



January/February ORVOAD Update

IMPORTANT: The upcoming ORVOAD General Meeting date has changed to April 21st

ORVOAD had a general meeting on January 20th, Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone. [Here](#) is the draft for the meeting minutes. If you have any edits, please submit them to ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com.

Some highlights from the meeting:

- Members agreed \$2500 will be allocated to conference fees for the [NVOAD](#) conference (Building a Culture of Resilience) and the [Mountain West VOAD](#) conference. Contact [ORVOAD Leadership](#) if you're interested in attending!
- Susan Romanski shared on a presentation from the International Association of Emergency Managers Conference on mental health for leadership during crisis:
 - How best to practice personal health and reduce stress
 - Emergency managers' most common lessons learned
 - Check out more of the takeaways in the presentation [here](#)

Volunteer Reception Center Training:

Before the meeting, Adventist Disaster Services and Oregon's Office of Emergency Management facilitated a training and simulation for managing volunteers at a Volunteer Reception Center post-disaster. The training demonstrated coordinating and maximizing the assistance from spontaneous volunteers to aid response and recovery in a community in the wake of a disaster. Big shout-out to Karen Layng and our Member-at-Large Laura Pascoe for facilitating and an additional shout-out to Adventist Disaster Services for hosting!

Umatilla Floods:

ORVOAD has been activated for the Umatilla floods and is coordinating with members who can support.

COAD Corner.

If you represent a COAD and would like to attend the OEM Conference "Oregon Prepared" March 17-19, ORVOAD can provide scholarships to support attendance. Please contact ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com for complete details!

This will be a section of the newsletter every month where we will be giving updates on COADs and doing spotlights on specific COADs and the great work being done throughout the state of Oregon! If your COAD would like to be featured, [we'd love to hear from you.](#)

For now, if you're interested in becoming a part of the COAD Development Committee of ORVOAD, contact ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events.

March 17-19, 2020 -- OEM Oregon Prepared Workshop -- ORVOAD representatives will be giving the presentation "Coordinated and Complementary: the ORVOAD Goal" at the conference on the 17th. The workshop will provide training and information on programs, current issues, lessons learned, and best practices related to all phases of emergency management. Registration for the conference linked [here](#).

April 21, 2020 -- The next General Meeting is being pushed to April as ORVOAD Leadership will be presenting at the OEM Conference. The meeting will be held at Mercy Corps Headquarters from 1-3 p.m. Conference call-in number is the FEMA Number: 1-800-320-4330 with the Participant Code 714633#

FEMA Webinars -- FEMA will be hosting multiple webinars over the next month on their "2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program". They will be hosted on 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 and 3/26. More information [here](#).

Committee Updates.

COAD Development Committee - The committee plans on traveling to and visiting regions working on a COAD to facilitate collaboration. They are also focused on editing the drafted COAD Toolkit.

The next meeting will be held on February 27th from 1 - 3 p.m. at the American Red Cross office in Salem (1860 Hawthorne St NE).

Bylaws Committee - The committee is drawing from previous versions of

ORVOAD bylaws to inform the updated bylaws. They are also adding sections on dissolution and sexual harassment.

Communications Committee - The committee is focused on creating the best HAM system for ORVOAD and they have completed creating an internal system for organizing documents and communications resources. The plan is to focus on external communications before the next general meeting.

Membership Committee - The committee is focused on engaging with key past members and key new members to increase participation and involvement. The next meeting will be held on February 25th at Mercy Corps Headquarters (45 SW Ankeny St, Portland OR).

Long-term Recovery Committee - Update to come in next month's update!

Spiritual Care Committee - Update to come in next month's update!

If you're interested in joining a specific committee meeting, email ORVOADLeadership@gmail.com.

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