

**Nebraska SECC Meeting
Thursday, June 25, 2015**

1:00 PM

Douglas County Emergency Operations Center
Omaha, Nebraska

1. Welcome & Review of Agenda – Rod Zeigler

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

Committee Members Absent: Ray Richards

Other Attendees: Janell Walther, Public Policy Center; Joseph Young, Cox Communications; Troy Harris, NEMA, Elysa Jones, International Association of Emergency Managers, Standards & Practices Committee *, Dave Kline, UNO-TV*

** attended by phone*

Common Acronyms	
CAP	Common Alerting Protocol
COG	Collaborative Operating Group
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. Call to order – Rod Zeigler

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jim Timm made a motion to approve the minutes with item F removed from the minutes. Paul Johnson seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

3. Old Business

Website update. The Nebraska Broadcaster's Association (NBA) will reimburse Jim Skinner through this year for the cost of ownership of the domain name. NBA will not host the site going forward. The SECC will discuss the future of the domain name ownership. The Public Policy Center (PPC) will maintain the site and host it on the PPC servers.

Cable Representative. Joe Young is moving out of Cox Cable. Anne Prokish will serve as government liaison; as part of her duties, she will likely replace him on the committee as the cable representative once elected.

4. FCC 6th Report & Order – Rod Zeigler

According to the FCC Report, the 000000 location code is a code for the entire United States. Because of this, some decoders will need an update to accept this new location code. Broadcasters should hear from their vendors regarding the update. Rod Zeigler will discuss this change with Jim Timm about rolling this out to the Nebraska Broadcasters Association. Stations must be compliant in 11 months (June 3, 2016).

More guidance is expected on the digital crawl (item three in the FCC Report). Jim Skinner will provide more information on the speed, location, and synchronicity of the audio for the required crawls at a future meeting.

5. Oregon "First Informer Law" – Rod Zeigler

Hurricane Katrina demonstrated that there was a need for broadcasters or those who can share emergency information to have access to facilities during emergencies. Credentialing of broadcasters has been considered, but broadcasters are not yet seen as an asset to the National Association of Emergency Management Officials. This has come up in legislative sessions previously for credentialing other agencies. The concern is how deep the credentialing should go and who will administer this credentialing. It's important that we take this back and discuss with our stakeholders. Jim Timm will discuss with other states to see how they've handled this. Paul will discuss with others on the legislative affairs committee.

6. Cybersecurity project – Jim Timm

Jim Timm sent Troy Harris some information on if we can get some grant support to place firewalls at locations across the state. Troy talked to the grant administrators at NEMA and they can't provide grants on this at this time. The Cyber-attacks and previous issues with stations have been that stations failed to change their default passwords on those boxes.

7. EAS Rule Change for TV – Jim Skinner

The rule was extended until November for text to speech, and EAS was excluded from this amendment. The amendment states that any emergency crawls on the television screen must also be available on audio for text to speech must also be available in audio on another channel, exclusive of school closings and EAS. The premise of EAS is that there is an audio alert accompanying a text alert any way. So this is about emergency messages spate from EAS. So, for those of us without a separate audio channel will have to install that, but it is separate from EAS.

8. IPAWS bill to congress – Alisia LaMay and Jim Timm

This bill is undergoing legislative review for bill and jurisdictional issues. It is unknown if a bill will be passed at this time.

9. First Net Meeting – Rod Zeigler

Rod Zeigler and Al Krause went to the meeting in February about First Net. It is unknown if First Net will affect the SECC at this time.

10. AMBER Alert Meeting – Brian Smith

The National Weather Service gets information from the state patrol regarding AMBER. Right now, the Nebraska State Patrol sends out an email that goes to the National Center for Missing & Exploited children and other emails. The National Weather Service (NWS) now receives those emails. Before sending the message out, and then the Center of Missing & Exploited Children would retype the message to NWS through the spotter reporting system, which can truncate the message due to character limited, in part due to the Firefox internet browser. These issues have been addressed, and the new system is working better. In Nebraska, there is a trademarked AMBER sounder that is supposed to go off, but there isn't a way to do it here through the existing system unless individual broadcasters wanted to sound it and then do live reads. The turn-around on AMBER alerts is quick.

11. FCC Field Offices – Rod Zeigler

The number of field offices for the FCC has been reduced, and the Kansas City office is expected to close. Equipment will be pre-positioned in the Denver office, which will remain open.

12. South Dakota Shannon Co to Ogallala Lakota county

In South Dakota, The changed the name of Shannon County to Ogallala-Lakota County. This may impact some weather and other alerts.

13. CAP Status Update – Elysa Jones, Chair IAEM, Standards & Practices Committee

Elysa Jones provided an overview of CAP and related processes. CAP is the organization of data between alerts and dissemination mechanisms. This form is basic, and asks for a rating on urgency, severity, and uncertainty, which go to define the length of time to respond and types of alerts. In the United States, IPAWS has the ability to publish alerts

to anyone who can see IPAWS. Some people can subscribe to the messages to receive public alerts. Australia and Canada has a similar system. Canada is legally required to send alerts in French and English; broadcasting alerts in multiple languages across a variety of platforms is being considered. For the future of CAP, Google is interested in shaping CAP 2.0. Some minor future changes to CAP are expected in the meantime. Broadcasters can work with their providers to manage changes. OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards) technical committee is working to develop a best practices guide. The world conference was recently held in Japan, where the technical committee furthered work in this area. CAP can be used for private alert in addition to public alert, though most responses will need to be verified. More information is available at OASIS-Open.org under “standards.”

14. Member Comment:

Brian Smith received an update from Mike Gerber on WEA. Some improvements are being considered for WEA including activation for extreme thunderstorms are being considered because severe thunderstorm covers a gambit like 1” hail and 90-100 mile/hr winds. It is unknown how extreme thunderstorm would be defined yet; criteria would be set nationally. The message length will also be considered lengthening from 90 to 280 characters.

Dave Kline provided an update on confusion about KEFM 96.1 and KFAB 1110 AM monitoring assignments. Rod Zeigler shared that monitoring maps are available on NE-EAS.org. A list of stations is not on the <http://ne-eas.org> website currently. In the EAS plan, monitoring NET, NOAA, and then option of optionally monitoring an LP-1 if the station is available. The SECC considered adding this to the website. Jim Skinner made a motion to do add a list of monitoring options to the ne-eas.org website, noting optional and required monitoring assignments. Al Krause seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.

Rod Zeigler and other SECC members will work on updating the front page of the NE-EAS.org website.

15. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 1:00 PM at Nebraska Educational Telecommunications in Lincoln, Nebraska.

16. Paul Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 PM. Alisia LaMay seconded the motion; the motion passed by consensus.