



Education Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 – Teams Meeting

10:00AM

Members Present: Scott Stewart & Alex McCarthy (Delaware County), James DeChant (Knox County), Sarah McNamee (Marion County), Jeff Klein (Wood County), Heather Thomas (Preble County), Cassidy Freeman (Mercer County), Helen Norris (Logan County), Ethan Raby (Greene County), Kathy Brown (Union County)

Opening

- Scott Stewart called meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Fall Conference

- Reviewed conference evaluations – overall, very well received with many positive comments
- Group provided feedback from their own watch parties – also very positive, especially EMAO 101

Winter Conference

- Reviewed final draft agenda with speakers
- 9 Vendors currently scheduled
 - Requested team continue to reach out to vendors that may be interested and have them contact Michelle, Jason or Scott
 - Alex recommended people contact vendors they use for PR materials and see if they would be interested
 - D4H, Tidal Basin, Meridian Barriers were ones that were mentioned that members will contact
- Helen will bring a backup sound system
- Scott will bring an extra office laptop for the podium
- Scott to create speaker evaluations & QR codes
- Scott to contact speakers for bios to be read for introductions

Spring Conference

- Scott would like to finalize a proposal for the Executive Committee today for Spring Conference
- Committee decided to proceed with an in-person, one day conference here in Delaware on 5 MAR 2026 from 9-3
 - Byxbe Campus Conference Room – 1776 SR 521 in Delaware
- Open to joint conference with Ohio VOAD though they did not get back to Scott to confirm willingness and a date
- Group decided that we should include lunch with our registration due to location of restaurants
- Group agreed on a \$25 registration fee to include lunch – will need to confirm with Michelle & ExComm
- Discussed vendor show – group opted to wait and see how first conference is attended by participants

Miscellaneous

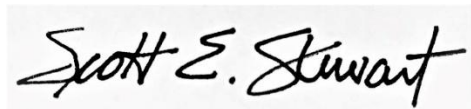
- Group agreed that we should try to do 3 in-person conferences in 2026
 - Spring: In-person in Delaware
 - Fall: ½-Day in conjunction with Ohio EMA
 - Winter: in-person at Salt Fork
- The three presentations attached to the agenda were the leftovers from Winter
 - Scott to reach out and see if they are interested in being included in Spring Call for Presentations
 - Will need to send Call for Presentations for others – will work with Michelle to coordinate
- Scott thanked the group on behalf of Jason and himself for all of their hard work on the committee with organizing the conferences & coffee talks

Conference Reminder

- 2025 OEMA Virtual Fall Conference – October 16th from 09-1200
- 2025 EMAO Winter Conference – December 4-5 at Salt Fork State Park Lodge & Conference Center

Next Education Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM via Teams

With no other business, Scott Stewart adjourned the meeting at 10:56



Respectfully Submitted by Scott E. Stewart, Delaware County EMA

** After the meeting, Delaware County EMA learned that the Byxbe Campus Conference Room was unavailable on the preferred date of March 5, 2026. Email sent to the Education Committee to inquire about March 18-19, 2026.