

IAEM-USA Region 4 April 2014: Monthly Report

Lanita Lloyd, CEM – Region President

Doug Bryson – Region President-Elect

Rick Cox – Region Secretary/Treasurer

Ron Campbell – Region Immediate Past President

President's Activities:

- Distributed regional monthly update to all members.
- Attended the Board Meeting via Conference Call (Apr. 15)
- Continued planning for Regions 4 & 5 Training Summit in Savannah, GA, May 19-23, 2014
 - Met with Region 4 Officers and Training Summit Chair to discuss and finalize plans
 - Provided information to and obtained input from Region 5 President
 - Assured distribution of Training Summit information to Region 4 members

President's Other Activities:

- Membership and Marketing Committee (Liaison): Attended meeting on April 3. Continue to coordinate with committee chair.
- Standards and Practices (Liaison): Meeting is scheduled for June 9. Continue to coordinate with committee chair.
- First Lego League Worldwide Festival: Manned IAEM Booth, April 23-26 (see video at <http://vimeo.com/93021844> - ap. 3 minutes long).
- CEM® Commission Exam Validation Meeting: April 27 – May 1

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.
- Along with Training Summit Committee and Officers, planning and communicating Regional Training Summit information.

Other Updates:

Operation Invite a Friend

Region 4 members have increased by about 85 members during April! IAEM-USA began "Operation Invite a Friend" in March, which allows full dues-paying members to invite colleagues to join IAEM free of charge (with full membership benefits for one year). *Through August*, you have the opportunity to invite colleagues to join IAEM-USA and participate in our committees and caucuses, attend our IAEM-USA Conference in San Antonio, receive the IAEM *Bulletin*, and earn the international certification (at membership rates)!

Region 4 Webpage

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

Call for Nominations for IAEM-USA Second Vice President and Secretary

IAEM-USA will elect new officers at the IAEM-USA 2014 Annual Conference & EMEX, set for Nov. 14-19 in San Antonio, Texas. Candidates for IAEM-USA Second Vice President and IAEM-USA Secretary must submit credentials by **5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, Aug. 15, 2014**, to IAEM Headquarters. This announcement also appears in the May 2014 IAEM Bulletin.

To be placed on the ballot, candidates must submit:

- a letter stating candidacy;

- a letter of permission from the candidate's immediate supervisor supporting the time and travel necessary to fulfill duties of office;
- a brief resume; and
- confirmation of membership of at least three years immediately prior to seeking office.

Individual members are eligible to hold national office, provided they have been a member for at least three consecutive years, and have served as a regional or national officer, national committee chair, or active national committee member for two consecutive years. For more information, see the [IAEM-USA Administrative Policies & Procedures](#) or e-mail IAEM Membership Manager Sharon Kelly at info@iaem.com.

May 2014 IAEM Bulletin

The May 2014 IAEM Bulletin is now available to all IAEM members online; you can download it at <http://www.iaem.com/members/201405bulletinonline.pdf>. **This issue will be the last printed and mailed IAEM Bulletin that IAEM-USA Individual members will receive**, and the June issue will be the first in what will continue on an electronic monthly publication for IAEM members only. Watch for an IAEM Communications Assessment Survey coming soon to find out how you prefer to read the IAEM Bulletin.

IAEM Bulletin Call for Articles

"Professional Development in Emergency Management" - possible articles might include: promoting individual growth within an emergency management department through incorporating higher education and other activities; how individual emergency managers are applying professional development activities in their departments to make their efforts more effective; or how your emergency management program has improved or how your community has benefited through the application of what you learned in professional development activities. Please read the IAEM Bulletin Author's Guidelines, and keep your articles between 750 and 1,500 words. Email article submissions to Karen Thompson, IAEM Bulletin Editor, at Thompson@iaem.com no later than **July 10, 2014**.

IAEM 2014 Awards Competition

Visit www.iaem.com/Awards for more information and to obtain access to the Award Guidelines and entry forms. We encourage YOU to submit an entry to showcase talents of your colleagues, peers, and professionals who do great work that contributes to the success of the emergency management profession. **The entry deadline is Friday, May 30, at 5:00 pm ET.**

The IAEM Awards Program provides the best way for us to recognize outstanding programs and people who serve our profession. The IAEM has one comprehensive Awards Program now that includes all the facets of our Global membership and the activities they do.

The entry process is fairly simple, and free to members. More than one entry may be submitted by the same member, as long as the entry is about different programs or people. Please help us help you – submit entries before the deadline. We will do an administrative review and can point out any technical errors that might cause a problem and give you a chance to fix it – but only for entries submitted early. Last year 80% of entries were received on the due date, and we need your help to improve this situation.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Karen Thompson at IAEM HQ, thompson@iaem.com or me, Rocky Lopes, Awards Chair, at iaem@rockylopes.com.

Important Dates:

- **May 19-23: IAEM-USA Regions 4 & 5 Training Summit, Savannah, GA**
- **May 27-29: MEMA & MCDEMA MS Preparedness Summit, Biloxi, MS**
- **June 17-19, 2014: AAEM Summer Conference, Prattville, AL**
- **Nov. 14-19, 2014: Annual Conference, Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, TX**

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 my request 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.

Also, please consider attending our Regions 4 & 5 Training Summit in Savannah during May. It's still NOT too late to attend. Every other year, Region 4 holds a regional training summit. The summit is smaller than other conferences, but you have an increased opportunity to really get to know and bond with other members, and focus on common regional best practices and challenges! You can find more information at <http://www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=events-Regions4and5-May2014>. You can register on-site.

Thanks for all you do!

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