

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

This is a little late this month so I could include an important note about R8 Leadership (pg 2). I went to CEMA last month and had a great time! Over 500 EM-type’s there and lots of interest in the IAEM Conference in their back yard. Next week, we are making a road trip out of going to WAHA. Pictures coming!

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**REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)**

- WAHA March 14 @ Casper
- [IAEM Virtual Conference Apr 18-19](#)
- UEMA May 7-9 @ Saint George
- NDEMA Sept 9-12 @ Bismarck
- SDEMA Sept 9-14 @ Chamberlain
- MEMA Oct 1-3 @ Butte
- IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ CO Springs
- R8 Quarterly Conversations
  - Mon, May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm MST
  - Mon, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm MST
  - Mon, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Meeting ID: 291 828 078 252**

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS (Dec 23-Jan 24)** Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them.

- ♥ JD Burke CO
- ♥ Jake Catmull UT
- ♥ Andrew Clark UT
- ♥ Cindy Corsaro CO
- ♥ Russ Dalgren WY
- ♥ Jim Prochniak ND
- ♥ Pete Slintak CO

**R8’s NEWEST CEM!**

- ♥ Greg Busch CO

**R8’s CEM RECERT’S**

- ♥ Brett Cross UT
- ♥ Ryan Perkins, UT
- ♥ Scott Smith CO
- ♥ Jonathan McComb UT

**R8’s UPGRADE AEM to CEM**

- ♥ Nick Sporer CO

**R8’s LATEST LIFETIME CEM**

- ♥ Jim Buchanan UT



REMINDER, you can see all the newsletters, notes and minutes on the [IAEM R8 website](#).

**R8 LEADERSHIP NEWS**

Dr. Carol Cwiak has – very unfortunately – resigned from the position of R8 VP. She has done so much for IAEM and R8 and **\*ME\***. Best to say goodbye and good luck with my favorite picture of her.



(From Left: Carol Cwiak, CEM; Dorothy Miller, CEM; Carolyn Harshman, CEM and *yours truly*, CEM – otherwise known as the Disaster Divas.)

The GREAT news is that **Jim Buchanan, MPA, CEM (Utah)** has agreed to serve out the term. He was the President of Region 8 from 2018-2020 and has been an IAEM member since 2007. He is still active in UEMA (Utah) and other state committees. Welcome and **THANK YOU!**



**HOWEVER** ... Jim only wants to serve out this term, and elections for R8 officers will be held this summer.

If you are interested in running for R8 VP, let me know and I'll tell you what it involves. Also open will be the Secretary/Treasurer position, which is appointed.

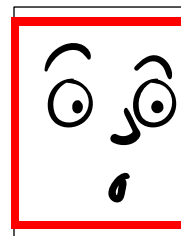


**JUST IN CASE PODCAST**

*by Taylor Frizzell, CEM*

Each month International Association of Emergency Managers

(IAEM) USA Council President Justin Kates will provide updates on the work of the association. Additionally, we'll bring in a different guest each month to highlight an activity of IAEM-USA, ranging from government affairs to the annual conference. Each episode will be transcribed and converted into a summary article to be published in the monthly IAEM Bulletin.



**AMAZING OPPORTUNITY**

**FEMA National Level Exercise (NLE) Listening Session**

IAEM has received an opportunity to participate in a [National Level Exercise \(NLE\)](#) program listening session to be scheduled with IAEM, BCEM, and NEMA separately in the coming weeks. For background, the National Exercise Division is hoping to connect with stakeholders to continue to improve the design and delivery of NLEs, ensure that they are producing relevant outcomes that are impactful and valuable, and hear from SLTTs about real-world experiences and how NLEs currently meet the mark or may be improved.

We are looking for a group of folks to represent IAEM in this listening session with strong experience with exercises, and experience with a previous NLE in your region is a plus. Please email Justin Kates at [usapresident@iaem.com](mailto:usapresident@iaem.com) if you are interested in participating. In your email, provide a short overview of your exercise program experience and if you've participated in a previous NLE, TOPOFF, Capstone, etc.



**NEW IAEM-USA TOP 40 UNDER 40 RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

IAEM-USA invites you to participate in a new recognition program for IAEM-USA members under 40 years old. We want to recognize the [Top 40 Under 40](#) in emergency management who have demonstrated exceptional talent, leadership, and achievements.

Any IAEM member who is under 40 years old may be nominated (*even by a non-IAEM member*) to be recognized for their career achievements and emergency management community involvement. You can nominate an exceptional colleague, or two, for giving their all to their communities, even while balancing family, friends, and life.

Fill out our short [survey](#) to nominate the person(s) you believe should be included in the IAEM-USA Top 40 Under 40. The survey will close at **5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 22.**



The 2024 IAEM Scholarship application is now open until **11:59:59 p.m. EDT on April 15, 2024**. Don't miss this opportunity to seek funds for school!

If you are not a current student, please help us by sharing this with students in your network. The [IAEM Scholarship Program](#) provides scholarships through a competitive process to full-time undergraduate students as well as full and part-time graduate students working on degrees in emergency management, disaster management, or closely related fields of study. Students anywhere in the world are eligible to apply. Awardees are selected based on applications and required complementary materials.



**REGISTRATION FOR [IAEM PLUGGED IN](#) AND THE [IAEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EMEX](#) ARE NOW OPEN**