

**NASEMSO Board of Directors**  
**August 10, 2023, 2:00 PM EDT**  
**Meeting Record**



## **Present**

### **Officers**

President: Joe House  
President-Elect: Jason Rhodes  
Immediate Past President: Alisa Williams  
Secretary: Sam Hurley

### **Region Chairs**

Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney  
West: Todd McDowell  
South: Jamie Gray  
East: Justin Romanello

### **Council Chairs**

Health & Medical Preparedness: Karen Owens  
Personnel Licensure: Brett Hart  
Pediatric Emergency Care: Marc Minkler  
Trauma Managers: Eileen Worden  
Education: Terrie Godde  
Data Managers: Jay Ostby

### **Other NASEMSO Members**

Anna Sessa  
Dana Selover  
Steve McCoy  
Wendy O'Hare  
Wendy Snodgrass  
Richard Rhodes

### **Federal Partners**

Jocelyn Holbert

### **NASEMSO Staff**

Dia Gainor  
Andy Gienapp  
Rachael Alter  
Randall Eimerman  
Kelli Perrotti  
Mary Hedges  
Adrienne Wilson

## **Absent**

Medical Directors: Richard Kamin  
Western Plains: Tim Wilson

## **Call to Order / Roll Call**

President Joe House called the meeting to order at 2 PM ET. A quorum was present.

## **Secretary's Report**

Sam Hurley presented the Executive Committee reports for June 2023 and July 2023, as well as the June 2023 and July 2023 Board meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Marc Minkler moved, and Kraig Kinney seconded to approve the June 2023 minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Kraig Kinney moved, and Justin Romanello seconded to approve the July 2023 minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Jason Rhodes reported that as of July 31, 2023, the total income is \$153,010. The total expenses are \$85,296, versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,513,366. The Net income from operations is 458,004 and the total net excess is \$67,715. Net assets are \$832,193.

## Program Committee

Emily Bergquist reported that the Program Committee talked with the team from Pennsylvania about the 2024 Annual Meeting plans. They discussed creating a theme that will help support the idea of recognizing Freedom House ambulance and increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the EMS industry. They discussed the benefits & consequences of having long presentations or breaking topics into smaller time slots (which could bring more voices to the table).

Andy Gienapp informed the group that the preconference agenda would stay the same and that comments requesting additions for this day would likely be addressed in the form of education prior to the conference. He added that we should inform members that more than just state directors were welcome to participate in the preconference session.

Emily added that PEC Council Steering Committee met, and they asked her to relay their concerns about the smoke at the Annual meeting, as well as security concerns expressed regarding the outside of the facility. They would like for the Program Committee to consider the safety and security of future venues.

## President's Report and Federal Partners Welcome

### Election of Treasurer

**Discussion:** Joe House stated that Gary Brown has stepped down as Treasurer and that staff has reached out to the Directors asking for those who are interested in the role to express their interest. Dia Gainor reported that she received one response expressing interest from Justin Romanello. Joe asked if there were any others interested in the Treasurer position or if there were any nominations. No one present expressed interest and there were no nominations from the floor.

**ACTION:** Jason Rhodes motioned, and Sam Hurley seconded to close the nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Kraig Kinney motioned, and Terrie Godde seconded to elect Justin Romanello as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

### NHTSA OEMS

No report

## HRSA EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that the State Partnership managers are continuing to work hard in preparation for next year's Prehospital Pediatric Readiness assessment in May of 2024. They are also preparing for the EMSC ALL Grantee Meeting, which will be held in Austin this year on September 12–14.

## Executive Director's Report

Dia Gainor reminded the Board that staff is diligently working on standing up the new association management system, which includes not only an overhaul to the website, but also a new contemporary member data base and functionality for each state office and every state official to enjoy. Dia added that we are on the cusp of finalizing a website mockup, and staff plans to bring that forward for Board review and approval. Staff is also interested in having a couple of states help test the website and the member data base before it goes live.

## Current Projects

### EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

No report

### Workforce—CAP 1 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that they are producing strategies on how states can go about implementing workforce measurement. Andy added that more and more he is convinced that we must stop talking about this and start doing it. Andy stated that the states, federal partners, and the National Registry should put in an equivalent amount of effort into measuring the workforce as was put into developing NEMSIS.

### Model Public Health Emergency Guidelines—CAP 4 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that the Technical Expert Panel (TEP) will meet in-person at EMS World Expo in September. They are trying to use the idea of the EMS as an Emergency Support Function, and they are trying to explore what that would look like. Andy added that those who want more clarification on the project should feel free to reach out to him.

### Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that they received comments back from the peer review publication and the TEP revised it and sent it back out again. The next NHTSA deliverable is due on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The final materials, along with the performance measures being developed by NEMSQA, will then be presented to TEP. This project is on track to wrap up in early 2024.

### Transport of Children Crash Test Project CAP 5 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Rachael Alter reported that each workgroup continues to meet monthly. During each meeting they review and revise the draft methods and ensure that everyone is in agreement about the content of the draft. They will meet in-person in September at EMS World Expo. Rachael added that the Industry and Government Project Coordinating Committee will have another meeting in the next month and a half or so.

### Community Opioids/ “Familiar Faces” Playbook (TASC)

Mary Hedges reported that the Community Opioids and Familiar Faces are both closed to completion in terms of their deliverables. There is a little more time yet on the grant which runs through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. TASC has asked them to pull together a panel of EMS people, and to recognize NASEMSO to be part of a presentation at the RX and Illicit Drug Summit in Atlanta in the Spring of 2024. Tim Seplaki, Community Opioids & SUD Committee Chair, and Rob Rosenbaum, Delaware’s Medical Director, will both participate in the Summit. Mary said it looks like TASC will want to continue to work with NASEMSO.

### Georgia Rural Public Health Workforce Technical Assistance

Dia Gainor stated that staff received a request from the Georgia Health Policy Center asking NASEMSO to renew a one-year agreement with them. This agreement makes Dia and Andy available to program managers providing technical consultation to grant recipients in the fourteen states that include an EMS component. Dia and Andy will also be obligated to attend two Sense Making meetings along with their program managers each year.

## **Action Items**

### **NASEMSO & CARES Appropriations Letter**

**Discussion:** Dia Gainor reported that NASEMSO is being asked to provide a letter of support for CARES for CDC grant funding. The Executive Committee (EC) previously signed a CARES letter related to Congress appropriations. Dia added that there were some questions among EC members about how the whole CARES system is working these days. The EC is prepared to reach out to Brian McNally from CARES to see if he is available to give a presentation about their current status and what this continuing appropriation would do for them and for the states. Brett Hart and Jason Rhodes stated that they were not sure that there is value to CARES data anymore, whereas Marc Minkler stated that the state of Maine does value and use the CARES data.

**ACTION:** Staff will reach out to Bryan McNally to see if he will be willing to present at the September or October Board meeting. If it is a conflict with the grant deadline, then the Executive Committee will hold a discussion regarding the support for CARES grant funding.

## **Consideration of a Workgroup to Review the In-Person Regional Meeting Process/Procedures— Kraig Kinney**

**Discussion:** Kraig Kinney reported that the Great Lakes Region has had a few issues regarding regional meetings related to consistency and who collects sponsorship money. Kraig stated that they are looking for more guidance and that they are interested in the possibility of having a workgroup that includes staff and some Board members. Dia added that she and Andy are working on refining a draft In-Person Regional Meeting Playbook. Dia stated that she is happy to include a workgroup in this effort to refine the Playbook.

**ACTION:** Kraig Kinney motioned, and Justin Romanello seconded, that we authorize the President to form a workgroup of designees representing regional chairs, host sites, host states, and staff to address the regional in person meeting document. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Federal and Tribal Engagement- Forum for Federal and Tribal Engagement—Andy Gienapp**

**Discussion:** Andy Gienapp stated that at the July Board meeting he pointed out that he and Dia Gainor had very recently been contacted by multiple federal agencies who have some type of an operational EMS component. Simultaneously, Andy received an inquiry through the JCREC on behalf of the tribes. Tribes are included in our mission statement and are reportedly one of the groups with whom we interact and represent. He added that the question at hand is that staff do not have an easy path in which to direct them. Dia discussed the idea of bringing them in formally as members, as well as the possibility of having a regular convening with federal agencies and tribes. Justin and Andy discussed the pros and cons of having more voices in the association.

**ACTION:** Staff will craft an invite list for NASEMSO leadership to review, and then they will start thinking about and planning a meeting at least on a virtual basis.

### **Will any Board members be in New Orleans for EMS Expo?**

**Discussion:** Andy Gienapp reported that his proposal to the EMS World Expo planners to have a state director panel session was accepted. He asked if any state director Board members would be willing to be part of the discussion panel. Kraig Kinney and Jamie Gray both said that they would be at the EMS World Expo and would be available for the panel.

### **Jay Ostby- Update on Voting**

**Discussion:** Dia Gainor reported that staff are researching a streamlined way for polling and voting that are immediately available on a free basis, whether as a component of Teams or a free-standing app such as Mentee.

**Action:** Staff will report back on their findings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM ET.

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Relations Coordinator, Adrienne Wilson.*