



# AAEM Today

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## The Nine-Month Year!

As we near the close of the 2008-09 year, I realize how fast nine months can go by! It was a short operating year due to the change in our summer conference from September to June.



Ellen Haynes  
St. Clair County  
President, AAEM

Even though it was a very busy time and there were always many details to tend to, I am even more enthused than ever about our EMA family, our programs, our mission, and our future.

By working together, we continue to enhance our programs and state of readiness. I extend my complete gratitude to the AAEM Board of Directors: **Eddie Hicks, Dan Long, Rita Smith, Ronnie Adair, Kristi Stamnes, Wayne Hayes, Eric Jones, Scott Porter, Phyllis Little, Deborah Gaither** and **Yasamie Richardson**.

And, a hearty thank you to **Donna Key** with ACCA. Donna is completely dedicated to the great amount of work it takes to keep AAEM business and conferences running smoothly.

Of special note, our training programs have been well attended, the Washington, D.C., legislative effort was productive and we cannot forget our success in Montgomery.

### DISASTER REIMBURSEMENT LEGISLATION

Legislation sponsored by **Sen. Bobby Denton** and **Rep. Mac Gipson** concerning reimbursement for expenses

during disaster events that do not qualify for federal funding has now been signed by Gov. Bob. Riley!

ACCA staff and AAEM's board of directors would like to thank everyone who worked on this legislation, particularly **Alabama Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Brock Long** and **External Affairs Officer Sandra Lucas**.

This new law will have a very positive impact on local governments. As always, we express great gratitude to our members who continue to make contacts with their legislators to express their opinions on behalf of Alabama's county governments. Thank you for your continued support!

There are still a couple of days left in the session, and that means we need to keep watching our e-mails for updates from ACCA staff...and continue contacting your legislators! It is a good thing for emergency managers to support ACCA legislative efforts, helping to make our counties strong.

### THANK YOU!

Your AAEM committee chairs, vice-chairs and members have been working hard to do their part to make our Association stronger. I want to extend to them my sincere appreciation and encourage you to do the same when you see them. They are:

- Awards and Recognition Chair: **Kristi Stamnes**; Vice Chair: **Anita McBurnett**
- Business and Industry Chair: **Ronnie Adair**

- Conference Chair: **Patrice Payne**; Vice Chair: **Mindy Nash**
- Training and Certification Chair: **Patrice Payne**; Vice Chair: **Linda Eggler**
- Legislative Chair: **Mike Evans**; Vice Chair: **Max Armstrong**
- Membership Chair: **Anita McBurnett**; Vice Chair: **Crystal Ousley**
- Nominations and Credentials Chair: **Margaret Bishop**; Vice Chair: **Roy Waite**
- Technology Chair: **Max Armstrong**; Vice Chair: **Maryann Wilson**
- Chaplain: **Don Hartley**; Alternate: **Phyllis Little**
- Parliamentarian: **Steve Swafford**; Alternate: **Eddie Hicks**
- Public Information; **Jeff Edwards** and **Yasamie Richardson**
- Sergeant-at-Arms: **Rennie Raines**; Alternate: **Ricky Little**

If you have thought about volunteering to serve your Association, please do so in this coming year. Your thoughts, ideas, special skills and talents are needed to make AAEM the best it can be. Contact your area director or **President-Elect Dan Long** to offer your assistance.

*Love to all of you,  
Ellen*

## AAEM 2008-09 Board of Directors

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When you are mailing **anything** to AAEM, especially your membership dues or conference registrations, please make sure that the address your county commission office (particularly your accounts payable office) has on file is **100 N. Jackson Street, Montgomery, Ala. 36104**. Thank you for your help!

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES ONLINE

- Before you begin, please understand that a lot of effort has gone into making sure this system works well for ACCA and our affiliates. We are aware some problems may be experienced during registration. Please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer or Donna in the ACCA office for help.
- Registrations will not be accepted via any other method. You **MUST** register through the online system.
- Each person must register individually for the conference. You might want to think about assigning the duty of registering everyone in the office to one staff member. That staff member would be responsible for registering each person individually for all ACCA and AAEM events and keeping up with everyone's login and password. We have already set up an account for every AAEM member.
- Go to [www.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org). Click on the **Conference and Events** tab on the top left side of the menu bar. Scroll down to the **AAEM Summer Conference**.
- Click the tab to **Register Online**. This will bring you to a **Welcome** page.
- Your first step is to log in. You must be logged in to register for an event. Click on **Login** on the left side of the page.
- Enter your primary e-mail address. The default password is **Password1**. Once you login the first time, it will prompt you to change the password. After you change your password, click on **Click Here to Continue**. This will bring up your current account information.
- **If it says "Incorrect e-mail or password,"** you may not already be in the system. Click on **New Visitor Registration** to create an account. You'll need to enter your contact information and hit **Create Account** and continue on to the next step.
- Next, click on **Upcoming Events** on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on **AAEM Summer Conference Registration – Counties**. There are multiple pages of events, so you may have to scroll to page 2 or 3. It should bring you to the event description page. Scroll down and click on **Register For This Event**. Scroll down and double check your registration information in the boxes provided. From there, click **Add to Cart**.
- **TO REGISTER YOUR SPOUSE OR GUEST:** Put your conference registration in your shopping cart. Then, hit **Continue Shopping** and click on **Upcoming Events** again on the left side of the page. From there click on **AAEM Summer Conference Spouse Registration – Counties**. Click on **Register For This Event**. From here, change the information in the boxes provided to your spouse/guest information, and click on **Add to Cart**.
- When you are ready, click **Checkout** in the shopping cart. Enter your billing information if necessary. Click **Next**. Choose your payment option. You have the option of being billed for the event or paying with a credit card. If you choose **Bill Me**, please print your receipt and use it as an invoice for payment. **Please make all checks payable to AAEM Summer Conference, 100 N. Jackson St., Montgomery, AL 36104.**
- Once you complete your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail detailing your purchase.
- Please call or e-mail Jennifer or Donna in the ACCA office if you have questions. (Jennifer Datcher – [jdatcher@acca-online.org](mailto:jdatcher@acca-online.org); Donna Key – [dkey@acca-online.org](mailto:dkey@acca-online.org); 334-263-7594)



### DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

AAEM's Summer Conference, **Logistics of Disaster Response**, is set for **June 15-17**. Conference registration is **\$200 per person until Friday, May 22**. After May 22, registration will be \$250. **The last day to cancel your registration and receive a refund is Friday, May 29**. The conference is at the **Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel**. Rooms are **\$129 a night until Friday, May 15**. After this date, the contracted room block will close, and we will not be able to guarantee your room inside the hotel. The Riverview is offering reservations by phone or Internet. To reserve by phone, call (800) 922-3298 and use group code **aaeaea**.

# 2009 SUMMER Conference

June 15-17, 2009 • Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel • Mobile, Ala. • Tentative Agenda

## MONDAY, JUNE 15

**9 – 10:30 a.m.**

Board of Directors Meeting

**10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Committee Meetings  
(Scheduled by Chairpersons)

**1 – 4 p.m.**

Class (Topics and Agenda TBA)  
Riverview Plaza Hotel

**3 – 5 p.m.**

Conference Registration at the  
Riverview Plaza Hotel

**5:30 p.m.**

BayBears Baseball Game  
(Dinner and transportation will be provided.  
Shuttle service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Shuttles  
will run continuously.)

## TUESDAY, JUNE 16

**7:45 - 8:05 a.m.**

Morning Devotional

**8 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Exhibitor Registration and Set-Up  
AAEM Conference Registration

**8:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Opening General Session  
*Ellen Haynes, AAEM President,  
presiding*

**8:15 a.m.**

Welcome and Announcements  
*Hon. Sam Jones, Mayor, City of Mobile  
(Invited)*  
*Hon. Mike Dean, President, Mobile  
County Commission (Invited)*

**8:15 – 9 a.m.**

Alabama Emergency Management  
Agency Update  
*Jeff Byard, Executive Officer, AEMA*

**9 – 9:30 a.m.**

National Weather Service Update

**9:30 – 10 a.m.**

Crying Wolf  
*Jim Stefkovich, National Weather  
Service*

**10 – 10:15 a.m.**

Break

**10:15 – 11 a.m.**

Task Force Logistics  
*Kertz Hare, FEMA Region 4*

**11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Property Management  
*Kathie Lynch, Chief of Staff, Alabama  
Office of State Auditor*

**12 – 5 p.m.**

Exhibit Hall Open

**12 – 1:30 p.m.**

Strolling Lunch Inside the Exhibit Hall

**1:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

District Caucuses  
(Inside the Exhibit Hall)  
Districts 1 and 2: 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.  
Districts 3 and 4: 2:15 – 3 p.m.  
Districts 5 and 6: 3 – 3:45 p.m.  
Districts 7 and 8: 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

**5 – 6:30 p.m.**

Conference Reception Inside the  
Exhibit Hall

*Dinner on your own*

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

Conference Breakfast with Exhibitors

**8 – 8:20 a.m.**

Morning Devotional

**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

Morning General Session  
*Dan Long, AAEM President-Elect,  
presiding*

**8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

SOLE – International Society of  
Logistics, Humanitarian and Disaster  
Relief Overview  
*Dr. Joanne Stone Wyman, Division  
Director*

**9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

Use of Helicopters in Disaster Relief  
*Lt. Col. Zachary Maner, Alabama Army  
National Guard Aviation Support*

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m.**

Break

**10:45 – 11:30 a.m.**

Logistics of Motor Coach Evacuation  
*Darryl McFadden, Transportation  
Management Services*

**11:30 a.m. – Noon**

Point of Distribution Training  
*Jim Lowery, FEMA Region 4*  
*Kertz Hare, FEMA Region 4*  
*Frank McCrory, Logistics Chief, AEMA*

**12 – 1:30 p.m.**

Awards Luncheon  
(Coat and Tie Business Attire)  
*Ellen Haynes, AAEM President,  
presiding*

**1:30 – 5 p.m.**

Afternoon General Session  
*Dan Long, AAEM President-Elect,  
presiding*

**1:30 – 2:15 p.m.**

Stretching the Dollar and Going  
Beyond Budgetary Constraints  
*Ricky Little, AEMA*

**2:15 – 3:15 p.m.**

Alabama Department of Homeland  
Security Update  
*Jim Walker, Director*

**3:15 – 3:30 p.m.**

Break

**3:30 – 5 p.m.**

Business Session and Induction of  
New AAEM Officers

**6 – 8 p.m.**

President's Dinner  
(Business Casual Attire)  
Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel  
Featuring Entertainment by *The  
Islanders*

# 81st ANNUAL Convention

Aug. 18-20, 2009 • Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala. • TENTATIVE AGENDA

## MONDAY, AUG. 17

### 12 p.m.

Golf Tournament Lunch

### 1 p.m.

Golf Tournament Shotgun Start  
Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley, Ala.

### 1 – 7 p.m.

Fishing Expedition  
Reel Surprise Charter Docks

## TUESDAY, AUG. 18

### 9 – 10 a.m.

ACEA Board Meeting

### 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Affiliate Membership Meetings  
ACEA @ 10 a.m.; ACAA @ 1 p.m.; AAND @ 3 p.m.; AAEM @ 4 p.m.

### 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

### 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Exhibit Showcase

### 11 a.m. – Noon

ACCA Board of Directors Meeting

### 12 – 1 p.m.

Strolling Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

### 1 – 5 p.m.

CROAA Educational Session

### 2 – 3 p.m.

- Minority Issues Steering Committee (Open Forum)
- ACCA Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance Fund Meeting

### 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Opening Reception in the Exhibit Hall

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19

### 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

- Convention Breakfast
- Nominating Committee Meeting
- Resolutions Committee Meeting

### 8 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration Desk Open

### 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Opening General Session

- State of the Economy, *Dr. David Bronner (Invited)*
- Development of Rural Areas, *Larry Lee, Director, The Center for Rural Alabama*
- Stimulus Funding for Alabama Counties, *David Perry, Attorney, Maynard Cooper & Gale*
- An Economic Success Story in Houston County, *Mark Culver, Chairman, Houston County Commission; Ronnie Gilley, Owner, Ronnie Gilley Properties*
- Economic Development Districts
- Partnering with Industry
- Report of the Nominating Committee

### 12 – 1:15 p.m.

County Agents Kitchen Lunch

### 1:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

- Jail Workshop, *Ken Webb, Webb & Eley, P.C.*
- County Bond Financing Review
- Feeding of Prisoners
- Pros and Cons of Subdivision Regulations
- Is Self-Governance for Your County? *Bill Cook, Macon County Compliance Officer*
- Improvement Districts, *Alston Ray, Johnston Barton Proctor & Rose*

### 4:45 p.m.

ALGTI Board Meeting

## THURSDAY, AUG. 20

### 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

County Agents Kitchen Breakfast

### 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CROAA Educational Session

### 8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

### Commissioners

- Stimulus Discretionary Project
- Update on FEMA Public Assistance Grants, *Benji Abbott, AEMA*

- ADEM's Recycling Grant and Dump Cleanup Programs, *Phillip Davis, Solid Waste Branch, ADEM*
- Rural Water and Sewer Authorities
- County Striping Programs: Two Approaches, Same Results – Saving Money!

### ACEA

- ALDOT Update
- Employee Recruitment and Retention
- Stimulus Discretionary Project
- Workers Compensation Issues

### ACAA

- Examiners Report
- Sanitation Collection
- Reimbursement for Elections

### AAEM

- Emergency Fund Legislation

### AAND

- 211 Program
- Elected Officials View of 9-1-1

### 10:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Spouse Program – A Day at the SPA

### 12 – 1:15 p.m.

Convention Luncheon Honoring 2008-2009 President Joe Faulk

### 1:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- Awards Ceremony
- Washington Report  
*Sen. Jeff Sessions (Invited)*  
*Rep. Mike Rogers*  
*NACo President Valerie Brown*
- ACCA Business Session  
*Executive Directors Report*  
*District Caucuses*

### 6:30 p.m.

President's Banquet Honoring 2009-2010 President-Elect Larry White

### 8 p.m.

President's Inaugural Dance  
Featuring *The Sweet Young Uns*