



46th Annual KEMA Business Meeting
September 12th, 2013
Ramada Inn
Topeka, KS

1. Call to Order

President Brian Stone called the 46th Annual KEMA Business Meeting to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 45th Annual KEMA Business Meeting, held on September 13th, 2012, were reviewed by the members present. Mark Stump made a motion to approve the minutes, Jimmy Reed seconded and the motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report

Keri Korthals reported that 233 membership applications were received in 2013, compared to 221 in 2012. In addition, she noted that Life Memberships currently stand at 34. Keri then discussed this year's introduction of member numbers to the membership cards, and also advised members that Board meeting minutes can be found on the KEMA website. Pam Beasley made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report, Jim Schmidt seconded and the motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

Beth Reed reviewed handouts of the Association's financial situation for the current fiscal year, noting that her reports reflected activity through 9/4/2013. She began by advising that the ending balance for 2012 was \$33,247.49. Beth then noted operating income and conference income to date of \$33,369.88 and operating and conference expenses of \$14,139.32. Lon Buller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Don Button seconded and the motion carried.

5. Committee Reports

a. Bylaws (Chuck Magaha)

Chuck reviewed handouts of several proposed bylaw changes and voting was conducted.

i. Article VI—Officers

The proposed change substituted the phrase "Regional VPs" for "Area VPs." Mark Stump made a motion to approve the change, Pam Kemp seconded and the motion carried.

ii. Article VII—Board of Directors

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the motion carried.

iii. Article VIII—Committees

The proposed change made the Conference Committee a standing committee as opposed to an appointment by the president. Darcy Gollither made a motion to approve, DeAnn Konkel seconded and the motion carried.

iv. Article IX—Elections (Section 2)

The proposed change allowed voting for officers to be conducted prior to the business meeting via electronic means. Additionally, the provision for proxy votes was removed. Darcy Gollither made a motion to accept the changes as written and Pam Kemp seconded. Discussion then followed, during which arguments were made in favor of conducting elections in person (providing a reason to attend the meeting and an opportunity to interact with candidates), and concerns were raised about the risk of excluding voting members who don't have internet access. Countering arguments were made, pointing out that electronic voting makes elections accessible to the entire membership, not just those able to attend the meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried with two dissents.

v. Article IX—Elections (Sections 4 and 5)

The proposed change removed the absentee ballot provision and renumbered the Sections of Article IX. John Stradal made a motion to accept the changes, James Fair seconded and the motion carried.

vi. Article X—Voting Rights

The proposed change removed the provisions for absentee ballots and proxy votes. John Stradal made a motion to accept the changes, Greg Klein seconded and the motion carried.

vii. Article XI—Amendments

The proposed change allowed electronic voting for bylaw changes with such changes provided to the membership 30 days prior to the business meeting. John Stradal made a motion to accept the changes and Matt May seconded. In the discussion that followed, concerns were raised about proper notification of the current bylaw changes, as well as the lack of timeframes for nominations of officers. Brian Stone advised that no additional updates had been made since the proposed bylaw changes were circulated via email on June 4th. Chuck Magaha pointed out that Article IX of the bylaws points to the Association's Policies and Procedures for the actual governance and conduct of elections. He advised that the Electronic Voting Policy will be incorporated into the rest of the Association policies and made available to the membership on the KEMA website. Additional concerns were raised about the ability to discuss bylaw changes prior to voting. Chuck assured the

membership that this information would come from their regional VPs. He also clarified that the two-thirds majority required to adopt a bylaw change would be calculated as two-thirds of those participating in the online voting. Keith Haberer then called for the question, a vote was taken and the motion carried with two dissents.

b. Nominations (Pam Beasley)

This agenda item was moved to the first item of New Business: Election Results.

c. Audit Committee (Vivian Button)

Vivian reported that the Audit Committee (comprised of herself, Mark Stump, Don Robertson, and Bill Taldo) had met Tuesday night and found KEMA's books to be in order. She advised that the committee recommended closing the Association's smallest CD (approximately \$4,000) upon its maturity and transferring the balance to the Scholarship Fund. Bill Taldo made a motion to approve this action and Don Snyder seconded. In response to a question, Jillian Rodrigue confirmed that this would be a permanent move that could not be undone. She also clarified that scholarships cannot exceed 5% of the fund balance, and since the interest earnings are outpacing that, the required \$10,000 principal balance would be protected. Discussion then followed on the significant difference in earnings between the Association's CDs and the Scholarship Fund. Jillian advised that, by working with the Community Foundation, the Scholarship Fund reaps the benefit of being part of a greater than \$65 million fund. Vivian then called for the question, voting was conducted and the motion to transfer the CD balance to the Scholarship Fund carried. An additional question on the future of another maturing CD was tabled to allow Beth time to research other options. Bill Guy then made a motion to accept the audit report, Josh Seguire seconded and the motion carried.

d. Standards and Practices (Gary Middleton)

Gary began by advising the membership of the make-up of the Standards and Practices Committee. He noted that he is currently handling initial KCEM certifications and John Stradal is managing the KCEM re-certifications. Additionally, there are three KCEM Commissioners: Bill Guy, Laurie Harrison, and Darcy Gollither. Gary reported that seven new KCEMs would be recognized that evening at the Banquet, and 54 KCEMs had recertified since the last conference.

e. Scholarship Committee (Jillian Rodrigue)

Jillian first recognized the three members of her committee who were present at the meeting: Lon Buller, Darcy Gollither and Keith Haberer. She then thanked the membership for voting to grow the fund, allowing the committee to begin issuing scholarships. Jillian encouraged members to visit the Silent Auction, which would remain open until 5:30 that evening. She advised that winners would be announced on the white dry erase board by the registration table.

6. SEIC Report (Jimmy Reed)

Jimmy then advised the membership that he is KEMA's representative to the SIEC, which sets standards for interoperable communications. He spoke about the move to data, advising that at their January 31st meeting, the SIEC had begun discussing the public safety broadband network, looking at the possibility of partnering with existing data networks. He also discussed the Governor's decision to accept a planning grant associated with the PSBN initiative. He advised that if the state had not opted into this program, it would still have been required to meet all of the applicable federal regulations; however, it would have to provide all of its own funding. Jimmy noted that two new employees were hired under the grant and would be making contact with first response agencies across the state.

7. Old Business

No old business was brought before the membership.

8. New Business

a. Election Results (Pam Beasley)

Pam began by recognizing the other members of the nominating committee: Don Snyder and Tom Winter. She then advised that the online voting survey had closed last night and all results had been exported. Questions began to arise about the sequence of events, with the Association conducting electronic voting prior to the bylaw change being approved. As the two races were uncontested (Beth Reed for Treasurer and Vaughn Lorenson for President-Elect), Mike Selves made a motion to simply accept the two candidates by acclamation. Keith Haberer seconded and the motion carried. In response to a question, Pam advised that 85 members were in attendance at the meeting and 108 members had participated in the online voting. Bill Guy then made a motion to destroy the online survey information, DeAnn Konkel seconded and the motion carried.

b. Member Committees

The membership was advised to see Garry Berges to sign up for committees.

9. Adjournment

Randy Duncan made a motion to adjourn, Eldon Bedene seconded and the meeting was adjourned.