

**NEMA 2015 Annual Forum
September 28-October 1, 2015
InterContinental Miami, FL**

Draft General Session Minutes

October 1, 2015

President Bryan Koon (FL) called the general session to order at 8:30 am and asked Vice President Wendy Smith-Reeve (AZ) to call the roll.

PRESENT

Proxy = p

Region I

Connecticut – p
Maine – p
Massachusetts – p
New Hampshire – p
Rhode Island – p
Vermont – p

Region II

New Jersey
New York
Virgin Islands

Region III

Delaware - p
District of Columbia - p
Maryland -p
Pennsylvania - p
Virginia - p
West Virginia

Region IV

Alabama
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee

Region V

Illinois
Indiana
Michigan
Minnesota
Ohio
Wisconsin

Region VI

Arkansas
Louisiana
New Mexico
Oklahoma

Region VII

Iowa
Kansas
Missouri
Nebraska

Region VIII

Colorado
Montana
North Dakota
South Dakota
Utah
Wyoming

Region IX

Arizona
California
Guam
Hawaii
Nevada - p

Region X

Alaska
Idaho
Oregon
Washington

A quorum was declared with 39 states and 12 proxies. Koon noted that many states along the East Coast and the Northeast left the Forum early to prepare for Hurricane Joaquin.

Addressing Affordability in the National Flood Insurance Program - Howard Kunreuther, Professor of Decision Sciences and Business and Public Policy at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Kunreuther addressed a wide range of issues related to flood insurance and affordability and offered proposals for consideration. He raised the following question as to how the NFIP can encourage loss prevention and deal with affordability:

- How do homeowners residing in hazard-prone make decisions on whether to undertake protective measures prior to the next disaster?
- What are three guiding principles for insurance to encourage loss prevention and deal with affordability?
- How can the NFIP program be modified to link insurance more closely to mitigation measures while addressing affordability issues?

Kunreuther presented the following insurance principles for consideration:

Principle 1: Premiums reflecting risk

- Signals to individuals the hazards they face
- Encourages investment in cost-effective adaptation measures

Principle 2: Dealing with equity and affordability issues

- Provide vouchers to individuals requiring special treatment
- Only provide vouchers if homeowners mitigate their property to reduce future flood losses

Principle 3: Multi-year insurance contracts

- Premiums reflecting risk with vouchers to deal with affordability
- Addresses myopia
- Encourages investment in loss reduction measures through loans

Kunreuther presented the following challenges and questions:

LONG-TERM ISSUES

- How long will it take FEMA with its partners including the private sectors to develop new maps that more accurately assess the risks of flooding?
- How costly will affordability programs be to the public sector and residents in flood-prone areas in the United States?

SHORT-TERM CHALLENGES

- How can we restore the best features of Biggert-Waters into the NFIP?
- How can the impacts of climate change be incorporated in designing flood insurance to encourage investments in adaptation measures?
- What are the most appropriate ways of dealing with affordability issues?
 - What empirical data should be collected?
 - What controlled experiments/surveys should be undertaken?

Lessons Learned from the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza H5 Virus Outbreak

Panelists: Mark Schouten, Director, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department; Joe Kelly, Director, Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; Mike Sprayberry, Director, North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; Dr. Jack A. Shere, Associate Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services, US Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service; Mike Naig, Deputy Secretary, Iowa Department of Agriculture

The panelists discussed a variety of issues related to the HPAI H5 virus including: impact on the economy; impact on industry workers and farm owners to include behavioral health issues; coordination between emergency management and agriculture; regulatory issues such as weight restrictions for vehicles, drivers hours; disposal methods and sites; and resources needed.

Hon. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency

Administrator Fugate updated attendees on a number of improvements made internally at FEMA including hiring and managing personnel, IT and procurement systems which had long been ignored. All FEMA personnel, regardless of department of position, are now trained and deployable as needed. The focus on mitigation has changed from use of the Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) to using existing codes and standards for projects. With regard to flood insurance, Fugate’s ultimate goal would be to shift risk away from taxpayers to private sector insurance. When considering catastrophic disasters, the focus shouldn’t be solely on Stafford Act assistance but rather on the resources of the entire nation. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) helps to build capabilities for the nation rather than relying on federal resources alone.

Following Fugate’s remarks, President Koon announced that the NEMA Board of Directors had voted unanimously to award Administrator Fugate with an honorary lifetime membership in NEMA. Only four individuals outside of NEMA Past Presidents have received such recognition.

**NEMA Business Session
Reports by Officers**

Secretary’s Report – Wendy Smith-Reeve (AZ) on behalf of Bill Hackett (CT)
Smith-Reeve presented the draft minutes from the 2015 Mid-Year Forum for approval.

Moved: AL DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: NM

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Hard (CO)

NEMA ended FY15 with a better finish than anticipated. The final revenue over expense was \$60, 281.22 and the ending fund balance was \$1,179,340.37. NEMA was very successful with fundraising and secured \$2,440,000 in grants last year. Hard thanked funding partners: DHS/FEMA, HHS, CDC and DOE. The Board of Directors approved a budget for FY16 that calls for spending down the fund balance by \$193,052. There are very few increases in this budget from last year with the exception of funds to complete a database rewrite. Once again NEMA demonstrates success in the grants arena having secured \$2,450,000 so far this fiscal year.

President's Report – Bryan Koon (FL)

Koon presented for approval a proposed dues adjustment that would take effect on July 1, 2016:

State: \$4,500 including Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico
Territories: \$300 for MH, PW, FM/\$600 for AS, GU, CNMI
*Corporate: \$600/\$1,440 based on size
*Organizational: \$360
*Individual: \$240
Student: \$50 (no change)
Alumni Director: \$50 (no change)

Moved: WA DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: AR

Officer Elections – Dave Maxwell (AR)

Past President Dave Maxwell presided over the elections of officers for 2015-2015. The candidates for office are:

Vice President – Wendy Smith-Reeve (AZ)
Secretary – Bill Hackett (CT)
Treasurer – Brad Richy (ID)

Maxwell called for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made to close nominations.

Moved: AL DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: MI

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers as presented.

Moved: IL DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: MI

President Koon congratulated the newly elected officers. State Director Art Faulkner (AL) took the opportunity to publicly thank Koon for his service and leadership over the past year.

There being no further business, the 2015 Annual Forum was adjourned.

Moved: AR DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Second: AZ