

WAVOAD General Meeting

August 5, 2025

Meeting led by Kathy Bryson, WA-VOAD President, UMCOR PNW United Methodist Disaster Response

In Attendance

*Kathy Bryson – UMCOR/PNW United Methodist Church Disaster Response - WaVOAD President	*Christie Merrill – Red Cross – WaVOAD Vice President
*Ray Shjerven - SWWA ELCA - WaVOAD Treasurer	Forrest Wilkinson – Brethren Disaster Ministries
*Larry Mays - Adventist Community Services	Celso Rangel - Serve WA.
Cherie Carey - Thurston County Emergency Management	Tyler Verda - Snohomish County Human Services
Jay DeBoer - World Renew	Eric Williams, Second Harvest
Shaun Jones - TSA	Her Kait Seet - Tzu Chi Foundation
Lauren Hazen - TSA	Patty Baker, Episcopal Church
Jill Watson - Emergency Management Strategic Advisor, Seattle Human Services Department,	Carlene Anders - Disaster Leadership Team
Brian Brozovic - Operation BBQ Relief - Area Coordinator	Michael D Claypool - Preparedness Coordinator. International Orthodox Christian Charities
Paul Love - Dept. of Ecology/WA Conservation Corps	Cindi Barker
*James Mahon	*Andrew Chadwick

Meeting called to order by Kathy Bryson for December 3, 2024, at 10:03am

Kathy asked the WAVOAD leadership team to introduce themselves.

Minutes Review

The corrected minutes from April 1, 2025 minutes as corrected. Christie Merrill made the motion, & Larry Mays seconded, passed unanimously.

Minutes from June 3, 2025 were presented. Larry Mays made the motion and Christie Merrell seconded, passed unanimously.

Financial Review

Ray Shjerven shared to following review of the financials:

WAVOAD	August Financials
	Segregated Savings Account
Beginning Balance	\$ 5,154.09
interest June and July	\$ 2.58
New Balance	\$ 5,156.67

	Operating Checking Account
Beginning Balance	\$ 12,921.21

Check Number #1028
New Balance

\$ (575.00)
\$ 12,346.21

Lisa Arellano scholarship

Questions were asked and answered. Jim Cooper moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Andrew Chadwick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Kathy Bryson

- WAVOAD engagement with Washington Wildfires
 - Disaster assistance center set up for Bourdoin Fire in Lyle. Kathy has been in constant with WA State, thank you to their team for this strong work!
 - Klickitat Disaster Assistance Center
Date: Wednesday, August 6th, 2025
Time: 4:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: Lyle Lions Club
- Upcoming Leadership Board Open Positions
 - DEC meeting- elections for Vice President (4yr commit) and 1 At Large member (2 yr commitment)
- October 7 General Meeting at Camp Murray/Wa St SEOC Tour
- Tue Aug 12 Webinar
- National VOAD Fall members meeting on xyz in PA, precursor to spring General Membership Meeting in Reno.
- Public Assistance coordination call- today at 1:00 PM. Ddeetails to come,

Guest Presentations:

NVOAD Recovery Tool Workshop Overview; David Rauer, NVOAD LTR Committee Chair, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - National Response Team, Presbytery for Southern New Jersey Disaster Assistance Committee

David gave overview of Long-Term Recovery training modules by function- LTR Orientation; Disaster Casework and Disaster Case Management; Construction Management; Volunteer Management; Donations Management; Emotional and Spiritual Care; Financial Controls and Reporting; Unmet Needs Table (Coming Soon);

Other resources: LTR Guide; Quick Reference Guide; LTRG Mapping Resource (coming soon)LTRG Evaluation Tool, Resources for LTRGs; LTRG Mentor Sub Committee;

Questions and discussions around forming an LTR Sub Committee of WAVOAD.

Report Outs:

Long term Recovery Updates:

- none

Member Report Outs:

Christie Merrill- Red Cross they have put up several shelters for fires and then taking down if not needed, very busy and standing by to help. Red Cross has new wildfire response division and info is forthcoming. Fires are all organized as one Disaster Response (DR).

Kathy Bryson, UMCOR attending disaster assistance center in Lyle tomorrow. October UMCOR trainings: Connecting Neighbors Preparedness OCT 18 in Edmonds, Early Response OCT 25 in Issaquah; UMCOR awarded \$300k recovery grant to Spokane LTRG- for DCMs and training and roundtable.

Larry Mays Adventist Community Services on standby in NW and still had donation operations going in TX and closing one in ST Louis
Taylor clarified that DAC is already being organized for tomorrow. Sign up for GOV delivery-

James Mahon- National Night out tonight in lower queen Anne, ORGS Still active in LA cleanup.

Dave Jones, Just Serve, glad to be here and hoping to become NAT VOAD Partner in future. Check Out our site. davidjjones@hotmail.com

Government Partners:

Chris Aronen, FEMA Region 120 VAL- clarified grant Karthy mentioned not for WA> Wildfires heating up, they are up to 8 grant programs. Still 1-2 weeks from typical peak wildfire Acronym- GLOF- Glacier Lake Outburst Flood, this will increase and one is about to burst in AK- Juno
<https://www.juneauflood.com/#/flood-forecast>

Taylor Deitz, WA EMD- OCT 7 meeting- Taylor will be sponsor. Look for email for rsvp's to add folks to visitor list at gate, she will request fingerprint waive, make sure to bring ID.

Level 2 activation, in good coordination with red cross and keeping shelter updates online. Bear Gulch in Mason County and Brooke Track in Okanagan. Sent Recovery Section Manager to Klickitat to help with transition to recovery.

Zach Gifford, WA EMD Stevens County working with EM there and looking at needing debris hauling support for residents. Working through opportunities for SBA or economic injury. Not getting high enough numbers for FEMA or SBA numbers. Will be in touch if official requests come in.

Everett Sterling, USDA- FEMA Region 10 EFS11 Coordinator Introduced himself, know USDA is here to support you. You can send him plans for review. Please invite him to exercises so they can ID gaps. 253-432-9203, everet.sterling@usda.gov

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 10am Camp Murray, hosted by WA ESD, EFS 6

Meeting adjourned by Kathy Bryson at 11:13 am.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Cooper, WaVOAD secretary