



General Membership Meeting
October 20, 2021, at 9:15 a.m.
In Person & Virtual ZOOM Meeting

General Membership Meeting Minutes

A. Call to Order 9:21 am

B. Roll Call/Introductions

C. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of November 16, 2020

Motion was made by Marty Wittrock (Village of Libertyville) to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020, General Membership Meeting.

Jim Swanson (Northville Township) seconded the motion.

Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Report of Officers

- a. President's Report – Nothing to Report.

- b. Treasurer's Report – Aaron Howe presented the 2022 budget.

Motion was made by Gary Holm (City of Batavia) to approve the 2022 Budget.

Barb Stiehl (City of Urbana) seconded the motion.

Voice vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Secretary's Report – Mark Doerfler – In 2020 IPWMAN had fifteen new agencies join and seventeen new agencies in 2021 so far. One hundred twenty-three new members joined under President Ed Markison's terms in office. We are currently up to 420 member agencies.

E. Report of Standing Committees - -Due to time constraints President Ed Markison asked if any of the standing committees had anything to share.

- a. Operations Committee – Chris Drey
b. Management Committee – Kelly Kerr
c. Membership Committee – Open
d. Finance Committee – Aaron Howe
e. Training Committee – Elias Koutas
f. Social Media Committee – Jeff Ruth
g. Technology Committee – Colleen Martoccio

- h. Nominating Committee – Barb Stiehl – The results of the election are as follows: Elias Koutas (Village of Palatine) President, Mark Runyon (Village of Oswego) Vice-President, Aaron Howe (Village of Hoffman Estates) Treasurer, and Mark Doerfler (Waupoosee Township) Secretary. Region 2 Directors are Sam Tesreau (City of Rochelle) and Tim Isley (City of Rochelle). Region 7 Directors are Dave Clark (City of Champaign) and Roger Cruse (Newcomb Township). Region 9 Directors are Toby Rhinehart (City of Flora) and Jeremy Heuerman (City of Effingham).
- i. Trailer Committee – Vince Kilcullen
- j. Conference Committee – Mark Doerfler
- k. Marketing Committee – Barb Stiehl/Bonnie Woolard

F. New Business

- a. President’s Awards – Ed Markison – Prior to presenting the President’s awards Ed recognized a couple of people attending that were part of IPWMAN for many years and been instrumental in the development and operations of IPWMAN. There were two Steve Miller's, Scott Weber, who was our operations guy, Dennis Schmidt, Sean Henry, Kent Cox, and Vyodus Juskelis.

President Award is presented to Rob Hancock, who unfortunately is unable to attend, for all the data that he collected during the Woodridge Tornado. Rob set a great example of the data we want to collect and compile for all future deployments.

President award is presented to Mark Doerfler. Mark is very instrumental, he pushes all of us, he is totally IPWMAN, he's into everything. It's the radios, when things went awry yesterday with our agenda, he was able to help us out and kind of make things work out and keep us on track for our time and everything.

Ed also offered appreciation awards for people that have been an integral part of IPWMAN.

- i. Don Wenzel. Don has been in emergency services for 30 plus years. He's the past president, and it's because of his grind and the organization that he did, helped IPWMAN get to where we are today.
 - ii. Betty Harrison. Betty is dear to me. She is a very busy person that's getting ready to retire. Back in 2012 the McHenry County had just gotten involved with IPWMAN, and I worked very hard to get all the agencies that I could think of to join IPWMAN, and I got a Presidential Award for that. McHenry county has thirty-seven members, right now, but Betty has been a duty officer been the president and gave me an award.
 - iii. Barb Stiehl. Barb has been very instrumental in everything that IPWMAN is about, and she's been the heart of this organization. She is a great resource and hopefully will continue to be a resource.
- b. Swearing in Ceremony of Executive Board & Regional Directors – Elias Koutas was sworn in by Ed Markison as the new IPWMAN President. Elias swore in the executive board (Mark Runyon, Aaron Howe, Mark Doerfler) and Regional Directors Jeremy Heuerman and Tim Isley.

- c. New President Elias Koutas Vision Statement - IPWMAN is a huge organization and I'm very passionate about it and I just wanted to share very quickly, some of the thoughts that I had because I've been working with, Ed, Mark, Aaron and just a lot of the people in this organization and Ed has brought this organization to a great level and we'd like to keep that going. We've got a really good foundation now, and as you all know with any kind of a structure as a structure gets bigger, we need the foundation to get bigger. One thing that I'd like to do is get agencies involved. At the same time, I'd like to get the agency's participation increased too because as you can see there's a lot more committees that are formed. There's a lot more duty officers which we could use more of. I really encourage everybody here to get more involved.

We're blessed to have this opportunity to be part of IPWMAN and to be the leader in the nation for mutual aid. I think it'd be great with the 420 agencies that are represented to get involved, to share the passion that we have to help people because I'll tell you when you go out to these stricken agencies, they are just so grateful that we're out there. I think it's a product of our board of directors, our executive board, and all those committees.

I commit that I will do my best to help encourage more agencies to join. And I'd like to also encourage all of you to reach out to your own community and bordering communities that are members to come on out and join us at our meetings.

I also wanted to personally thank Ed for encouraging me and pushing me to jump into this role to help. He's done a wonderful job, so I think we need to give it up to Ed. I can't leave out the executive board and Sarah. Sarah does a lot of work, never comes up here to be recognized, but I'll tell you what, without Sarah, this would be a very difficult thing to have happen, so we wanted to thank you Sarah. Give it up to Sarah

Committee chairs, we thank you and all the duty officers if you're her, we thank you as well. Also, this conference, could not happen without one of the people that received the award, rightly so, is a person that pushes us, and now that he's got more time on his hands, I have a feeling I'm going to be getting a lot more emails and telephone calls. But we really do appreciate him pushing us because that's what we're about. Public works, we take on a challenge and we'll fight through it. This conference really was put together by one person who recruited a bunch of people, but Mark Doerfler does really good work and every year he raises the bar on our conference. So, I think we need to give it up to Mark again.

G. Next Meeting Date and Location

- a. Next Meeting Wednesday October 19, 2022 @ Bloomington – Double Tree Hotel & Conference Center, Bloomington, Illinois
- b. **Adjournment 9:54 am**

ATTENDING AGENCIES

Chemung Township	Village of Algonquin
Christian County	Village of Arlington Heights
City of Bloomington	Village of Barrington
City of Effingham	Village of Bartlett
City of Freeport	Village of Diamond
City of Batavia	Village of Germantown Hills
City of Galesburg	Village of Grant Park
City of Highland Park	Village of Hoffman Estates
City of Lockport	Village of Huntley
City of Rolling Meadows	Village of Lake Zurich
City of Urbana	Village of Libertyville
City of Washington	Village of Morton
DuPage County	Village of Oswego
Ford County	Village of Palatine
Hanover Township	Village of Peotone
Kankakee Township	Village of Romeoville
Lake County	Village of Shorewood
LaSalle County	Village of St. Joseph
Lawrence County	Village of Villa Park
McDonough County	Village of Woodridge
McHenry County	Wauponsee Township
McHenry Township	
Morton Township	
Northville Township	
Urbana and Champaign Sanitary District	

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BOARD PRESIDENT APPROVAL

Signature & Date _____

BOARD SECRETARY APPROVAL

Signature & Date _____