEM/CEM requirements.
4. Participated on monthly Board teleconference.
5. Participated as Board Liaison on teleconferences for 3 Caucuses: Disaster Cost Recovery, Climate Change, Water & Weather, and Food & Agriculture.
6. Actively serving on the Conference Committee, Hospitality Subcommittee, and Local Host Committee for the IAEM annual conference in Long Beach, CA.
7. Actively serving on the Task Force on Student Membership. The Task Force was appointed by USA President Lanita Lloyd and Global Chair Ellis Stanley to examine the existing guidelines concerning qualifications for student membership. Issues being discussed include the lack of vetting “qualifications” for student membership (e.g. full-time student verification) and the very low roll-over rate into individual memberships.
8. Participated in July on the quarterly IAEM-USA Committee, Caucus, and Ad Hoc Chairs teleconference. The gathering began in 2017 and is a fascinating opportunity to listen in on reports from each of the Chairs of the various IAEM-USA committees, caucuses, and ad hocs. The quarterly reports are forwarded to the USA Board for its next meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
9. Proud to announce Region 9 is the winner of the competition between regions to enlist the new members during the 2017 Membership Drive (June-August). The Drive yielded a total of 194 new members – a 9% increase compared to the same time period of 2016. Region 9 increased by 9.46%, winning use of the presidential suite for one evening during the

annual conference. Working now on the arrangements for use of the suite and will follow-up with an announcement to Region 9 attendees.

10. Worked with Headquarters on scheduling upcoming Region 9 elections.
11. Submitted member Kathryn Gerk for a Regional Citation which will be presented in Long Beach during the Region 9 meeting. Congratulations to Kathy for an illustrious career in emergency management!
12. Continuing to seek funding stream for CEM Scholarship for Region 9 members. Concept is to cover the application expense of \$395 as an encouragement for those not funded through their employer to pursue a designation of Certified Emergency Manager. Scholarships would be distributed to qualified applicants on a first-come-first-served basis. Although the application and procedures are prepared and the program announced in Savannah, the challenge has been to accumulate funds to support the Scholarship. Presently, I'm developing an outreach program to solicit financial support from public organizations and the private sector. The goal is to raise approximately \$5,000 to support distribution of twelve CEM Scholarships.
13. Just in case you don't already know, the USA Board of Directors meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. Eastern time and the minutes are posted on the IAEM website.