



**Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MDVOAD)**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Friday, 14 December 2007**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

This annual meeting of MDVOAD was held at the Sheraton Barcelo Annapolis Hotel located in Annapolis, Maryland.

Kevin Burr, the MDVOAD Chair, gave a warm welcome to everyone and then asked each attendee to take a turn to introduce themselves to the group.

**AID MATRIX PRESENTATION, Mike Seifert** ([mike\\_seifert@aidmatrix.org](mailto:mike_seifert@aidmatrix.org))– A discussion of the donations management tool for states and disaster relief agencies. A great tool for a state donations coordination team to use for tracking offers and finding matches for donated goods. Also, disaster relief agencies can use this tool to scan for needs. It does not replace the need for a comprehensive donations management plan. The State of Maryland is evaluating the use of this tool for Maryland.

**BUDGET REPORT, Scott Knox** – MDVOAD fund balance = \$13,573.93. Expenses for 2007 included NVOAD Conference registration fees for four MDVOAD members, PO box fees, lunch for meetings, and website fees. Please get your 2008 membership form in to Scott if you haven't already done so, the form is available on the MDVOAD website, under membership ([www.mdvoad.org](http://www.mdvoad.org)).

**WEBSITE UPDATE** – Significant amount of traffic to the MDVOAD website, especially around meeting dates. Please review your organization's page in the 2007 MDVOAD Resource Directory (linked to the MDVOAD website) and then please send Steve Welzant ([swelzant@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:swelzant@baltimorecountymd.gov)) any updates so we can accurately prepare the 2008 version of the MDVOAD Resource Directory.

**2008 NVOAD CONFERENCE** – The conference will take place May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Please let a MDVOAD Executive Committee officer know if you are interested in attending. NVOAD officers and committee chairs will have priority.

**ELECTION OF MDVOAD OFFICERS FOR 2008** – In the absence of nominations for the floor, it was voted that the current slate of officers will stay on for 2008.

**REMARKS BY DIANA ROTHE-SMITH, NVOAD DIRECTOR**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- ESF 15: Recently held a meeting to discuss donations management issues.
- Membership and Outreach: We continue to have new faces attend the meetings. Let Mickey Gomez know if you are aware of any organizations that should attend a MDVOAD meeting.
- Long-Term Recovery: **We need someone to volunteer and lead this group.**

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Pam Spring, Emergency Coordinator for the MD Department of Human Resources (DHR), will be leading a series of workshops to enhance planning for mass care sheltering at the local level around the State.

**THE NEXT MDVOAD QUARTERLY MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 10 AM TO 2 PM AT THE MARYLAND FOOD BANK**

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**12/14/2007 MDVOAD ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES (49):**

Kevin Burr (MDVOAD Chair), Cathy LaFleur, and Susan Henson – American Red Cross of Central Maryland	Wayne Flickinger (MDVOAD Vice Chair) – Maryland Food Bank	Scott Knox – MDVOAD Treasurer
Kelly Efaw, Dave Grecco – FEMA VALs	Diana Rothe-Smith – NVOAD	Kitty Juneau – Adventist Community Services
Mickey Gomez (MDVOAD Past Chair), Pam Simonson – The Volunteer Center Serving Howard Co.	Steve Welzant (MDVOAD Secretary), Lt. Mark Demski – Baltimore Co. Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management	Stacy Bolyard, Chris Stanton – Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
Kati Miller-Holland – Lutheran Social Services	Fay Mauro – Volunteer Center for AA Co.	Jamie Sonnenberg, Lisa Orr, Stephanie Schepp and Carol Haag – Volunteer Frederick
Ollie Davidson – Humane Society of the US (HSUS)	Pascal Papouras – International Orthodox Christian Charities	Pam Spring, Don Graves – MD Department of Human Resources (DHR)
Michelle Kehl – Baltimore Co. Citizens Corps	Reed Dewey – Montgomery Co. Volunteer Center	Debbie Staigerwald – Governor’s Office of Service and Volunteerism (GOSV)
Margie Brassil – Baltimore Co. Volunteers	Ellen Udovich – Baptist Convention of MD/DE	Myron Horn – Lions Club, District 22W
Capt. Jim Schmidt, John Johnson, Tim Strickland – Civil Air Patrol (CAP)	Bob and Teresa Gretton – American Red Cross, Southern Maryland Chapter	Karen Sank – AA Co. Office of Emergency Management
Jen Davis – Harford Co. Volunteer Center	Bob Vandre – Lutheran Disaster Services	Cherri Kruge – Frostburg State University
Susan Taylor (Chair, DC VOAD) – Churches of Scientology Disaster Response	Bob Schminkey, Anne Van Allen – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the Presbyterian Church USA	Scott Herwig – The Disaster Response Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America
John Rusinko – Catholic Charities	Teresa Gardner Willams – PG Co. Volunteer Center	Joyce Michels of The Salvation Army
Elisabeth Hyleck – Association of Baltimore Area Grant Makers	Peter Saderholm – United Methodist Church	