

**NASEMSO Board of Directors**  
**May 11, 2023, 2:00 PM EDT via GoToMeeting**  
**Meeting Record**



## **Present**

### **Officers**

President: Alisa Williams  
President-Elect: Joe House  
Immediate Past President: Kyle Thornton  
Treasurer: Gary Brown  
Secretary: Jason Rhodes

### **Other NASEMSO Members**

Raffaella Calciano  
Anna Sessa  
Dana Selover  
Steve McCoy  
Eric Hicken  
Wendy O'Hare

### **Region Chairs**

Western Plains: Marty Link  
Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney  
West: Todd McDowell

### **Federal Partners**

### **NASEMSO Staff**

Andy Gienapp  
Adrienne Wilson  
Rachael Alter  
Randall Eimerman  
Kelli Perrotti  
Mary Hedges  
Alex Tyeryar

### **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

## **Absent**

South: Jamie Gray  
Medical Directors: Matt Sholl  
East and Member at Large on the EC: Justin Romanello

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

President Alisa Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET and Adrienne Wilson called roll. A quorum was present.

## **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Jason Rhodes presented the Executive Committee report and the April 2023 Board meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, and Jay Ostby seconded to approve the April 2023 minutes as distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Financial Performance**

Gary Brown reported that as of April 30, 2023, NASEMSO's total Income is \$988,000. The Total Expenses are \$919,047 versus a twelve-month budget of 1,349,498. The Net Income from Operations is \$29,689. The Net Excess is \$68,952. The Total Next Excess is 68,952 (Including Other Income). The Net Assets are \$775,849.

### **Program Committee**

Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee had their final meeting before the Annual Meeting in Reno. They added Rick Patrick to the program to speak about the US Fire Administration's new commitment to EMS. The Trauma managers Council will now meet at 7 AM on Tuesday for their orientation program. The EMS Compact will open up the Commission meeting at 4 PM to any NASEMSO official. This will give them a chance to ask questions about the inter-tate compact. Gary added that the conference hotel room rate ends on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, as of Tuesday, May 9 there were 144 registrants for the meeting and eight for the pre-conference. The expectation is that more members will register two weeks prior to the conference. The early bird registration rates expire June 1.

## **President's Report and Federal Partners Welcome**

### **NHTSA OEMS**

No report

### **HRSA EMSC**

No report

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Current Projects**

#### **EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update**

Rachael Alter reported that they are planning for EMS Week and EMSC Day. They are hosting a webinar on EMSC Day on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Webinar is titled; The Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC): Where Emergency Care for Kids Begins. CAPCE credit for completion of the webinar will be offered. This webinar will highlight a few of the EMSC Program's Targeted Issues Grant work, as well as hearing from an agency

PECC on the work that they are doing to support the care of children in their community.

#### **Community Opioids (TASC)**

Mary Hedges reported that most of the deliverables have been completed for this year. The last two deliverables submitted, but not yet published by Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP), were written products focusing on what EMS is doing, creatively and alternatively, to address the opioid epidemic. They were written products, that focused on EMS services that are administering buprenorphine in the field to those with opioid use disorder. Mary added that they will discuss this topic at the Annual Meeting in Reno.

#### **Workforce—CAP 1 (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Andy Gienapp reported that they are working to compile data from the five Pilot States. They are asking the Pilot States to build a state profile that relates what is important and how it relates to each state's management of the workforce. Andy has held discussions with the National Registry on how they might be able to replicate some of the work that the National Registry has done. They are getting ready to publish an article on the work from Ash Panchal's presentation. Andy stated that he will bring it to everyone's attention when it has been published. He added that they have asked for a budget adjustment. There will be no increase or decrease in the funding, but instead there will be reallocation from one portion to another. This is due to the project being extended out.

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

Andy Gienapp reported that they have a new approach for this project which will turn this project much more EMS centric, rather than trying to address all four disciplines equally. This idea was raised out of a resolution passed in Charleston about EMS being considered in its own Emergency Support Function. Andy believes that they can use the idea as a springboard to develop a guideline that will look and feel like an Emergency Support Function.

#### **Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)**

Andy Gienapp reported that the manuscript went out to Prehospital Emergency Care. They received comments from the reviewers, and following the feedback, they will work to decrease in size of the document. In a separate deliverable, under that project, they took the airway management portion of the model clinical guidelines and updated it to make sure it aligns with what we know is going to come out in the Evidence Based Guideline Manuscript. This will go on the website, and it will go out community wide on June the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

Rachael Alter reported that Jim Green hosted the first workgroup meetings during the FDIC International Conference in Indianapolis at the end of April. Jim will work on a

rough draft of the test standards over the next month. The workgroups, Seated Pediatric Patient/Uninjured Companion, Supine Neonate, and Seated Pediatric Patient/Uninjured Companion will focus on refining the draft test methods for phase two testing. The project is now fully funded.

#### **TASC Familiar Faces Playbook**

Mary Hedges reported that staff worked on a small project with TASC that described what EMS does with familiar faces, or frequent users. This was geared to county commissioners to explain to them how EMS interacts regarding frequent users.

#### **Georgia Rural Public Health Workforce Technical Assistance**

No report [no activity during this interval].

## **Action Items**

### **• Adoption of 2023-24 Budget as Presented**

This budget was approved by the EC to come before the Board for a full vote.

**Discussion:** Brett Hart asked for clarification regarding the AMS licensing fees listed under the line-item dues and professional fees. Andy Gienapp clarified that this was for the newly purchased Association Management System from ClubExpress. Brett also asked if any of the website and technical consulting fees will be covered in the association management fee that NASEMSO pays ASMI. He was also interested to know if we share the costs with other partner members or if NASEMSO will shoulder the entire cost. Gary Brown clarified that the costs are not covered in the fees to ASMI and NASEMSO does not share the cost with other members.

**ACTION** Kraig Kinney moved, and Joe House seconded to adopt the 2023-24 Budget and to move it before the full NASEMSO body at the Annual Meeting in Reno. The motion carried unanimously.

### **• The Education Council accepts and endorses the NREMT AEMT SMC and is forwarding for consideration of the full NASEMSO BOD.**

**Discussion:** Terrie Godde reported that with the ALS redesign, they will no longer have an in-person psychomotor exam. This is problematic at the AEMT level because they do not have student minimum competencies. Five NASEMSO members were part of a workgroup that came up with student minimum competencies. The Registry is looking for NASEMSO to adopt or endorse the Student Minimum Competencies Document. The Education Council has reviewed the document and recommends that NASEMSO endorse and adopt it.

**ACTION** Gary Brown moved, and Marc Minkler seconded to accept, adopt, and endorse the NREMT AEMT SMC. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Bylaws Committee Draft Revisions—Seeking Consensus to Advance to the Voting Members for Action in Reno**

**Discussion:** Jason Rhodes reported that the Bylaws Committee convened because of a vote that was taken at the Annual Meeting in Charleston last year. The vote was regarding a request from Joseph Schmider to allow a non-NASEMSO member to be part of a Council, specifically, a retired individual, who they thought was an important person to be allowed to continue to have honorary status. After several meetings of the Bylaws Committee, which included five regional chairs, the Committee entertained the thoughts of staff and other NASEMSO members. The changes in the Bylaws include how to streamline the Council and Region vacancies that occur, how to address non-active Region and Council chairs, as well as the addition of language that allows Councils to have a non-voting associate member.

**ACTION** Joe House moved, and Kraig Kinney seconded to advance the redlined bylaws to the voting members for action in Reno. Brett Hart abstained. The motion carried.

- **Discussion/Approval of letters to two pediatric restraint companies regarding misleading advertising.**

**Discussion:** Mary Hedges reported that the Safe Transport of Children Committee is concerned about a particular product manufacturer and their reference to NASEMSO's Pediatric Transport List on their website. There is also concern about a second manufacturer's reference to NASEMSO guidance on their website. NASEMSO's attorney prepared a cease-and-desist letter to EMS Solutions advising them not to reference NASEMSO guidance. Additionally, Mary crafted a letter to the first manufacturer using the attorney's language to address NASEMSO's concerns regarding their website.

Alisa Williams asked Mary Hedges if the Committee has reached out to the companies. Mary stated that they have not reached out to the first manufacturer yet, but she talked to the second manufacturer, and they have toned their statement down somewhat. Eric Hicken contributed that his opinion is that a letter from the attorney is a last resort. He suggested, with the Board's permission, that he will call the second manufacturer to speak with them and ask them kindly to remove the phrase, "exceeding the current NASEMSO guidance". If that does not work, then he suggested that NASEMSO could go to next steps and have the attorney send a formal letter to them asking them to have it removed.

Regarding the information listed on the first manufacturer's website, the Board discussed different options including reaching out to them to set up a meeting to hear their point of view.

**ACTION** Joe House moved, and Gary Brown seconded to authorize Eric Hicken to talk to the second manufacturer and ask them to remove the phrase, "exceeding the current NASEMSO guidance".

- ACTION** Andy Gienapp offered a friendly amendment that Eric Hicken should follow-up, via email, with Dia Gainor, Alisa Williams, and Mary Hedges and that we should discuss this issue further in Reno. Joe House accepted the friendly amendment and the motion carried unanimously.
- ACTION** Joe House moved, and Kraig Kinney seconded that Alisa, Joe House, and Dia Gainor For the sake of having a discussion, will contact the first manufacturer to establish a meeting to discuss this issue. [Members of the board are concerned that they may be misrepresenting their product and what testing standards have been met.]
- ACTION** Eric Hicken offered a friendly amendment to have an attorney present at the meeting and Joe House accepted the friendly amendment. Brett Hart abstained. The motion carried.

## Discussion Items

- **The Health and Medical Preparedness Council seeks clarification of a vendor presentation at the Annual meeting that occurs during their Council meeting.**

Discussion: Karen Owens reported that their Council has been approached by the vendor Pulsara about giving a presentation at the Annual Meeting. Kelly Perrotti clarified that they are a partner, but they are not a sponsor. She stated that it would be great if they would sponsor something at the gold level and then they could get a 15-minute slot at a Council meeting.

- ACTION** Karen Owens will politely decline Pulsara's offer to give a presentation at the Health and Medical Preparedness Council meeting. She will refer Pulsara to Kelly Perrotti, who is in charge of sponsorships at NASEMSO.

## Other Business

None

## Progress in States

No discussion on the NEMSIS Monthly Report, biospatial use, or other emerging issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM EDT.

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