

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Last month, I went to Casper, Wyoming, to the annual Flood Summit put on by WY OHS. It was great to meet everyone. Congrats to LaRae Dobbs, the new WAHA President. And I got a great picture, see page 7 of the March IAEM Bulletin (attached to email). Also in this newsletter:

- ➔ The IAEM Student Scholarship Application opens April 15.
- ➔ Several Deadlines for the IAEM conference coming up.
- ➔ The EMPG ROI Report was sent to Congress.
- ➔ IAEM’s 2024 Legislatives Priorities/.

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REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)

- [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 6th @ 2 pm MST
 - Mon, Aug 5th @ 2 pm MST
 - Mon, Nov 18th 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

Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome them.

- ♥ Cindy Corsaro CO
- ♥ Charles Hall CO
- ♥ Nicholas Humphrey ND
- ♥ Yasmin Abbyad UT
- ♥ Brian Siravo CO
- ♥ Paul Tranetzke CO



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



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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.

WEBINAR TO HELP COMPLETE THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The IAEM Scholarship Commission is offering a webinar at **2:00 p.m. EDT on April 4, 2024**, to help students successfully complete the IAEM Scholarship Application. The webinar will provide step-by-step instructions for submitting an IAEM Scholarship application before the April 15, 2024, deadline. Participants will be able to ask questions. [Register now](#).



The Call for Speakers for EMVision will **open on Monday, April 1, 2024 and close on Friday, May 3, 2024**.

The Talks provide a forum for people to share a personal connection to an idea, experience, or passion related to emergency management, leadership, health & wellness, inclusion, communication, community engagement, or other related topics. Don't miss this engaging session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Talks are limited to seven minutes and are live on the plenary stage. Are you a speaker looking for [more information?](#)



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



2023 Region 8 Conference Speakers

William Sumner, CO (Pre-Cont)
 Jessica Carruth, CO (W, 9:45 AM)
 Julie Wilk, CO (T, 8 AM)
 Jocelyn Frankhouse, CO (T, 10:45 AM)
 Taina Ferraro, CO (T, 1:00 PM)
 Mike Gavin, CO (T, 1:30 PM)
 Bernard Longo, CO (T, 1:30 PM)
 Suzanne Basco, CO (W, 11 AM)
 Tami Richter, SD (W, 11 AM)
 Mallory Bays, CO (W, 1:30 PM)
 Nick Spore, CO (W, 1:30 PM)

Regional Committee and Caucus Representatives

Accessibility and Whole Community Inclusion Committee: Robert Hill, SD
 Civil Air Patrol: Robert D'Onofrio, AZ
 Conference Committee: Mike Gavin, CO
 Editorial Committee: Rinda Trudale, CO
 Emerging Tech Caucus: Arthur Simenstad, CO
 FEMA: Chris Doregan, CO
 Healthcare Caucus: Michelle Deland, CO
 Higher Education/Academician Caucus: Carol Cank, ND
 Membership Committee: Chris Doregan, CO
 Training and Education: Nick Spore, CO
 Transportation Caucus: Ashley DeWenthal, CO
 Uniformed Services: William Sumner, CO
 University and College Caucus: Garry DeJong, CO

Meeting

The R8 Annual Meeting will be held at the IAEM Annual Conference on Monday, November 6th, from 5:15 - 6:00 PM.

Meet the Region 8 Leadership Team!

Valerie Lucas-McEwen, Utah
 President

Carol Gustaf, North Dakota
 Vice President

Robert Hill, South Dakota
 Treasurer

State EM Associations in Region 8

- Colorado - Colorado Emergency Management Association
<https://www.cemaco.org/>
 Contact: president@cemaco.org
- Montana - Montana Association of Disaster & Emergency Services: Coordinators/Emergency Managers
monta@disastere.org/
 Contact: cced45@gmail.com
- North Dakota - North Dakota Emergency Management Association
<https://www.ndema.org/>
 Contact: njem@ndema.org
- South Dakota - South Dakota Emergency Management Association
<https://www.sdem.org/>
 Contact: emanager@ndemilcolcoloutd.org
- Utah - Utah Emergency Management Association
<https://www.utahema.org/>
 Contact: memberservices@utahema.org
- Wyoming - The Wyoming Emergency Management Association
<https://www.wyemga.org/>
 Contact: wyoemga@boards@gmail.com

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.

IAEM REGION 8 POSTER; 11/23; Long Beach

The Poster Showcase is currently open until **Friday, April 19th**. This information sharing event is open to practitioners, student and academia. Prospective speakers can find out all the requirements and tips for a successful poster submission on our [website](#).

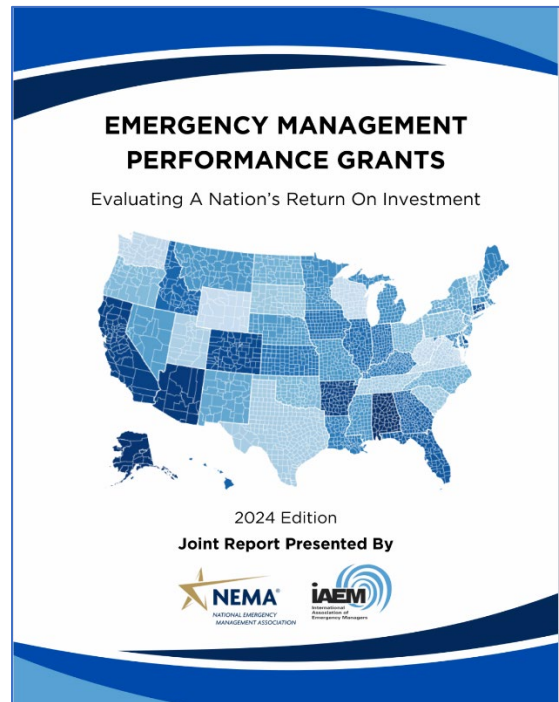
View the recently [recorded webinar](#) hosted by the IAEM Conference Committee leaders for how to be successful in the IAEM 2024 Annual Conference Poster Showcase. The webinar covers the submission requirements and tips for success, whether you are entering the Competitive Division for a chance at gold, silver, or bronze recognition or the Non-Competitive Division.. To find out more information and a step-by-step guide on how to submit your proposal, read the [Poster Showcase Guidance](#).



IAEM 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- ➔ EMPG Grants
- ➔ Disaster Survival Fairness Act
- ➔ Universal Application
- ➔ Wildfire Response Improvement Act
- ➔ PAHPA Reauthorization
- ➔ National Weather Service
- ➔ National Flood Insurance Reauthorization
- ➔ Training and Education

THE 2024 EMPG RETURN ON INVESTMENT REPORT



IAEM produces this important report every year in coordination with [NEMA](#). On behalf of IAEM's leadership team...THANKS to the jurisdictions who completed the entirety of the Biennial Survey as the data collected through that process is what makes this report possible. Please distribute this far and wide including to your Congressional Delegation.