



**2015-2016 KEMA Board Meeting**  
**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Courtyard by Marriott**  
**Junction City, KS**

**Attendee**

Cody Charvat  
Keri Korthals  
Chuck Magaha  
Beth Reed  
DeAnn Konkol  
Don Robertson  
Vaughn Lorenson  
Chancy Smith  
Gary Middleton  
Keith Haberer  
Pamela Sanders  
Hannah Stambaugh  
Jillian Rodrigue  
Byrdee Miller  
Mike Selves

**Representing**

Sedgwick Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Butler Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Leavenworth Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Republic Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Sedgwick Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Kearny Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Stanton Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
Dickinson Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
EM Fusion  
Russell/Ellsworth Co. EM  
Saline Co. Emerg. Mgmt.  
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**1. Call to Order**

President Pamela Sanders called the meeting to order at 10:58 am.

**2. Conference Review**

Pam asked that any comments about the conference, including vendors, food or speakers, be emailed to her and copied to Mike Selves and Gary Middleton. Gary advised that EM Fusion will be holding an after action review with the hotel in a couple of weeks, and encouraged the Board to get any feedback submitted before then. Mike also asked for help generating ideas for conference speakers for 2016. He advised that the West, TX sessions (Frank Patterson) came about from a member suggestion. He noted that he usually begins working on the next conference by late February/early March.

**3. KEMA Quilt Project**

Pam encouraged the VPs to continue to seek patches from their counties for inclusion in the KEMA quilt. Per Byrdee Miller, the deadline for submission is now March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4. Regional Discussion Items**

Pam first recognized the two new VPs (Byron Schultz – SE and Don Robertson – SW) then gave some instructions to the new Board. She requested that VPs hold at least quarterly meetings in

their regions and also asked to be copied on communication to the membership. Discussion followed on the need for job aids for the VPs, similar to those that already exist for secretary, treasurer, etc. Byrdee offered to share the info that she provided to Byron to help him with his transition. The Board then talked about promoting the awards program more, as well as encouraging more EMs to pursue the KCEM. Pam advised that, after giving everyone time to get home and settled in, she would begin setting up a schedule of local awards presentations. There was also discussion about creating an association photo directory – Vaughn Lorenson knew of a company that produces these and offered to gather more info to bring to the next meeting.

#### **5. EMSAK Donation to Scholarship Fund**

Beth Reed brought up the EMSAK donation and asked for direction on depositing those funds. The Board reviewed some options, including combining it into the existing Foundation account or keeping it in a separate account. Jillian Rodrigue suggested that a \$250 award may be too small to warrant all of the effort required by the application process. The Board asked Beth to investigate how long it will take before the Foundation funds are vested enough to allow for two \$500 scholarships annually. It was discussed that, in the interim, the EMSAK funds (if kept out of the Foundation account) could be drawn on directly to make up the difference and allow for an earlier increase to \$500 awards. Vaughn made a motion to bump the scholarships to \$500, but the decision was made to table the discussion until November. Beth was directed to deposit the EMSAK check into the scholarship account at the bank (not the Foundation), until directed further.

#### **6. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date**

Vaughn made a motion to adjourn, Keith Haberer seconded, and the motion carried. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, location to be confirmed. The 2016 meeting dates also need to be confirmed, due to some potential scheduling conflicts.