

# **VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE SPECIALISTS MEETING AGENDA**

Founders Inn  
September 17, 2026

Called to order at 1719

Good and Welfare

- Butch Jones (charter member) has been in the hospital but has been discharged. We will follow up on his status

Approval of Spring '26 meeting minutes

- Motion to Approve Alan Brauer, 2nd Mike Christley - Motion Carries

Treasurer's Report

- Website now updated to better accept membership transactions
- Goal was to up sponsors for the conference and we have doubled them
  - We will try to go completely paperless by next year
- We will be doing well financially once the conference's bills are paid
- Swag may be moving to an online store
- Membership dashboard interface is complete and will be used for marketing
  - If you have a question on membership status, ask David Newell or Josh Grim and they will get you an answer

## **Old Business:**

Conference Briefing

- Most everything covered in treasurer's report
- Attendance up from 308 to 335 this year
- Lots of positive feedback
- We got lots of marketing material this year to start pushing for next year

## **New Business**

Membership Report:

- Vote on acceptance of Brian Thurman to Life Membership
  - Motion to accept for life membership by Chris Sadler, 2nd Todd Dyer - Brian Thurman elected to life membership by unanimous vote
- Nomination of Life Members
  - Cannot nominate at fall meeting under current bylaws.
  - Expect an email early in 2027 with a bylaw amendment to allow nomination of life members at either annual meeting
  - That amendment will be voted on in spring and life members nominated at that time.

Committee Reports:

- Legislative
  - Nothing specific; work continues on legislative priorities from the past year
  - Members are encouraged to remain involved in the legislative process

- Pushes for less working hours for firefighters may result in more training for the association to support
- Scholarships and Grants
  - Will be reaching out to people for committee work on Scholarships and Grants
  - We should invite Grace Seivertson to give the Walt Seivertson award next year
- Training
  - 28 weeks of training in the first six months of the year at Yorktown
  - Renovations are continuing, waiting on power company to set a transformer, and should be ready for the next ATC class
  - VDEM has supported local delivery of specialized classes such as Hazard3 or Ron Huffman
    - Must relate to transportation, be open to agencies, and be reimbursed after the department pays
    - Talk to your HMO if you'd like to host a class
  - Team Leader's meeting occurred concurrently with Hazmat Conference

### **Officer and Trustee Elections**

- President – David Newell nominated
- Vice President – Jason Curtis nominated
- Secretary – Ben Zimmerman nominated
- Treasurer – Josh Grim nominated
- Trustee (3 year term) – Chris Sadler nominated
- No nominations from the floor for any position; Motion to close John Simpson, 2nd Jim Graham; nominations closed
- Motion to vote by acclimation - Larry Logan, 2nd by Tom Jordan; Motion Carries
- All officers nominated via acclimation unanimously

### **Presidents Report**

- Nothing that hasn't been covered in other areas

### **Open agenda**

- Wade Collins
  - Team Leaders' meeting worked on identifying challenges facing us in the next 5 years
    - Two current HMO positions vacant and another retiring November 1
    - Larry Logan: We must understand that we're now further from having backup on location
    - We need to support legislation to get the HMOs on hazardous duty retirement
  - Recognized three generations of Logans now members of the association

Adjourned at 1746 Motion Todd Dyer, 2nd Mike Christly - Motion Carries

Next meeting:

February 2027, Virginia Beach