

**NEMA 2015 Mid-Year Forum  
March 13-17, 2015  
Alexandria, VA**

**General Session Minutes**

**March 16, 2015**

Present \*p = proxy

<u>Region I</u> Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire - p Rhode Island Vermont – p	<u>Region II</u> New Jersey	<u>Region III</u> Delaware District of Columbia Maryland Pennsylvania Virginia West Virginia	<u>Region IV</u> Alabama Florida Georgia Kentucky - p Mississippi - p North Carolina South Carolina
<u>Region V</u> Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota Wisconsin	<u>Region VI</u> Arkansas Louisiana New Mexico Oklahoma	<u>Region VII</u> Iowa Kansas Nebraska	<u>Region VIII</u> Colorado Montana North Dakota South Dakota Utah Wyoming
<u>Region IX</u> American Samoa Arizona California Hawaii Nevada	<u>Region X</u> Alaska Idaho Washington		

President Bryan Koon (FL) welcomed attendees and called the General Session to order and asked Secretary Bill Hackett (CT) to conduct the roll call of the States. There being 35 states/territories present and 10 proxies, a quorum was declared.

**National Weather Service – Dr. Louis Uccellini, Director**

Dr. Uccellini discussed changing weather patterns and more extreme events. Two-thirds of the nation is experiencing drought. The U.S. has seen record tornadoes in recent years along with heavy precipitation events. It's imperative that we build resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather. He talked about improved services and technology by the National Weather Service and asked for support from the emergency management community as they modernize.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency – Craig Fugate, Administrator**

Administrator Fugate discussed a variety of subjects including climate change and the need to address it regardless of cause. He talked about changes in technology, population and demographics that impact

risk. Fugate suggested that the public debate on how we view risk must change from how to we rebuild to previous levels to how do we build to the future. FEMA is changing their mindset about mitigation for infrastructure restoration by viewing all mitigation assistance holistically instead of separately, including Public Assistance, Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Hazard Mitigation Assistance. Fugate discussed FEMA's strategic goals for the next two years including a focus on implementing the agency strategic plan, resiliency, catastrophic planning, hiring issues and expediting assistance.

**Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities Initiative – Jose Baptista, Vice President for Platform Service Operations**

*100 Resilient Cities - Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation (100RC)* is dedicated to helping cities around the world become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. 100RC supports the adoption and incorporation of a view of resilience that includes not just the shocks – earthquakes, fires, floods, etc. – but also the stresses that weaken the fabric of a city on a day to day or cyclical basis. Examples of these stresses include high unemployment; an overtaxed or inefficient public transportation system; endemic violence; or chronic food and water shortages. By addressing both the shocks and the stresses, a city becomes more able to respond to adverse events, and is overall better able to deliver basic functions in both good times and bad, to all populations.

**Business Session**

Secretary's Report: Sec. Bill Hackett (CT) asked for a motion to approve the draft 2014 Annual Forum General Session Minutes.

Moved: WV DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
Second: WI

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Hard (CO) presented the FY15 Year-to-Date Financial Report. Revenue over expense for the month was \$285,245. The beginning fund balance for the year was \$1,119,059. The budget calls for spending down the balance by \$154, 420. Hard reported that NEMA has secured over \$2.4 million in grants and contracts to date this fiscal year.

President's Report: Pres. Koon presented for voting a proposal to establish a State Director Alumni membership category that would go into effect on July 1, 2015.

Moved: IL DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
Second: NC

In closing, Koon thanked attendees, speakers and sponsors for their participate and support throughout the week. He invited everyone to attend the 2015 Annual Forum in Miami on September 28-October 1, 2015.

There being no further business, the Mid-Year Forum was adjourned.

Moved: DE DISPOSITION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
Second: MD