

NASEMSO Board of Directors
July 13, 2023, 2:00 PM ET
Meeting Record



Present

Officers

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

Region Chairs

Western Plains: Tim Wilson
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

Absent

Medical Directors: Richard Kamin

Other NASEMSO Members

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

Federal Partners

NHTSA OEMS: Dave Bryson

NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor
Andy Gienapp
Rachael Alter
Mary Hedges
Kelli Perrotti
Adrienne Wilson
Leslee Stein-Spencer
Alex Tyeryar

Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Secretary's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Gary Brown reported that as of June 30, 2023, the total income is \$1,273,204. The YTD total income from operations is \$1,234, 207. The YTD interest/dividends for the fiscal year is \$23,503. The YTD realized gain (loss) on investments is \$4,738 for the fiscal year. The total income of \$1,273,204 includes the \$2,061 tax refund. The total expenses as of June 30, 2023, are \$1,142,781, versus a twelve-month budget of 1,349,498. The net income from operations is \$91,426. The total net excess is \$130,423 (including other income).

Program Committee

Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee met on Tuesday, July 11th. During this meeting they discussed Reno's Annual Meeting. Gary stated that there were 294 registrants, which is a small drop from the 311 registrants at last year's Charleston meeting. The Committee looked at around 137 evaluations that were completed by NASEMSO members. The number one complaint was about the venue, which was primarily due to the smoking and the deteriorating facility. Everyone did appreciate the food this year, but people did request more availability of coffee.

Overall, attendees indicated that the program was good, informative and jam packed, but some felt that more free time was needed. Those commenting on the new schedule were mostly all supportive. Some members of the Personnel Licensure Council and the Education Council reported that they found it difficult to go back forth between the two meetings and they requested a joint meeting in the future. They received some comments that expressed concerns that the vendors were hijacking meetings at times. The Program Committee decided that they will provide more direction to the Chairs of the Councils and Committees next years in terms of running the meeting, recognizing individuals in the audience before they can speak, and limiting speaking time.

Gary confirmed that next year's meeting in Pittsburgh will be a smoke free venue. Also, President Joe House will send a letter to the Reno Annual Meeting attendees that states that we have heard their concerns about smoking and the venue, and moving forward NASEMSO will have criteria for a healthy environment for our meetings. Joe will also explain in the letter that NASEMSO was under contract for Reno, and when the Board visited the property previously, for a Board Retreat, it was a night and day difference.

President's Report and Federal Partners Welcome

Joe House took the opportunity to thank Immediate Past President Alisa Williams for her leadership and guidance over the past two plus years. He also stated that he is excited about where NASEMSO is moving and where they are going to head within the organization.

NHTSA OEMS

Dave Bryson stated that he did not have a report from Gam Wijetunge. Dave shared that he was hopeful that most of the Board was able to hear Gam's presentation, or that they were able to get some one-on-one time with NHTSA staff in Reno. He reported that NHTSA staff thought the Annual Meeting was a great event and that they really appreciated being able to sit in on the Committee and Council reports and the general session. Dave added that as a result of meeting in Reno, NHTSA now has one official request, from one state, to do a state EMS reassessment in the next few months. NHTSA will be working with them and there are three or four others who have expressed some interest in a state EMS reassessment. Dave ended his report by reading an excerpt from the Office of Defects Investigations regarding a reported issue with the Mercedes Benz Sprinter.

Jamie Gray, on behalf of Alabama, asked Dave if NHTSA will be sunsetting or removing the Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC). Dave explained the importance of EVOC and why NHTSA would not be removing it.

HRSA EMSC

No report

Executive Director's Report

Current Projects

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Rachael Alter reported that they are still gathering resources and populating webpages for program managers to use to make progress with their new performance measures. They are awaiting the release of the new implementation manual to coincide with those pages going live. They are also prepping for the All-Grantee meeting that will take place September 12-14 in Austin, Texas.

Workforce—CAP 1 (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that they produced another report that summarizes the findings today, and they found that we don't have all the data that we need as it relates to workforce and the state offices themselves. Based on the experiences of the Pilot States, it was found that it is beyond the average state EMS office's capacity to continuously measure these things by generating a report and doing the analysis. Getting each state to match and aggregate the same data in the same way with another state also presents a problem. The summation of that, with a lot of good discussions with Max Severeid and Dave Bryson, was that the level of effort and resources that went into the development of NEMSIS is similarly necessary to measure the workforce. CAP 1 will wrap up in March 2024.

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

Andy Gienapp reported that they have pitched a new concept, based in part on the resolution that was passed in Reno. The concept is that we structure this project around the concepts and principles of an emergency support function and use that format. This would also turn the document a little more EMS centric and a little more focused on the things that a state EMS office would be able to control or would be able to affect. Andy hopes that Board can help send the message that we are not trying to suggest that every state immediately needs to invent a new ESF, but instead we are using this model to identify those things that states might be able to affect. CAP 4 will end July 2024.

Airway EBG (NHTSA/OEMS)

Andy Gienapp reported that they submitted the manuscript on time, and it was returned with some recommended revisions. The Technical Expert Panel (TEP), led by Dr. Jeff Jarvis, worked on the revisions and some discussion occurred with Dr. Jarvis and some of the editors and the publication team. Ash Panchal, from the National Registry, has also worked hard on both the manuscript itself and the methodology paper. At Thursday's meeting (July 13th), the TEP will work on finalizing the manuscript, and re-submit for publication. Airway EBG will wrap up in March 2024

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

Rachael Alter reported that they are holding their second round of 2- hour virtual meetings next week (each of three workgroups: seated patient/occupant, supine patient, and neonate). The meetings are spent going line by line through the draft test methods that Jim Green drafted in May. In-person workgroup meetings at EMS World in September have been scheduled.

Last week they hosted their first Industry and Governmental Partners Coordinating Committee meeting. The Committee has chosen to meet quarterly, and they will receive a monthly summary on the workgroup meetings from staff.

The NASEMSO and NHTSA teams also met with car seat manufacturers who were excited to learn more about the project and will be involved in the workgroups.

Community Opioids/"Familiar Faces" Playbook (TASC)

Mary Hedges reported that the Opioid/SUD Committee continues to meet and that most of the deliverables have been completed. This includes a webinar that they held and two major papers that they have submitted. The small project with the familiar faces is 98% done and they are excited about discussions of extending the contract.

Georgia Rural Public Health Workforce Technical Assistance

Dia Gainor stated that The US Department of Health and Human Services has made a substantial investment in workforce projects and 14 States and 20 some sites within those 14 States. Some of these include community paramedicine-/mobile integrated

health-like applications. The Workforce Technical Assistance Center has distributed a final draft of a handbook for those sites, and both Andy Gienapp and Dia Gainor are providing feedback to them. This includes suggesting the removal of a chapter on Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3).

Action Items

Election of a Member at Large

Discussion: Dia Gainor stated that they received a self-nomination from Justin Romanello. There were no further nominations.

ACTION: Alisa Williams moved, and Jason Rhodes seconded to close the nominations. With no oppositions heard Justin Romanello was elected Member at Large to the EC by affirmation.

Honorary Council Status for Consideration and Revision/Adoption

Discussion: Dia Gainor stated that modifications were made to the NASEMSO Bylaws to allow for an Honorary Council Member Status. This was crafted in advance of the Bylaws revision because some members expressed an interest in understanding what the policy might entail in order to vote on the Bylaws change. The document remains unchanged since the draft was created in May. It has been previously developed and reviewed by the Bylaws Committee, chaired by Jason Rhodes. This draft is being put before the Board for consideration, modification, or rejection outright.

ACTION: Jason Rhodes motioned, and Jamie Gray seconded to adopt the Honorary Council Status Policy. Brett Hart abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

PEC Council Request: Clarification of “prehospital EMS agency” definition from HRSA EMSC for the Annual EMSC Survey and the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Program Assessment

Discussion: Marc Minkler presented, via PowerPoint, an explanation of why the Pediatric Emergency Care Council (PEC Council) is seeking NASEMSO’s help in narrowing down HRSA EMSC’s definition of “prehospital EMS agency” for the Annual EMSC Survey and the Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Program Assessment. The PEC Council is seeking one singular definition because having multiple definitions may negatively impact their distribution of this survey and has the potential to affect the quality of the data collected. They wish to collect data that is measured in an appropriate manner and survey the state agencies in a way that is not onerous.

ACTION: With Marc Minkler’s help, NASEMSO will reach out to HRSA EMSC to express their concerns.

Discussion Items

Jay Ostby– Online and Cell Phone Voting/Polling Apps for In-Person Meetings

Discussion: Jay Ostby hopes that NASEMSO can come up with a plan at some point to streamline voting in NASEMSO meetings. He would like to have a voting poll built into our system so members can vote to support or not support items. Jay suggested that cell phone apps could be used during in person meetings to help streamline voting. He added that streamlining voting would be a benefit to the Committees and their work.

ACTION: Staff will research voting options for online meetings and in person meetings.

Federal and Tribal Engagement

Discussion: Andy Gienapp stated that he and Dia Gainor would like to make the Board aware of the fact that they are routinely contacted by various federal and tribal agencies. These agencies make contact to express their interest in establishing a relationship with NASEMSO. Dia added that the recurrence of inquiries and requests has increased over the last year to year and a half. Dia and Andy are seeking clarity on how best to address these inquiries and requests and how to accommodate and/or include these entities. The Board suggested creating a workgroup to come up with ideas to then present to the Board. Dia agreed with this idea but added that a workgroup would benefit from foundational guidance from the Board.

ACTION: Staff will include Federal and Tribal Engagement as an August agenda item. The discussion will center on setting a foundation for the workgroup to come back with ideas and considerations on how to best address federal and tribal engagement.

Other Business

Karen Owens- Triage identification

Discussion: At the meeting in Reno the Health and Medical Preparedness Council (HMPC) passed a motion regarding their interest in having NASEMSO support the use of the two-letter state or territory abbreviation on triage tags. The purpose of the two-letter state or territory abbreviation on triage tags is to assist each state in their reunification and repatriation efforts for large incidents. Karen Owens reported that Texas is already including their state's abbreviation on their triage tags and that there are some other states that are designing their own tags who are open to the idea of including it moving forward. The HMPC sees this as a start in recognizing the importance of tracking patient accountability beyond the scene and the hospital with the thought that they know eventually that it will need to be expanded upon.

The Board suggested that the HMPC consider developing a white paper on this subject that might help NASEMSO then develop that out as a document for best practices.

ACTION: Karen Owens will take the suggestions from the Board back to the HMPC meeting in September. These suggestions include developing a white paper as well as looking to see what should be on a triage tag or what information needs to be shared, present and available. Joe House added that if it ends up looking like it will take a long time then the HMPC can come back with a request for the NASEMSO Board to put out interim guidance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4 PM ET.

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