

NASEMSO Resources for State EMS Officials



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Session Objectives

- Describe the mission, vision, and organizational structure of NASEMSO
- Provide an overview of liaison roles and committees
- Share examples of NASEMSO projects and benefits of membership
- Introduce the NASEMSO Councils



NASEMSO Mission

- **Developing EMS policy and oversight tools for use by states**
- **Providing vision and leadership in initiatives of national significance**
- **Creation and dissemination of resources to further development and improvement of state, regional and local EMS and emergency care systems.**

NASEMSO Vision

- **A seamless nationwide network of coordinated and accountable state, regional and local EMS and emergency care systems.**
- **The systems use public health principles, data and evidence as a basis for safe and effective care in day-to-day operations as well as during catastrophic events.**

Benefits of a National Association for States

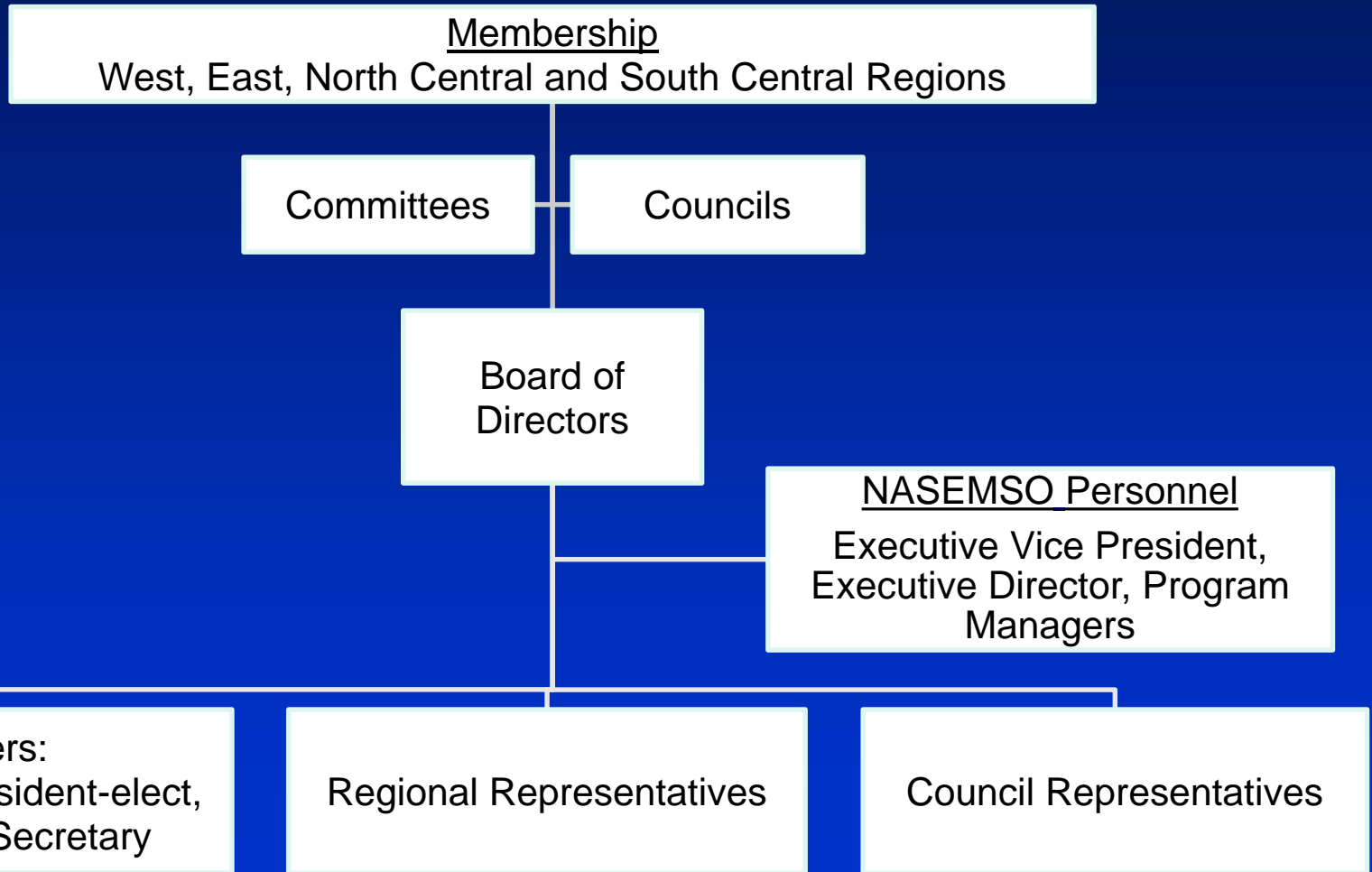
- **Unification of all EMS expertise and officials in state EMS offices**
- **Organizational & financial stability**
- **Increased stature**
- **Expanded influence on issues of nationwide significance**
- **More depth & flexibility**
- **Robust organization to meet future needs**

Membership Categories

- **State EMS Directors**
- **Up to five additional state EMS officials**
- **Associate Members**
- **Corporate Members**

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Organizational Structure



Board of Directors Composition

- **Officers: President, President-elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President**
- **Regional Representatives**
- **Council Representatives**
- **Each Region and Council has an Alternate Representative, who is requested to participate in meetings**

Committees: *Mission-Specific*

- **Air Medical**
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure (AVL)**
- **Communications & Technology**
- **Domestic Preparedness**
- **Government Information**
- **Highway Incident & Transportation Systems (HITS)**
- **Mobile Integrated Health / Com. Param.**
- **Rural EMS**

Committees: *Operational*

- **Board of Directors**
- **Finance**
- **Program**
- **Nominating**
- **Constitution/Bylaws/Resolution**

Roles and Responsibilities of Liaisons within NASEMSO

- **Communication**
- **Collaboration**
- **Exchange of information**
- **Participation in meetings and listservs**
- **Monitor common issues**
- **External communications are the responsibility of the NASEMSO President and Board of Directors**

NASEMSO Goals

- **To promote the orderly development of coordinated EMS systems across the nation**
- **To promote uniformly high quality care of acutely ill and injured patients**
- **To provide a forum for the exchange of information and the discussion of common concerns among state EMS officials**
- **To facilitate interstate cooperation in such areas as patient transfer, communications and reciprocity of EMS personnel**
- **To disseminate pertinent information to our membership and others**



NASEMSO Goals

- **To maintain ongoing and effective liaison with state and national governments, professional organizations, and other appropriate public and private entities**
- **To improve the quality and efficiency of state EMS program administration**
- **To enhance the professional knowledge, skill and abilities of state EMS officials and staff**
- **To encourage research and evaluation in all areas of EMS**
- **To serve as a permanent national advocacy group for EMS**



Benefits of NASEMSO

- *Representation:*

The Association speaks on behalf of state EMS programs, and advocates to sustain strong EMS systems on a national level

- *Washington Update:*

Monthly electronic newsletter with regulatory and legislative activities, national projects, and resource developments

- *Mini-Survey Service (for state EMS officials only):*

Quick turn-around data collection mechanism for state EMS offices on specific questions



Benefits of NASEMSO

- **Mailing List**

NASEMSO is the only source of a comprehensive listing of EMS agencies across the country.

- **Monographs**

Periodic comprehensive data collection from state EMS offices determines how each state's programs compare in terms of structure, services and regulations. The documented results are very useful to anyone who is interested in national, state and local EMS policy development.

- **Website**

A comprehensive source of information and resources about NASEMSO activities, the website is continually updated with current and past projects and action by NASEMSO. The members-only section provides access to member lists and meeting records.



NASEMSO listservs

- **State Directors**
- **Medical Directors**
- **Data Managers**
- **Trauma Managers**
- **Education & Professional Standards Program Managers**
- **Pediatric Emergency Care Program Managers**
- **Highway Incident & Transportation Systems Committee**



Examples of NASEMSO Projects

- Data - NEMSIS
- Communications – D-block public safety spectrum
- EMS Education Standards Implementation
- EMS Workforce Guidelines
- Model EMS Clinical Guidelines Project
- Model Interstate Compact for EMS Licensure
- Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design
- Statewide Implementation of an EBG Project



State Councils Under NASEMSO Umbrella

- Pediatric Emergency Care Council
- Education & Professional Standards Council
- Medical Directors Council
- Data Managers Council
- Trauma Managers Council



Councils

- Each council is a working body of the association
- Councils may present policy and position recommendations to the NASEMSO Board of Directors for approval
- External communications are the responsibility of the NASEMSO President and Board of Directors

NASEMSO Councils

- **Sharing of best practices**
- **Developing and encouraging mentoring programs**
- **Joint resolution of obstacles and challenges**
- **Federally funded projects**
- **Nationwide promotion of evidence-based decision making for EMS system development**



Membership of Councils

- One member and one alternate from each state and territory as appointed by the State EMS Director
- Where the function represented by the council is not fulfilled by an employee of the state EMS, the state EMS director decides who represents the state as the voting representative to the council

More Information?

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