

## Calendar

**January 10, 2024**  
**9:30 – 11:00**

**ANNUAL General Membership Meeting**  
**Greater Houston United Way**  
**50 Waugh Drive**  
**Houston TX 77007**

### Agenda

- Welcome
- Regular Business
  - Officer reports
  - New Member consideration
- Elections of Officers
- Program TBA
- Organizational Announcements

### About Nominations

At the November 8, 2023 General Membership Meeting Sonya Meyers (TXCDR) was nominated for Chair and Rashmi Singh (SEWA International) was nominated for Vice-Chair. We did not receive a nomination for the position of Secretary.

At the Meeting in January, we will accept additional nominations from the floor and the members in good standing will elect a Chair and Secretary for 2024-2025 and Vice-Chair for 2025.

The time commitment for each position is a couple of days per month spread out over the month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chair at

**[chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com](mailto:chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com)**

*Officers must be a staff member or volunteer of a TGCRVOAD Member in good standing and must be the Member's Primary or Alternate Representative.*

## Be a Member in Good Standing!

### Admin Updates

We want ALL our Members to be Members in Good Standing!  
Members in Good Standing

- have an entry in the Member Directory,
- a signed Consensus of Engagement on file,
- have paid their 2023 dues, and
- have at least one Alert Media Account.

Please help us achieve this goal as we close out the year. We'll be pushing hard, so please forgive our gentle reminders. 😊

### Member Directory

Ninety-five percent of our members had completed their Member Information for the directory and have a listing in the TGCRVOAD Directory.

If you have done so, you should have received an email with your password. If you have not or have forgotten your password or just aren't sure, please email [comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com](mailto:comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com)



### Consensus of Engagement

Eighty percent of our Members have a Consensus of Engagement on file with our Secretary.

We will send out reminders before the next meeting. Members should [download the Consensus of Engagement](#), sign it, scan it, and email it to [sonya.meyers@txcdr.org](mailto:sonya.meyers@txcdr.org).



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## 2023 Dues

One-third of our Members have paid their 2023 dues.

If you haven't done so, please mail those checks to our Treasurer, Wayne Beaumier, [wayne.beaumier@disasteraidusa.org](mailto:wayne.beaumier@disasteraidusa.org), ASAP. Second notices have been sent.

2023 dues are \$50 for the year. Please make your check payable to "Disaster Aid USA" and add "TGCRVOAD 2003 Dues" as the memo.

Please mail checks to

Wayne Beaumier c/o  
Disaster Aid  
16310 Wytchwood Circle  
Cypress TX 77429

If you need a copy of the invoice, please contact [sonya.meyers@txcdr.org](mailto:sonya.meyers@txcdr.org) or [wayne.beaumier@disasteraidusa.org](mailto:wayne.beaumier@disasteraidusa.org).

2024 Dues invoice will be mailed in early January, due March 31, 2024.

## AlertMedia

Three-quarters of our Members have at least one Alert Media License.

Your Membership includes two AlertMedia accounts. These should be given to the two individuals responsible for coordinating your organization's response during a recovery operation. All Members and Partners are encouraged to claim their Alert Media accounts to ensure efficient communication during a disaster recovery response.

Please complete this application today:

<https://tgrvoad.org/alertmedia-accounts-for-tgrvoad-members-and-partners/>.



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There will be three Alert Media workshops as we close out the year:

- Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

The link to register for the workshop will be emailed to you once you register.

Questions? Contact [comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com](mailto:comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com)

## Resource for Members

### VAL Snapshot

The VAL Snapshot is published weekly and intended to provide partners with situational awareness to determine if, where, and how they may deploy resources. Email [FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov) to subscribe.

Click [here](#) for the current VAL Snapshot

**FEMA** Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) Snapshot Report #220 November 17, 2023

*Purpose/Overview:* The VAL Snapshot is published weekly and intended to provide partners with situational awareness to assist in determining if, where, and how they may deploy resources. Email [FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-VAL@fema.dhs.gov) to subscribe.

**Next VOISE Partner Call:**  
December 13

**Topic:**  
Disaster Resources from Other Federal Agencies

**Date:** Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023  
**Time:** 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT  
**Location:** ZOOM  
**Passcode:** FEMAVAL  
[Click here to register!](#)

These calls are held the second Wednesday of each month but may occur more frequently during disaster operations.

Future VOISE Partner Call and information is available on the Voluntary Organization Information System for Engagement (VOISE) Dashboard, along with helpful tools, reports, and communication from FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons around the country.  
<https://fema.connectsolutions.voice>

**Thank You**

for your support in helping our nation prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters!

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will release our next VAL Snapshot on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

*TGCRVOAD News You Can Use is published on the first and third Monday of each month from May – October and on the first Monday of the month from November through April.*

*Submit material to [comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com](mailto:comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com).*

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## Disaster Resources from Other Federal Agencies

The next VOISE partner call will be December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM -2:30 PM CDT. This is a ZOOM call (Passcode: FEMAVAL). The topic will be “Disaster Resources from Other Federal Agencies.” [Click here to register!](#)

## Functions in Disaster

We have reformatted and updated [Functions in Disaster](#). This is our “playbook” for cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration when disasters strike and TGCRVOAD assistance is requested. The new format is more process-oriented and is designed to be updated more frequently.

It also includes information on our revised Alert Levels, which are now more consistent with the communities we serve.



If you have any questions or suggestions, please email [chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com](mailto:chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com) or [comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com](mailto:comms.tgcrvoad@icloud.com).

## Situational Awareness Briefs

None this period.