



Tuesday, August 19, 2025

MINUTES

Call to Order..... President, Lanita Lloyd

DATE	21-Jan-25	18-Feb-25	18-Mar-25	15-Apr-25	RSVP (May 9)	13-May-25	17-Jun-25	15-Jul-25	19-Aug-29
Total Orgs	44	26	35	38	39	39	39	40	41
Present	21	17	26	21	15	16	14	11	19
Partners/NVOAD	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	7
Present	1	6	4	3	1	3	1	1	1
Guests Present	1	1	3	1	3	3	2	3	15
	23	24	33	25	19	22	17	15	35

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were posted. Len Fatica made the motion and Greg Strader seconded-no objections, Minutes approved.
2. Treasurer & Membership Report: Our money market account contains \$12,233.38 and our current checking balance is \$1640.81 (with \$6,000 allotted for Hurricane Helene recovery).
3. As of July, we have 41 members (29 statewide, 12 local), aiming for 50 members by EOY 2025.
3. GAVOAD Website: Nothing new to report. Luis reported that we are having MS Office problems...many emails being returned undeliverable.
4. GA VOAD Committee Updates:
 - a. Communications: Matt Rollins from HOPE Worldwide has taken the lead on the Communications Committee. Email Matt if interested: matt.rollins@hopewww.org.
 - b. Bylaws: No update; committee not meeting in 2025.
 - c. Emotional and Spiritual Care: Myla Mitchel had nothing new to report.
 - d. Membership: Adam Garner and Travis Stone are continuing outreach to former and potential new members for GAVOAD. Registration fees will be waived for local VOADs and Long Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs).

5. Long-Term Recovery: Lanita reported that Lesli Remaly-Netter has accepted the role to chair this community. This group will kick off in September – focus will be to identify Long-Term Recovery and local VOAD unmet needs & provide a communication platform
6. NVOAD Committee Updates:
 - a. Long-Term Recovery: Greg Strader reported NVOAD committee soon to deploy new recovery tool, Unmet Needs, an addition to the current set of tools.
 - b. Disaster Case Management: No report
 - c. Community Preparedness - No report
 - d. Emotional and Spiritual Care: They are meeting later this week.
7. GA VOAD Program Updates:
 - a. Long-term Recovery Presenters Cadre – remember to reach out to Greg Strader if you would like to facilitate any of the RTWs
 - b. Recovery Tools Workshops – last two workshops were completed in Hazlehurst and Savannah – total of 134 participants at all five; 17 counties. Lanita thanked Greg Strader, American Red Cross, FEMA and GEMA in the success of the workshops.
 - c. Status of Groups
 1. Long-Term Recovery – 7
 2. Local VOADs - 9
 - d. Upcoming Conferences
 1. NVOAD Fall Meeting: October 28-30 in Lancaster, PA
 2. IAEM Conference: November 14-20 in Louisville, KY
 - e. Recent Disasters
8. Disaster Response Updates
 - a. 2023 Tornadoes: Contact Henry County and Spalding County long-term recovery groups if able to provide money, manpower or materials for tornado recovery.
 - b. Hurricane Debbie: CEDRC is addressing cases for Bryan and Chatham Counties.
 - c. Hurricane Helene:
 1. DCMP: Tetra Tech received management contract.
 2. George (CORE): reported that CORE has started taking intakes for our South GA Helene rebuild program and are open to collaborating with other local organizations and LTRGs. CORE has a local staff member hired and people coming in to support. George offered to connect with groups in person while we're on the ground, they we would be happy to do so. Email: george.hernandezmejia@coreresponse.org
9. Upcoming Conferences:
 - a. NVOAD Fall Meeting: October 28-30 in Lancaster, PA
 - b. IAEM Conference: November 14-20 in Louisville, KY
10. Next Meeting:

- a. Thursday, September 16th; will confirm face-face vs. virtual via email.

Note: Multiple communication links were distributed leading to some members waiting in a different meeting. We will work to streamline this and be more effective in the future.

Respectfully,
Matt Rollins
Recorder