

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2015
Meeting Record

Present

Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer
Jim DeTienne (MT), Immed Past President
Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC
Katherine Hert, PECC
Paul Patrick (UT), President
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers
Kyle Thornton (NM), Secretary
Keith Wages (GA), President-elect
Alisa Williams (MS), South Central Region
Sherri Wren (NE), Trauma Managers

Also Present

Susan McHenry, NHTSA OEMS
Lindsey Narloch, DMC Chair-elect
Joe Schmider (TX), Domestic Prep.
Ken Williams, MD (RI), MDC Chair Elect
Donnie Woodyard (LA), HITS Chair

Absent

Chris Bell (VT), East Region
Greg Brown (AR), Air Medical
Lee Burns (NY), East Alt.
Andy Gienapp (WY), West Region
Joe House (KS), North Central Region
Fred Hornby (WI), EPSC Chair-elect
Peter Taillac MD (UT) Medical Directors

Staff Present

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

Call to Order / Self-Introductions

President Paul Patrick (UT) called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM EST and Mary Hedges called roll; a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM) presented the January 8, 2015 Meeting Record. Katherine Hert requested that she be added to the record as participating in last month's call.

ACTION: Jim DeTienne moved, seconded by Joe Ferrell to approve the Record as corrected. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of January 15, 2015, the total income from operations is \$943,132 with expenses of \$1,361,624, leaving a deficit of \$77, 698 in net income. The current fund balance is \$872,810. During this period the portfolio experienced unreal losses due to the fluctuating stock market.

Program Committee Report

Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee met February 10, 2015. Most speakers have been confirmed for the Mid-Year Meeting in San Antonio. The Annual Meeting program is coming along well; a draft program will be ready for the March 10 Program Committee Meeting. An email will be sent to Board members offering travel assistance up to \$1066 for the Mid Year Meeting.

Executive Director's Report

- **FARB Forum**- Dia Gainor reported that Keith Wages and Kathy Robinson attended the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Forum this month, which proved to be very valuable.
- **Senior Executive Leadership Safety Summit** – This was the second time Dia was fortunate to have attended this national public safety summit. More EMS representation participated this year with 4 out of 75 of those in attendance from EMS. This is an improvement from the first meeting two years ago she was the only EMS representative.
- **CAP7 Steering Committee** – Dia reported that the Steering Committee of the CAP 7 Performance Measures Project held its first meeting, which was very productive. The name of the final product is still pending, but she is hoping that EMS Compass becomes the name with a tag line that is explanatory.
- **CAAS Ground Vehicle Standards Meeting** – She and Michael Berg (AVL Committee Chair) attended the recent meeting of the CAAS work group where they reviewed over 200 comments on the CAAS ambulance standards.
- **Military to Civilian EMS Transition** – There will be some helpful resources available as a result of work on this project. They are presently working on clickable maps that will link to each state's licensing information. The first work group meeting will occur in conjunction with the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Dia reported that a very helpful, 2-page, domestic preparedness document was developed as a result of a meeting Beth attended. Joe Schmider commented that it was a good document but he wished he had seen it prior to its release. Dia acknowledged his concern noting that the turnaround time was very short for this document.
- **House Subcommittee on Emergency Response and Communications** – This subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee has requested to meet with Dia. She will meet with them during the week of EMS Expo.

NASEMSO Liaison Reports

- **(None)** – no liaison reports were provided.

Action Items

- **NAEMSP Request for Letter of Support for NAEMSP Unsolicited Proposal for Medical Workforce** – NAEMSP has submitted a proposal to NHHTSA for a project which will include interviewing all local EMS medical directors in the nation. They have requested a letter of support from NASEMSO.

ACTION: Jim DeTienne moved, seconded by Gary Brown, that NASEMSO submit a letter of support for the NAEMSP proposal. Motion Passed.

- **Request for Comments - Collecting Information on Ambulance Driver Training Requirements** – Dia explained that the Paperwork Reduction Act requires any federal agency intending to conduct a survey to submit a request for comments

explaining the anticipated workload of the survey. NHTSA intends to interview each state EMS office as well as local EMS agencies regarding ambulance driver training requirements. The President asked the chair of the AVL, GIC and HITS Committees to gather and submit comments by the due date of March 23, 2015.

ACTION: No action necessary.

- **Recommend Activities to the NEMSIS TAC for the Upcoming Year — see Proposed NEMSIS Projects for 2015** – The NEMSIS TAC conducts an annual retreat to determine what activities they should undertake. They are seeking input from NASEMSO in reaction to the proposed activities. Lindsey Narloch commented that the Data Managers Council will be discussing this at their meeting on February 17. Paul Patrick asked that the DMC provide the input to the NEMSIS TAC on behalf of NASEMSO and that they report back to the Board next month. Joe Schmitter stated that he wished to go on record that continual changes to the NEMSIS standards create hardship for states. Paul Sharpe said this concern has been expressed to NEMSIS and they have agreed to maintain two versions.

ACTION: The matter was delegated to the DMC, who will report back to the Board next month.

- **Annual Renomination of the NASEMSO designee to the FARB Board of Directors** – Dia Gainor said she has been serving in this capacity and would be delighted to continue in the role, as nearly all representatives are executive directors of their respective associations. Keith Wages reported that he was honored to have had the opportunity to attend the recent FARB Forum. Kathy Robinson agreed that the experience was valuable, especially as a resource to the EPSC.

ACTION: Keith Wages moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton, to nominate Dia to continue serving as NASEMSO's Representative to FARB.

- **Comments to HRSA ORHP for Naloxone Grant – Naloxone Pricing and NASEMSO** – Mary Hedges explained that on January 21st she received an email from the Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) regarding the new naloxone grant that was added to the Rural AED grant program. The OHRP staff member requested answers to questions from the Medical Directors, who were meeting that same day. ORHP requested the information by the end of the month so that they could develop the grant guidance. They submitted the answers as attached.

ACTION: No action necessary.

- **PECC Support Letter for Nationwide's Super Bowl Commercial on Injury Prevention** – Katherine Hert reported that the letter was drafted by Katrina Altenhofen on behalf of the PEC Council to show support for the injury prevention commercial sponsored by Nationwide Insurance and aired during the Super Bowl.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Joe Ferrell, that the letter as drafted be sent to Nationwide Insurance on behalf of NASEMSO. Motion passed.

NTSB Final Response Closeout Request on Safety Recommendation H-09-8 – Dia explained the attached letter drafted by FHWA is intended to close out the various recommendations made by the NTSB to the FHWA, AASHTO and NASEMSO following the Mexican Hat motorcoach crash in 2008. They have requested approval from NASEMSO for the FHWA Administrator to sign off on the letter on behalf of NASEMSO. Mary Hedges added that although they did not include the language NASEMSO requested, the final letter was significantly shortened from the draft they share with us in December. She added that NASEMSO has previously responded to the NTSB's recommendations.

ACTION: Jim DeTienne moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton, approving that NASEMSO be listed as a signator but allowing the FHWA administrator to sign the letter on NASEMSO's behalf. Motion passed.

Discussion Items

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Dia reported that during its last meeting the Committee discussed the 2015 workplan commitment to collect information on states' regulation of EMS agencies based out of state. They will review a strawman at their next meeting.
- **Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine Committee** – Jim DeTienne reported they are wrapping up the survey of states on CP/MIH. At the recent NAEMSP meeting, Kevin facilitated a meeting of nomenclature regarding CP/MIH. Susan McHenry reported what she learned at a recent meeting with NAEMT. The term Mobile Integrated Healthcare is so broad that it connotes a much bigger part of the healthcare system. Jim reported that they replied to NFPA to develop guidance document on Community Paramedicine. Many of the organizations in the Joint Leadership Council will be discussing the matter at its upcoming meeting.

Regional Reports

- **East** – (no report)
- **West** – (no report)
- **North Central** – (no report)
- **South Central** – Alisa Williams (MS) reported the SC region meets monthly. Topics discussed at the most recent meeting included community paramedicine. They are planning a mid-year face-to-face meeting in Tennessee in June.

Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe noted that last month he reported that the DMC decided to hold its business meeting every other month and hold meetings of the work groups in the non-meeting months. Work groups began meeting this month.

- **Education & Professional Standards** – Joe Ferrell reported their Steering Committee met at the end of January. They spent time on explaining the various CAPs. Donna Tidwell will present the new CAHEPP standards at their next meeting. The Distance Education group will be meeting next week.
- **Medical Directors** – Paul Patrick said that Dr. Taillac is out of the country and will report next month as MDC Chair-Elect Ken Williams had to drop of the call.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katherine Hert asked that all councils be invited to the regional calls. She said they are looking for more involvement in the East and West Region calls in particular.
- **Trauma Managers** – Sherri Wren reported the Steering Committee met and discussed the proposal for the TMC to add STEMI and stroke systems to their council. The Joint Trauma Committee will meet February 18.

Standing Committee Highlights

- **Air Medical** – Kathy Robinson reported the Committee met by teleconference last month. A draft of air model rules is circulating among committee members. The committee is meeting monthly now and will meet at the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Communications & Technology** – No report.
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider welcomed Leslee back after her extended recovery period. Last week he and several state directors participated in a CDC call on the topic of Ebola. The DP Committee met on January 27. They reviewed and began refining the bi-annual DP Survey. On February 23 there will be conference call on special credentialing. Next committee meeting will be in March. Joe has requested he be replaced as the EMAC representative, as he has been unable to attend meetings. Dick Gibbons (PA) will be the new EMAC representative.
- **Government Information** – Jim DeTienne reported the GIC met on January 20. He said they are trying to determine what the role of the GIC should be. Jim asked for an update on REPLICA. Gary Brown reported that Virginia’s REPLICA bill has been introduced in both houses. The bill in the House died, while the companion bill in the Senate passed unanimously. While EMS providers are in support of the bill, they have to address the concerns of a House legislator in order to advance the bill forward. Dia added that Colorado, Missouri, Utah and several other states are working on the bill this session (a total of 10 states, which is the number of states needed for a compact).
- **HITS** –Donnie Woodyard said he chaired his first HITS Committee meeting yesterday, February 11. A TSAG presentation on Emergency Vehicle Distracted Driver was shared with committee members. There will be several EMS representatives attending the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training at the National Fire Academy at the end of the month. The newly updated HITS Committee website has a wealth of new information on it, which he encouraged all to review.
- **Rural EMS** – Jim DeTienne said that although he did not attend the last committee meeting, he knows the committee wanted to remind everyone of the First Annual Rural EMS Conference to be held in Wyoming in May.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:30 PM EST at the motion of the President and seconded by Jim DeTienne with unanimous support.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Mary Hedges.

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