

## International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) – Fact sheet – by Jeff Walker

The International Association of Emergency Managers is 58 years old. It represents over 4,000 emergency managers in seven councils worldwide. Members in the United States belong to IAEM-USA. The United States is divided by FEMA regions into ten regions. Each region has a Regional President and regional officers. The Regional Presidents along with the USA Immediate Past President, President, First Vice President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer comprise the USA Board of Directors.

On November 2, 2010 I was elected Second Vice-President of IAEM USA. Balloting was done nationwide and began in September 2010. I was opposed by a man from New York City. This is a one-year term that causes me to move to First Vice-President in November 2011, and President in November 2012. Prior to this election I have served three years as the Region Five President and four years as IAEM Chaplain.

All but two of the board meetings are conducted by conference calls. As the second vice president, I am a member of the executive committee. As an executive committee member I will also have a monthly conference call with FEMA Director Craig Fugate. Any reading of documents is done from home. Decision making for the executive committee is conducted by e-mail or phone.

During the presidential year I may have to testify before a congressional committee or represent IAEM at a function.

Serving in this position will highlight Licking County nationwide in the activities of The International Association of Emergency Managers. I hope to bring opportunities (grants, visits by dignitaries, opportunities to try out equipment to name a few) to our county by serving in this capacity.

Thank you