



Missouri Community Emergency Response Team Association  
General Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/17/2022

### Attendees:

Michael O'Neal, Chair	Elizabeth Thompson, Region F
Mike Guyett, Region H	Sidney Casey, Secretary
David "DL" Miller, Region I	Samantha Henley, PIO
Tish Dwiggin, Region B	Tina Brown, SEMA
Ryan Dickey, Ray County EMA	Tommy Wright, Greenwood EMD
Robert Bach, St. Genevieve Health Dept.	Duane Miller, City of Versailles
Brandi Klibe, Christian Co. EMA	Jim Watkins, Region E
Sam Stephens, STL CEMA & Region G	

### I. Call to order

The general meeting of MOCERTA called to order by Chair Mike O'Neal. Attendance for today's meeting to be gathered from Chat list. Please list name and organization you are representing. Called to order at 18:36

### II. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- a) Minutes from 3/11/22 submitted by Secretary Sidney Casey. Sam Stephens motion to approve, Mike Guyett Seconded stand as presented.

### III. Open Issues:

- a) Update of MOCERTA business as decided by Board of Directors, Mike O'Neal
  - i) Tax Exempt status -501c3 is what is suggested, Sam S discussed the information that Dana was going to send but nothing has been received yet. We may need to review that document before a final decision is made. SLU is on spring break this week. We can change from c3 to c4 if we need to do in the future. Elizabeth felt that the c4 has the ability to lobby so that may need to be considered. Tish D. feels that there is a benefit for "not for profit" donations from supporters. General opinion is that a 501c3 is the best option. DL Miller motion that we start moving forward with a 501c3, Tish D. to second. Sam S. to notify SLU legal.
  - ii) By-Laws – SLU legal will be finishing up and more to come.
  - iii) Membership Dues – Elizabeth suggested we gauge the expenses and membership as to what may be needed. Budget committee will try to get a better handle on this. We, as a state association, have no corporate backing. Budget needs to discuss the levels of corporate backing. What are the benefits attached to these donations, what are the assets they bring. Budget committee will discuss. Discussion on what local CERT organizations contributed to the National convention. May be an asset to



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contact MERIT to see if they are interested in supporting our state organization. Missouri has Show-Me response and can be used by CERT for communication but there is no money attached for organizational support. May be more advantageous to go with local support organizations. MERIT may still be interested. Quick Series may be interested in being a sponsor. Salamander is an option for tracking. Suggested that we have a demo of Show-Me Response. Suggested that Tina contact Steve with Show-Mo Response for a demo to see if it will work for MOCERTA. Mike O. to reach out to MERIT to see if they could demo and set something up. Suggestion to reach out to other State organizations to see what they use for communication. National CERT is working on getting the general information for all state CERT organizations so will be reported back when available. Mike O. to talk to Pro Pack about a possible sponsorship. Others to check with local businesses to see if they would be interested in being a corporate sponsor. Information to be brought to the next meeting.

- iv) Associate Members – will be Corporate sponsors only
- v) Legal Support – Once they come back from spring break will get with them.
- vi) Conflict of Interest – will be done annually to be maintained by each board member individually. We will have a stated Conflict of Interest policy.
- vii) Budget- Bank account to get set up so payment is available for setting up UPS address.
- viii) MOCERTA address – will be set as soon as possible by Michelle.
- ix) State CERT organizations and contact list
  - (1) To be coordinated by Regional Director – get the information out to the individual members on what is being done.
  - (2) National Cert Conference, Galveston TX, Aug 15-20– the special rates have not been used up for Missouri so there are some available. Send Tina B. an e-mail and she will send out the information. 3/state allowed. If you go please support Tina and the IL state coordinator as they will be presenting on “new associations”.
- x) Website – MOCERTA.org - Samantha Henley – Facebook is established:  
<https://www.facebook.com/mocerta> members can post. Like the page and forward to any available. Send pictures for Facebook and the website. Share them on MOCERTA. Give information for local support when available.  
<https://www.facebook.com/mocerta/community> can be used for local support posting.



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**IV. New Business**

Is anyone doing the CERT deployment series that is coming? Elizabeth T. to forward the link for the class. May answer a lot of deployment questions related to CERT members. Costs associated etc.

<https://mocerta.org/2022/03/11/cert-deployment-workshop-and-nca-conference-info/>

<https://sematraining.com/courses/533/offerings/8303>

Tina B. requesting if MOCERTA can be linked to the SEMA website.

**V. Adjournment**

Chair, Michael O'Neal

Minutes Submitted by: Sidney Casey, Secretary

Next General membership meeting April 21, 18:30

Zoom meeting