

**Nebraska SECC Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2014**

1:00 PM

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Lincoln, Nebraska

1. Welcome & Review of Agenda – Jim Skinner

Member Name	Organization	Representing
Jim Skinner, Chair	KPTM/KXVO	Broadcast Television
Paul Johnson	Douglas County Emergency Management	Local EM
Alisia LaMay	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	NEMA
Brian Smith	National Weather Services	NOAA/NWA
Rod Zeigler	Rural Radio Network / KRVN	Broadcast Radio
Al Krause	Nebraska Educational Telecommunications	State Primary
Lt. Carla Schreiber	Nebraska State Patrol	State Patrol

Other Attendees: Janell Walther, Public Policy Center; James Duchesneau, NET; Sue Krogman, NEMA

Committee Members Absent: Jim Timm (excused), LeeAnn Quist, Ray Richards

Common Acronyms	
CAP	Common Alerting Protocol
EAN	Emergency Alert Notification
EAS	Emergency Alert System
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard
IPAWS	Integrated Public Alert & Warning System
LECC	Local Emergency Communications Committee
NEMA	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
NOAA	National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
NWS	National Weather Service
SECC	State Emergency Communications Committee
SP/SR	State Primary / State Relay Network
WEA	Wireless Emergency Alerts

1. Review of August 2014 Minutes –Jim Skinner

Al Krause made a motion to approve the minutes with the update to section 9 to note the meeting date change to Dec. 4, 2014. Brian Smith seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

2. Review of Charter & Policies Revisions – Jim Skinner & Janell Walther

The Charter was updated to replace NCOR with Nebraska Public Safety Communications Council and add in the Nebraska State Patrol into the Charter. Suggestions to include

local emergency management, add CFR 47.11, remove Attachment A, and grammatical edits were discussed. Janell will compile the changes and send them out to vote via email.

The Policies were reviewed and updated. The question was discussed to look how to manage the inactive membership. "Voting Members" was edited to modify Cable Association and renaming cable television to just "Cable." The suggested policies were reviewed and suggestions were noted. The modified policies will be emailed, and will be presented for vote at the next meeting.

3. EAS Plan Revisions

Rod Ziegler made a motion to table the discussion to approve the EAS Plan. Al Krause seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

4. SECC Members & Cable Representation

Currently LeeAnn Quist is the Cable Association member. In the policies, we suggested combining Cable Association and Cable Television where LeeAnn could serve as the Cable Television representative. We will vote on this change at our next meeting under the policies decision.

5. SECC Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, & Secretary

Brian Smith moved that we vote for secretary with a vote of acclamation. Carla Schreiber seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus. The University of Nebraska Public Policy Center will continue to serve as secretary for the 2015-2016 years.

Brian Smith moved that we vote for Vice Chair by a vote of acclamation. Carla Schreiber seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus by all present members with one abstention: Al Krause. Al Krause will serve as Vice Chair for the 2015 – 2016 years.

The SECC voted by ballot vote for the Chair position for the two nominations: Jim Skinner and Rod Zeigler. Rod Ziegler was elected as the SECC Chair for the years 2015-2016, beginning in January 2015.

Each nominee made comments:

Jim Skinner noted that it has been an honor serving as SECC chair for the last five years. He would like to see the SECC get a plan submitted the FCC that we can all agree on, and be able to have RMTs sent through the CAP IPAWS system as a goal, whether those are from NSP, NEMA, or weather service, or other organization. He would like the SECC to be more active with the NSPCC.

Rod Ziegler noted that he is interested in the position because he finds that changing leadership can lead to better organizational outcomes. He thinks everyone should have a leadership role at some point. He would like to push to

get the EAS Plan approved. In addition, there have been a number of false EANs released, so he wants to bring back the “red envelope” process to match time and codes before EANs are sent out. Many manufacturers are in favor of this, perhaps as a software download. For the SECC, the first priority is the EAS plan. Rod would cut down on the face to face meetings and use conference calls other than one face to face meeting per year after the EAS plan is approved. He would like to explore the pilot program of NWS carrying EANs.

6. Member Comments

Paul Johnson will work with Cable to get a representative here at the SECC because a cable representative is necessary.

Jim Skinner discussed the possibility of SiriusXM as being a potential EAN provider to NWS and/or LP-1 broadcasters. They are prepared to send an EAN on the open XM and Sirius channels without charge. They generate RWT and RMT tests routinely which should also be on the open channels; Sirius/XM plans to participate in the NPT (National Periodic Test) if the FCC authorizes it. A Sirius/XM receiver system with outdoor antenna can range from \$250 to \$500. Satellite will be more reliable than a daisy chain EAN distribution. Several representatives from SiriusXM had a phone conference with Jim Skinner and Al Kenyan from FEMA. This service is different than the old PEP XM program which did not include tests. Modern consumer receivers are much more reliable than the specialized PEP equipment was.

NWS is still working on using SAGE or DASDAC in their chain to connect with console replacement system with weather radio. They think the new console replacement system will be located within their own workstations. Brian will visit Raytheon to see the new system in the near future.

Everybody thanked Jim for his service and leadership. Paul will be meeting with Jim regarding LECC assistance.

Severe Weather Awareness Week will be March 23 – 27, 2015 with a TOR drill on the 25th. Jim will submit a request for the TOR test prior to January 1.

7. Next Meeting

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 12, 2014 at 1:00 PM. Location TBD.

8. Adjourn

Alisia LaMay made a motion to adjourn. Rod Ziegler seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.