



Emergency Network of Los Angeles

Board Meeting Agenda

February 13th, 2014, 9 – 11 am

Faithful Central Bible Church

Charles Craig (FEMA), Gilbert Gonzales (Volunteer Los Angeles), Curtis Hsing (Buddhist Tzu Chi), John C. (DPSS), Alisa (EMD, Chuck Gillies (Salvation Army), Mary Stewart (ILERT)

I. Call to Order, Introductions, and Meeting Goals

II. Regular ENLA Business

a. Government report out

- i. Charles Craig – When Craig Fugate came on board, he asked the FEMA Regions to hire an AFN coordinator. Region IX's coordinator passed away last year; Joanne Skordino has accepted the position. She will be based in Oakland. Charles' monthly VOAD call will be bimonthly in the even numbered months. The next one will be in April. If you have topic suggestions, email them to Charles.

The VALs at FEMA HQ have started having a VAL call that is now including everyone, occurring monthly. FEMA is able to offer disaster case management during a disaster now; the program will be administered by the state, which can contract with voluntary agencies to do the case management. This is in alignment with what Long Term Recovery Committees have been doing for a long time. There will be a case management webinar on February 26th for the voluntary agencies who would like to do case management in future disasters.

Charles participated in the NorCal VOAD meeting; they had representatives talking about AB903, the nonprofit reimbursement bill. Lidia Armas, the CA state VAL is setting up a training about the program, which reimburses for extraordinary costs incurred during a disaster. SoCal VOAD is having a summit at the end of February, Charles will attend. NVOAD will occur in May; Charles will not be able to attend.

National Mass Care strategy is working to be widely distributed so that it is well-known in communities. There is a series of webinars that will occur in 2014, and Charles will keep us posted on the dates. The mass care resource types should

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be on the website. The state of CA has a catastrophic plan for both a Bay Area earthquake and one for Southern California. The Bay Area plan is due for update, and Charles will participate in that.

Charles has the capability of setting up webinars; if we need some training or a discussion webinar that we would like to have, please let him know.

- ii. John C – met with LA Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) and winter shelter service providers. They’ve determined what the cost would be to extend the morning hours so that people do not have to leave the shelters when it’s still below freezing, and will bring that cost to the Office of the CEO to see about extending those hours. John will send the list of winter shelter locations so Cullen can send it out (these would be for homeless people). Winter shelters normally close March 1st, but they are working to determine whether they need to be extended. There may also be warming centers opened, but that would be on an as-needed basis.

Mass Care and Shelter Annex working group is working on workshops and an exercise. John would be open to inviting an ENLA representative.

- iii. Alisa – there is no messaging around the upcoming 405 closure yet. Alisa does not know whether the County will be prepositioning resources on the other side of the freeway, or any of the other preparations they made for Carmageddon last year.

- b. Training – board member mentors at four Disaster Plan Development Workshops in 2014. Cullen is hoping to plan a faith-based DPDW in the spring, and would hope to have Jackie sit in as the resident expert to answer questions and provide guidance. Cullen will create a master calendar so that board members know when the workshops are occurring, so that other board members in that particular sector could volunteer to attend and participate. As it is difficult to plan the entire year of workshops ahead of time, Cullen will let the board know when he’s got a workshop scheduled and ask for a volunteer.
- c. Committee to oversee UCLA Extension relationship – pursue intern sponsorship program. Cullen is still talking to this group, who has a speaker’s group and would like ENLA to send a speaker at some point this year. They would also like ENLA to post an internship opportunity with the group, and the question is whether it can be continued over time. The board will need to talk about where an intern would be located, who would supervise; it is for 70 hours of class credit once the professor approves the project that ENLA proposes.
- d. Discuss policy on Group and in-kind memberships

III. Network learning discussion

IV. Executive committee positions

- a. New Treasurer nominee – Gil Gonzales. He will talk to his new supervisor and make a decision.
- b. Call for Secretary nominations and vote

V. Review of board membership

- a. Potential new board members – WorldVision, Foursquare Chaplains, Mennonites, Calvary Chapel, 2-1-1 LA, Goodwill, Save the Children, Los Angeles County Mental Health, Pierce College veterinary, SPCA LA, UMCOR (Cullen recently had contact with some United Methodists, but there isn't an UMCOR person in SoCal), Team Rubicon, Habitat for Humanity
- b. Board members should make second requests of some of the general members we've already asked. Chuck Gillies will talk to Foursquare and Calvary; Jackie will call 2-1-1 LA and World Vision. Alix and Cullen will make first contact with SPCA LA, Pierce College veterinary and Team Rubicon. Alix and Cullen will talk to Goodwill at NVOAD this year. Charles check into UMCOR and call the Mennonites. John C will talk to Save the Children. Mary will talk to Habitat for Humanity.
- c. What's going on with LA Regional Food Bank? Michael Flood is the contact for now. Jeff's position has not been posted yet.
- d. ENLA might need to have some volunteers or a connection with a voluntary organization who would attend ENLA functions and videotape or take photos to improve our outreach.
- e. Board members stepping down – Noah's Wish, LA City Animal Services

VI. All other business

- a. LA City EMD MOA
- b. Colby Fire Situation after action – 4 reports within 24 hours, 10 within 48 hours, 14 within 72 hours. Most responses were from general members. The request email needs to include the statement that the VOAD needs response from 100% of the membership even if they are not affected. Members are asked whether they are functional, and could answer only that question. Staff will review the survey to make sure that is the first question, so that members who are not affected can just answer that one question.

Charles asked if the survey is part of the ENLA communications protocol; it is, and members practiced it when the staff rolled it out in 2012 (the internet survey that is replacing the emailed Word form for most people). Charles asked if there's an active Communications Committee. There isn't right now, but there was, and they were more focused on social media. Staff tried to task them with updating the ENLA EOP's communications section and with creating a crisis communications plan, but they did not seem to have the capacity. The ENLA board is going to do some capacity building

with Community Partners about the role and functions of committees, so staff did not do anything to replace the outgoing Communications Committee chair to allow the board to make those decisions. Cullen asked if Charles could provide some training in this regard. This would be very valuable both for Communications Committee members and general members who may not have communications experience. If we do it the week of March 24th, the group can announce the webinar to the group at the general membership meeting the week before.

- c. Alix went to a Department of Mental Health meeting for FBOs and suggested we have them speak at a general membership meeting soon
- d. Cullen heard a presentation at a BICEPP meeting and would like to organize a forum meeting around the drought, maybe with a panel, potentially with BICEPP. The utilities could come and speak; CAL OES is creating a drought task force whose members may have been named by then

VII. Upcoming Meetings

- a. March board meeting 03-13-13 at Faithful Central Bible Church
- b. March general membership meeting 03-20-13 at Pasadena Salvation Army Tabernacle
 - i. What needs to go in the ENLA Activities Snapshot? Response to Colby Fire and upcoming communications webinar, UASI grant project report and slides (5-10 mins)
 - ii. Jackie will call Maribel to ask 2-1-1 LA to be the featured member
 - iii. John's slide presentation will be about weather events in Los Angeles in the last 100 years, and includes dam collapses. Just to give people an idea of other possible hazards. 10-15 mins
 - iv. Cullen will check with Eric Bolt to see if he can give a presentation on the local drought. How does an individual and an agency respond to something like a drought if they're located in the city? What are the impacts to us here?

We could also ask Pasadena Water and Power