



**CERT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**  
**CONFERENCE CALL – November 19, 2019 / 1:30PM**  
**Call-In: 888-494-4032 - Access Code: 6826617442**

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2019 Conference Call
3. Old Business
  - a. Membership Document (Excel)
    - i. There are currently 59 members listed on this document.
    - ii. PLEASE encourage your volunteers / members to get others involved with our Association. Please have them send an email to Dan with their contact information so they can be added.
    - iii. Recruitment efforts are especially needed in Central and Southern Illinois.
  - b. Geocoding CERT Teams / Association Members
    - i. To see where our Teams / Members are located, follow this link: <https://wiu-gis-center.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2fc5e94cf46940cf864940bcf83435f2>
  - c. “Basecamp”
    - i. “Basecamp” is a message board as well a mechanism for dissemination of CERT-related information (via email).
    - ii. “Basecamp” is a location where content for our newsletter can be sent by members. It’s also a place where our members can view newsletters.
    - iii. “Basecamp” is a location where our members can view Meeting Agendas and Minutes.
    - iv. As we take on new members, “Basecamp” will be updated accordingly.
  - d. Facebook Page
    - i. 398 “Likes” as of November 19, 2019
    - ii. We still need our volunteers to “Like” and “Share” the page, which is <https://www.facebook.com/CERTAssociationofIllinois/>

- iii. We are NOT receiving much content from teams. PLEASE send content to page administrators:
  - 1. Tonya Balla [balla93@sbcglobal.net](mailto:balla93@sbcglobal.net)
  - 2. Beth Drendel [brdrendel@gmail.com](mailto:brdrendel@gmail.com)
  - 3. Dan Martin [dmartin@newlenox.net](mailto:dmartin@newlenox.net)
  
- e. Web Site (eventually <https://www.certillinois.com/>)
  - i. The Web site is available for review via this link <https://www.certillinois.com/?ucp-access=9fba33af> THIS IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND BY NO MEANS FINAL. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THE LINK. Much of the content is only a place keeper and will be replaced with other content as we move ahead.
  - ii. An "ABOUT" tab will be added between "HOME" and "EVENTS." It will contain information like our "By-Laws, Board of Directors, not-for-profit status (eventually), and others things as we see fit.
  - iii. Since training is so much of what we do, a "TRAINING" tab will be added near the "EVENTS" tab. Information from "TRAINING" can be added to the calendar in "EVENTS."
  - iv. Suggestions to date:
    - 1. Directory of CERTs with contact information and links to their web sites and social media accounts.
  - v. Send comments, ideas and suggestions to Dan Martin ASAP so changes can be made and we can open the site up to the public.
  
- f. CERT Association of Illinois Newsletter
  - i. The deadline for the December 2019 Newsletter is now.
  - ii. Content and photos can be uploaded to "Basecamp" for the newsletter team to work with. Email content to Kurt Clifford [kclifford@hanover-township.org](mailto:kclifford@hanover-township.org) if you are still unfamiliar with "Basecamp."
  - iii. Publication schedule will be March, June, September, and December.
  
- g. 2019 Prairie State CERT Challenge
  - i. The Planning Team will begin conference calls to discuss the 2020 event soon.
  - ii. Members of the CERT Association of Illinois are encouraged to get involved with the 2020 event in some capacity (Planning Team, Evaluator, Station Facilitator, Send a Team, etc...).

- h. CERT Association of Illinois By-Laws
    - i. Update / Discussion
  - i. Training Committee / Training
    - i. Update / Discussion
  - j. Sharing Best Practices – Questions and Discussion
4. New Business
- a. CERT Basic Curriculum Release (Webinar)
    - i. December 10, 2019 / 3:00pm. Link to register was sent via Basecamp.
    - ii. FEMA will share the reasons for the changes, highlight best practices and share impacts of the updated curriculum. Participants will learn how trainers can deliver the updated training and when to order materials.
  - b. FEMA’s Monthly Newsletter from the Individual and Community Preparedness Division
    - i. Link to subscribe:  
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSFEMA/subscriber/new>
  - c. Central and Southern Illinois – challenges of hosting the Basic CERT Class and getting volunteers / staff trained as CERT Train-the-Trainers.
5. Good of the Order
6. Next Conference Call / Meeting
- a. The next Conference Call will be on **Tuesday January 28, 2020 / 1:30pm**. Call-in / Access Code information will be sent out via email and will be posted on the Meeting Agenda as well. ***NO CONFERENCE CALL IN DECEMBER AS OUR CALL (LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, FALLS ON CHRISTMAS EVE).***
7. Adjournment