

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, January 10, 2019  
**Meeting Record**



**PRESENT**

**Officers:**

President: Keith Wages (GA)  
President-Elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)  
Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)  
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)

**Regions:**

Great Lakes: Mel House (OH)  
South: Steve McCoy (FL)  
West: Wayne Denny (ID) and Tina Smith (NV)  
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)

**Councils:**

Data Managers: Tom McGinnis (CA)  
Health & Medical Preparedness: Mel House (OH)  
Medical Directors: Ken Williams (RI)  
Pediatric Emergency Care: Morgan Scaggs (KY)  
Pediatric Emergency Care: Tracy Cleary (KS)  
Personnel Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)  
Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)

**Other Members:**

Emerging Systems of Care Committee:  
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO)  
CP-MIH Committee: Jim DeTienne (MT)

**Partners:**

Dave Bryson, NHTSA  
Gam Wijetunge, NHTSA  
Tee Morrison-Quinata, HRSA  
Sean Andrews, ASPR  
Rachel Abbey, ONCHIT

**Staff:**

Rachael Alter  
Beth Armstrong  
Mary Hedges  
Dia Gainor  
Sue Prentiss  
Zoe Renfro

**ABSENT**

East Region

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Eastern time and Zoe Renfro called roll. A quorum was present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Alisa Williams presented the November 8 Board meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, and Kyle Thornton seconded, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Alisa Williams presented on the November 30<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee (EC) meeting, during which the EC approved the use of NASEMSO funds in pursuit of funding for the Safe Transport of Children (STC) crash testing project.

The next meeting was on December 11<sup>th</sup>, at which the EC accepted the PECC's request to conduct an electronic vote on their resolution.

The EC also confirmed that the REPLICA meeting will either have space at the same location as the NASEMSO Annual Meeting, or Immediate Past President Paul Patrick will secure alternative meeting space for the Commission.

Alisa read aloud some action items resulting from the Executive Committee retreat on NASEMSO Board Minutes January 10, 2019

December 6-7, 2018, in Alexandria, Virginia. The EC will develop a graphic representation of the NASEMSO strategic plan. The EC hopes to invite the National Native American EMS Association to become a NASEMSO member. The EC would like to institute an annual review of NASEMSO's vision, mission and values. The EC agreed that ACEP should be permitted to distribute the EMS Compass manuscript as per ACEP's request. The EC reaffirmed the NASEMSO Board's authority to determine the location of the NASEMSO Annual Meeting. The EC made a few adjustments to the 2019 Annual Meeting schedule. The EC agreed that states and individuals that do not pay dues should not have access to the members-only section of the website (implementation timeline TBD), and that a non-member Annual Meeting registration fee should be created for the 2019 Annual Meeting. The EC agreed that, starting in 2020, NASEMSO should implement minor annual dues increases to keep pace with inflation and avoid future substantial dues increases. The EC agreed that NASEMSO should implement multiple levels of corporate membership, ranging between \$3500-\$5000 per year.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Financial Performance** – Gary Brown reported that as of December 31, 2018, NASEMSO had \$630,707 year-to-date operating income and \$652,511 in expenses.

**Program Committee** – Gary Brown reported the Program Committee met on December 11 and the Executive Committee discussed the Annual Meeting schedule during their Retreat. The EC decided to move the Board meeting from the evening to Tuesday during lunch. The Program Committee's next meeting is on February 12. Gary reported he is looking forward to experiencing the new Annual Meeting schedule format.

Dia Gainor noted the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) has expressed interest in conducting a session at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting with either an appropriate NASEMSO Council/Committee or the full NASEMSO membership to discuss ASTHO's CDC-funded project on prehospital stroke care laws. Dia planned to meet with ASTHO on Monday, January 14. Gary suggested such an event would be appropriate for the full NASEMSO membership, and Keith agreed Dia should continue discussing the session with ASTHO.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wages expressed thanks to NASEMSO's federal partners on the call.

### **FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATES**

**NHTSA OEMS** – Dave Bryson reported that he was filling in for Dr. Krohmer due to a family emergency. Dave sat in on an update Dr. Krohmer gave to the Medical Directors Council at the NAEMSP Annual Meeting. Although he did not have notes from those sessions, he expressed intent to distribute them to NASEMSO soon along with a written update. Dave assured the Board that, in spite of the government shutdown, the NHTSA OEMS was not furloughed as they are funded through a trust. NHTSA OEMS employees were still being paid. The other two-thirds of NHTSA, the vehicle side, was unfortunately affected by the shutdown. Most unfortunately, that office has not been able to go out and investigate a few significant ambulance crashes during the shutdown. Those employees will be available as soon as the government is back up and running.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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**NEPS** – Dia Gainor reported the first deliverable of the National EMS Projects of Significance cooperative agreement, funded by NHTSA and HRSA, is the reissue of a small subset of the 2011 National EMS Assessment. NASEMSO is awaiting NHTSA’s evaluation of the data collection and analysis plan before NASEMSO launches 55-65 questions to the state EMS offices for quantitative analysis. The focus will be on basic counts and graphical analysis of information such as number of ambulance services and vehicles, personnel, etc.

**Emerging Systems of Care** – Dia reported the second NEPS deliverable is related to a qualitative evaluation of emerging systems of care for time-sensitive emergencies. Kathy Robinson reported the ESC Committee has been evolving over the last several months. After much discussion of the meaning of the term “emerging,” the Committee is considering a name change in May to the “State Systems of Care Committee.” They hope this will eliminate confusion about the Committee’s scope and purpose. The Committee is currently focusing on STEMI, stroke and pediatrics, and will study a few other subcategories soon. Chair Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO) is assembling a special project team that will develop data elements to be collected from states. The Committee is building upon preliminary data will keep the Board informed over the next few months.

**Scope of Practice Model Revision** – Kathy reported this project has largely wrapped up as far as the content is concerned. NASEMSO thanks NHTSA for the opportunity to work on the project, which continues to keep NASEMSO busy. NASEMSO and the Expert Panel have responded to many questions about the SoPM, and they included specific rationales for any changes within the document itself. Kathy encouraged any persons with questions to examine the document or email her ([robinson@nasemsso.org](mailto:robinson@nasemsso.org)). NASEMSO has continued to work on this project, including speaking to advisory subcommittees at the state level, updating the NREMT testing procedures going forward, participating in an EMS Focus webinar in December, and more. NASEMSO has worked with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing on a decision-making framework derived from that within the new SoPM. NASEMSO is pleased the project is coming to fruition, and Kathy expects the final document will be posted imminently at [ems.gov](http://ems.gov).

**Fatigue in EMS** – Kathy reported this project is in its second phase and expressed thanks to NHTSA for this opportunity. There was a bit of a sidetrack that Kathy has discussed during previous Board calls. The guidelines were published last January and have been actively discussed since. The guidelines are one of the most-downloaded documents on the Prehospital Emergency Care (PEC) website. The Implementation Guidebook complementing the guidelines is available at [www.emsfatigue.org](http://www.emsfatigue.org). The team at University of Pittsburgh has completed nearly 10 modules that will inform an experimental study. The team is in the OMB application process and will soon conduct an experimental study to demonstrate that fatigue education is useful.

**Baylor EIIC** – Rachael Alter reported they are still working hard on the Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator (PECC) learning collaborative. The group is recruiting PECCs and will hold a learning session in Austin, TX soon to share success stories from the local EMS agency level. There will be more to come in February 2019.

**National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness** – Dia reported that Joe Ferrell has accepted a position with BioSpatial to continue to serve as an intermediary advocate for

state participation in the national collaborative. BioSpatial wishes to assure the NASEMSO Board that their continued commitment and partnership with NASEMSO is paramount to the ongoing success of their work. They have requested suggestions from the Board of how their corporate membership and sponsorship of the Annual Meeting might be attractive. Dia invited any Board members to contact her with ideas about how BioSpatial might sponsor NASEMSO in between the Annual Meeting and BioSpatial's state-by-state outreach events. Dia noted that BioSpatial is interested in participating in Executive Committee activities as well as those of Councils and Committees that are relevant to their work.

**REPLICA** – Dia reported that Dan Manz will now be employed by the NREMT to continue his work as the advocate for state enactment of REPLICA. There are multiple states contemplating this, and many states' legislative sessions are taking place this month and over the next few months. The Commission will hold its next in-person meeting in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the 2019 NASEMSO Annual Meeting.

Andy Gienapp requested on behalf of REPLICA Commission Chair Joe Schmider that the Commission should receive standing space on the Board agenda. Andy reported the Commission meets every two weeks, with their next call on January 18. The calls are open to the public unless specifically listed as a closed meeting. Andy clarified that the legal documents are still in progress, but Dan Manz's agreement will likely be between the Commission and Dan Manz (instead of NREMT and Dan). The Commission is working on setting up a checking account and designating bill-payers without a brick-and-mortar office. The Rules Committee is continuing to draft rules in preparation for a Commission vote in Salt Lake City. Andy expects those rules will be distributed on March 17 and public comments will be accepted in advance of the Commission vote in May. The Commission thanks Donna Tidwell for her service to the Commission and excellent representation of Tennessee.

**ToxCel Field Trauma Triage** – Dia reported NASEMSO has partnered with research firm ToxCel to engage three states' contribution of EMS and trauma data. ToxCel has a contract with NHTSA to perform an analysis identifying what, if any, non-physiologic indicators of severe trauma might be suggested by linked data from those three states. The draft analysis was submitted to NHTSA within the past few days and ToxCel is awaiting NHTSA feedback. There are some limitations due to the absence of linkage with motor vehicle crash records. There are some suggested indicators, such as restraint usage and other items, that were documented by EMS personnel but couldn't be validated in all three states against law enforcement officers' assessments. Nonetheless, Dia expects it will be a very informative paper. Dia noted that Cathy Gotschall, the initial contract representative, has left NHTSA. Dave Bryson confirmed that alternative NHTSA personnel will review and comment on the draft.

**NHTSA Naloxone Evidence-Based Guideline** – Mary Hedges reported the final naloxone project briefing took place on January 9 at the NAEMSP Annual Meeting. The team has submitted the three major deliverables: the evidence-based guideline (EBG) in September 2018; the protocol in the same month; and the training module to accompany the protocol in December 2018. The third major deliverable, the performance measures, is due at the end of January. The EBG will be formatted as a manuscript and submitted to PEC for publication. Ken Williams, who is finalizing the manuscript before submission, added he

has reached out to Jim Menegazzi of PEC to request a meeting at the NAEMSP Annual Meeting.

**Safe Transport of Children Crash Test** – Dia confirmed the Executive Committee approved the use of NASEMSO funds to develop definitive proposals and evaluate the existing financial commitments that have already been made by multiple sources. Dia confirmed the EC’s conclusion that we can use those funds to secure more funds and to pay the consultant, Jim Green of NIOSH.

**ACS-COT Records Linkage Joint Policy Statement** – Dia reported this joint statement has been submitted to NHTSA for review and they expect to receive NHTSA comments and submit it to the NASEMSO Board for consideration and possible approval at a forthcoming meeting.

**New NASEMSO website** – Dia encouraged the Board to contact NASEMSO staff, especially website admin Jay Bradshaw ([jay@nasemsso.org](mailto:jay@nasemsso.org)), with any questions or concerns about nasemsso.org. Dia has received two requests to take down a page that describes ambulance requirements because it was not up to date and/or did not include states that adopted the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) statement as a criteria. Dia requested the Board’s blessing to distribute that map to states to modify the information specific to their state. Dia noted that keeping the sheet current is very important, and that NASEMSO regularly receives feedback about its value for not only our members but also governmental interests.

**ACTION:** Dia clarified her request for Board consensus to distribute the map to the AVL Committee and then state EMS directors. With no objections voiced, the Board granted approval of that strategy.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Executive Committee At Large Member (Electronic Vote Needed)**

Keith proposed the Board conduct an electronic vote rather than wait until the Annual Meeting to vote in person. Dia confirmed the period of nominations closed the previous day (Wednesday at 5:00 PM ET) and the voting information would be distributed just after this meeting.

### **MDC Code of Ethics for EMS Physician Medical Directors**

Ken Williams reported from the NAEMSP conference in Austin about the MDC’s code of ethics, which they began to develop about a year prior. Ken noted that ACEP and many other physician organizations have codes of ethics in place. Ken indicated his hopes that the MDC’s code of ethics could become a joint document between ACEP, NAEMSP and NASEMSO.

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick motioned, and Andy seconded, that the Board should approve the concept and this draft, and give Ken permission to discuss the code with NAEMSP and the ACEP Physicians Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Funding for Rural Conference**

Andy Gienapp reported the fifth rural EMS conference is coming up in Charleston, South Carolina in April 2019 (more information available at <https://nosorh.org/calendar-events/ems/>). The event was originally developed by Andy and Tom Nehring. NASEMSO was one of the founding organizations of the conference, and other agencies are joining on, to include NAEMSP. This conference is a big part of JCREC. NASEMSO is heavily engaged with JCREC and Rural EMS. Andy reported that NASEMSO funded the conference last year with \$5,000. Andy acknowledged that times are tough and requested that the Board consider funding the conference again in 2019.

Andy moved that the Association approve funding to the 2019 national Rural EMS and Care conference in the amount of \$5,000. Wayne Denny seconded the motion and the floor was opened for discussion.

Helen Pullen advocated for supporting the important program. Paul Patrick also expressed support for the effort, noting that NASEMSO can access reserves. Upon Gary's request, Andy clarified that his motion was a request for \$5,000 from the current fiscal year budget to support the upcoming conference in April.

Kyle Thornton requested clarification from NASEMSO staff about whether the \$5,000 would come from NASEMSO's reserves. Beth Armstrong confirmed NASEMSO would have to utilize their reserves. Wayne inquired as to the status of their reserves, and Beth reviewed the financial statement as distributed to the Board.

**ACTION:** Keith called the vote on Andy's motion (Wayne Denny's second) that NASEMSO approve funding to the 2019 national Rural EMS and Care conference in the amount of \$5,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Andy thanked the Board for their support.

### **Data Managers – Federal Funding Discussion**

Tom McGinnis reported the DMC planned to meet the following week, at which time they may discuss funding. Tom noted that California and other states are having issues with records-funding and are investigating strategies for improvement. Keith expressed interest in joining the DMC call with Steve McCoy (FL) and catching up with the DMC on a couple of items. Tom McGinnis encouraged Keith and Steve to join the DMC call.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the board meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m. ET.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Member Services Specialist Zoe Renfro.*