

**NEMA 2019 Mid-Year
March 29 – April 1, 2019
Alexandria, VA**

General Session Draft Minutes

April 1, 2019

Present p=proxy

Region I

Connecticut
Maine
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
Rhode Island - p
Vermont

Region II

New Jersey
New York – p
Virgin Islands

Region III

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

Region IV

Alabama
Florida - p
Georgia – p
Kentucky - p
North Carolina
South Carolina
Mississippi - p
Tennessee

Region V

Illinois
Indiana - p
Michigan
Minnesota - p
Ohio - p
Wisconsin

Region VI

Arkansas
Louisiana - p
New Mexico
Oklahoma

Region VII

Iowa – p
Kansas - p
Missouri
Nebraska - p

Region VIII

Colorado
Montana - p
North Dakota
South Dakota – p
Wyoming

Region IX

American Samoa
Arizona
Guam
Hawaii
Commonwealth of Northern
Mariana Islands - p

Region X

Alaska
Idaho
Oregon - p
Washington

President Richy welcomed attendees, led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Treasurer Robert Ezelle (WA) to conduct the Roll Call of the States as Secretary Mike Dossett (KY) was unable to attend. A quorum was declared.

Protecting the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure Against Cyber Attacks - Christopher Krebs, Director Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Addressing NEMA for the first time, Krebs discussed how the Department has merged and streamlined their internal cyber security programs through the National Risk Management center. Election security is a priority for DHS and they have worked with many states and their selection officials by assessing the threat environment, conducting vulnerability assessments and providing cyber hygiene kits. Krebs said the 2018 elections were the most security in modern history. The National Risk Management Center is also changing the way they view risk and is working with banks and supply chain providers on actions they can take to protect their networks, and therefore, the sectors. In 2020, DHS wants to get to as many locals as possible, understand where the risk is, and determine how best to pay down risk. The development of 5G will also pose a challenge because we don’t know what the technology will be yet and how life safety networks may be vulnerable. In closing, Krebs said that DHS would like to have a cyber security advisor in every state within the next 18 months.

Violence in Schools: What Can Statistics Tell Us About Safety? David Riedman, Co-founder, K-12 School Shooting Database Center for Homeland Defense and Security

Through a graduate-level study at the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS), Riedman and the other co-founder Des O’Neill, created a comprehensive catalog of all school shooting incidents over the past 50 years. All incidents are sorted by type, weapon used, location, timeframe, and causalities. Results of the study question several assumptions about school violence and creates a fully-searchable database of 1,350 incidents. The full database can be found at: <https://www.chds.us/ssdb/>

FEMA Deputy Administrator Peter Gaynor

The Acting Administrator gave updates on implementation of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act, FEMA’s stabilization of lifelines reporting focus and structure, and the need to increase flood insurance policies as a key to disaster recovery, the need for good disaster recovery plans at the state and local levels and the value of mitigation. Gaynor spoke from a personal perspective that State Directors can effect lasting change in their states by getting good policies and programs put into legislation.

Reports by Officers

Secretary’s Report – Treasurer Robert Ezelle presented the Secretary’s report which included a call for the draft minutes from the 2018 Annual Forum to be approved.

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Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Ezelle reported NEMA started off the fiscal year with a fund balance of \$1.495 million. The FY19 budget as approved by the Board calls for spending down the fund balance by \$82,313. Here are the budget highlights as of January 31st.

- All 50 states DC paid membership dues this year along with the territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.
- NEMA exceeded budget expectations for the Annual Forum in Savannah and we hope to do the same with this Forum. Both meetings have experienced record attendance and full sponsorship.
- Expenses are currently on target with the budget.

As of January, NEMA has revenue over expense in the amount of \$420,898. Much of that reflects revenue from forum registrations and sponsorship and will even out when expenses are paid. Ezelle

directed attention to the FY19 Year-to-Date Development Report. NEMA has currently secured \$2.639 million in federal grant funding for special projects. He thanked NEMA's funding partners including FEMA, DOE, CDC and HHS/ASPR.

In closing, President Richy thanked attendees, sponsors and speakers, and asked for a motion to adjourn the 2019 Mid-Year Forum.

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