



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'm really looking forward to the MEMA conference this week in Butte, Montana! Also, in this edition, check out;

- R8 Student Scholarship winners (2)
- Have you seen the IAEM Jobs board? (3)
- Newly elected IAEM-USA Officers (3)
- IAEM Career Excellence Award goes to (2)
- IAEM Conference in Colorado Springs early-bird registration ends ... (2)

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REGIONAL CALENDAR (2024)

- [MEMA Oct 1-3 @ Butte](#)
- [IAEM Conference Nov 17-20 @ CO Springs](#)
- R8 Annual Meeting
 - Mon, Nov 18th in Colorado Springs
- [CEMA Feb13-15, 2025](#), Loveland, CO

Invite your friends!

Do you know emergency managers who are not an IAEM member? Invite them to join!

Membership benefits include:

- Access to the *IAEM Bulletin*
- Discounted rates on CEM certifications and training
- Representation in government working groups addressing vital issues
- Weekly E-Dispatch access giving you the latest EM news
- Access to the IAEM Jobs Board
- Professional development opportunities
- Reduced cost to IAEM and industry events
- And many more!

Invite your friends at <https://www.iaem.org/join/intro>

WELCOME TO OUR NEW R8 MEMBERS

Recognize anyone? Take a minute to welcome or congratulate them.

- ♥ Taylor Kemp CO
- ♥ Alice (Denise) Bradshaw CO
- ♥ Scott Danielak UT
- ♥ Ian Anderson CO
- ♥ Jacqueline Chavez CO
- ♥ Kim Scott CO
- ♥ Monika Weber CO
- ♥ Daniel McCarter CO
- ♥ Regan Smith SD
- ♥ Ryan Airey CO
- ♥ Camille Millard CO
- ♥ Ricardo Perez CO
- ♥ Loren Barnes CO
- ♥ Jennifer Wiechmann CO
- ♥ Robert Small SD
- ♥ Olivia Crimaldi CO
- ♥ Victoria O'Malley CO
- ♥ Aaron Borne CO
- ♥ Brandon Lenderink CO
- ♥ Ken Sturrock CO
- ♥ Kristofer Stewart CO
- ♥ Michelle Klein CO
- ♥ Richard Atkins CO
- ♥ James Burghard WY
- ♥ Samba Diop CO
- ♥ Jacob Dyer CO



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE R8 2024 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Carter Stulken @ NDSU majoring in Emergency Management and Public Policy, expecting to graduate May 2025.

What are you most interested in? *I am most interested in the operations and planning elements, as well as addressing needs of vulnerable populations.*

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? *I would like to direct or administer an emergency management agency in a regional or state institution.*

Brandon Atencio @ American Military University majoring in Emergency and Disaster Management, expecting to graduate in Sept 2025

What are you most interested in? *Hospital and Space Emergency and Disaster Management*

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? *Working in a field where I can use my degree and PM cert.*

Charles H Hall III "Chaz" @ EMA Pikes Peak State College majoring in Emergency Management Administration, expecting to graduate in 2029.

What are you most interested in? *Mental health and Government Planning for disasters*

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? *Working for the state or FEMA as an emergency management planning.*



Registration is open!! Check it out [HERE](#).
Early Bird discount ends 10/11!!

IAEM CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD 2024... goes to Dr. Robert "Bob" Ditch

Throughout a 50-year career, Dr. Ditch has earned this award for his outstanding contributions to the Emergency Management profession.



Dr. Ditch is a 50-year career All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT), Fire/EMS, Homeland Security/ EM, Terrorism Response, and Disaster Management Planner, Incident Commander, Public Information Officer, and Educator. He teaches for five universities, one medical school, and three federal/state Homeland Security and EM agencies, two Fire/EMS academies: and is a Homeland Security consultant.

As Lieutenant Colonel Robert "Dr. Bob" Ditch, EdD, CEM, Bob is also our Region 8 Representative to the Rocky Mountain Region of the Civil Air Patrol.



GOOD LUCK TO THE R8 CLIMBERS

- ◆ Michael Honsberger CO
- ◆ Carolione Hackerott ND
- ◆ Andrew Clar UT
- ◆ Jim McEwen UT
- ◆ Valerie Lucus McEwen UT
- ◆ Yasmin Abbyad UT
- ◆ Gloria Walski CO
- ◆ Mike Gavin CO

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS

Last month the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which has primary jurisdiction over most emergency management



related policy issues, convened to mark-up a number of bills of interest to emergency managers. Overall, the results were primarily in our favor with a majority of the bills we endorsed being passed out of committee. You can review the bills endorsed by IAEM that were favorably reported out here:

- Expediting Disaster Recovery Act ([HR 6084](#))
- Making Aid for Local Disasters Equal Now Act ([HR 6435](#))
- FEMA Loan Interest Payment Relief Act ([HR 2672](#))
- Disaster Contract Improvement Act ([HR 6997](#))
- Weather Alert Response and Notification Act ([HR 2892](#))
- Federal Emergency Mobilization Accountability Workforce Planning Act ([HR 9037](#))
- Promoting Opportunities to Widen Electrical Resilience Act ([HR 9541](#))
- State-Managed Disaster Relief Act ([HR 8728](#))
- Fire Management Assistance Grants for Tribal Governments Act ([HR 9121](#))
- Addressing Addiction After Disasters Act ([HR 5623](#))
- Duplications of Benefits Victims Relief Act ([HR 6083](#))
- Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act ([HR 9024](#))

Call to Action

Now is the time to reach out to your Representatives to let them know how each of the bills below could benefit your program.

IAEM Career Center

The Job Site for Emergency Managers

CHECK OUT THE IAEM JOBS BOARD

Looking for positions, internships or volunteer opportunities is free, but there is a fee for employers posting a job position.

For Example, Hughes County is looking for an Emergency Management Director in Pierre, South Dakota

And so is Indiana University; Morganton, North Carolina; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Austin TX and several counties in California.



2025 Colorado Emergency Management Conference

February 11, 12 and 13, 2025

RESULTS OF THE IAEM-USA ELECTION

Todd DeVoe, CEM 2nd Vice President (served as R9 President since 2021).

Erik Gaull, CEM, Secretary (served as R3 President since 2021)

Region 8 Elections

Valerie Lucus McEwen CEM, UT, President
Dustin Willett CEM, SD, Vice President
Kyle Lopez, CEM, CO, Sec-Treas

IAEM BYLAWS REVISED



IAEM-USA recently undertook a complete rewrite of the IAEM-USA Bylaws. They are now out to the membership to approve. **The voting period will be from September 23, 2024 - October 22, 2024.** All IAEM members received a unique voting link when the voting period begins. Members are encouraged to read through the memo and review the new bylaws document posted [here](#).

The IAEM-USA Board of Directors extends our heartfelt thanks to the Bylaws Committee for their hundreds of hours of work preparing this proposed update.



During the SDEMA conference in September, Robert Hill, CEM, EM Director, Brookings County, SD (left) was elected President and Steve Esser Director of Emergency Services at Custer County SD

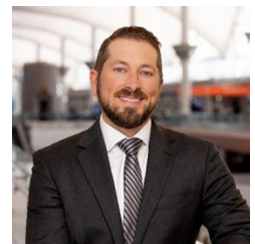
(right) was elected Incoming President. Robert is finishing up his term as Sec-Treas of R8 and he was also R8 President for 4 years before that. Shown here with IAEM R8 President, Valerie Lucus-McEwen.



IAEM’s EMvision Talks® are modeled on the well-known TED™ Talk format and they will be presented during the Colorado Springs conference on Tuesday, 11/19 from 9:15-10:15. Come listen to 7 of your peers take 7 minutes each to talk about what is important to them.

INCLUDING:

Chason Runkle, AEM, Emergency Operations Manager, City and County of Denver will be presenting his 7-minute talk: *Jump to Opportunities, Not Conclusions*



“The thought of changing career paths and changing one's thoughts sounds intimidating. Yet, the acts of realization are far simpler than overcoming the internal obstacles that our minds create. During my career, I found a position that I really wanted, but my mind told me I wasn't smart enough or experienced enough. I concluded that what I wanted was unattainable. Then, despite self-doubt, I jumped at an opportunity. “

COMING SOON ...

Very Special and Unique Region 8 Challenge Coins have been ordered for the 2024 IAEM Conference in Colorado Springs. The new R8 logo is on one side, and reference to the 2024 Conference on the back. We also ordered 2 inch Stickers with the new R8 logo.

