



## Meeting Record

### Present

#### Officers

President: Keith Wages (GA)  
President-Elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)  
Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)  
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)  
Immediate Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)  
Member-at-Large on EC: Steve McCoy (FL)

#### Regions

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)  
South: Steve McCoy (FL)  
West: Wayne Denny (ID)  
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)  
Data Managers: Kevin Putman (MI)

#### Councils

Medical Directors: Ken Williams (RI)  
Medical Directors: Harry Sibold (MT)  
Pediatric Emergency Care: Morgan Scaggs (KY)  
Pediatric Emergency Care: Tracy Cleary (KS)  
Personnel Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)

Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)

#### Members

Systems of Care Committee: Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO)  
CP-MIH Committee: Jim DeTienne (MT)  
Education Committee: Terrie Godde (MI)

#### Federal Partners

HHS/ASPR: Sean Andrews  
HRSA/EMSC: Tee Morrison-Quinata  
ONC: Rachael Abbey

#### NASEMSO Staff

Rachael Alter  
Dia Gainor  
Mary Hedges  
Kevin McGinnis  
Zoe Renfro  
Kathy Robinson  
Leslee Stein-Spencer

#### Absent

Great Lakes Region  
Health & Medical Preparedness Council  
NHTSA OEMS

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM EDT.

### Call to Order / Roll Call

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time and Zoe Renfro called roll. A quorum was present.

## Secretary's Report

Secretary Alisa Williams presented the January 10, 2019 Board meeting minutes as distributed.

**ACTION:** Kyle Thornton moved, and Paul Patrick seconded, that the minutes should be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Alisa reported on Executive Committee (EC) activities after the previous Board meeting.

### MOU with American Trauma Society (ATS)

The EC agreed NASEMSO should sign an MOU with ATS describing our business relationship. ATS offers free memberships to states, as well as discounted access to webinars and courses. NASEMSO receives access to members-only content on the ATS website and legislative updates. NASEMSO can post jobs on the ATS website. Both parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of each other's information.

### Code of Ethics

The EC reviewed sample codes of ethics and agreed they should develop a code of ethics for the Board of Directors to review at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

### Silver Legacy counterproposal for the 2020 meeting

The Executive Committee approved raising the 2020 Annual Meeting lodging rate at the Silver Legacy to \$95 a night to permit a more robust food and beverage offering.

### Benchmarking Reports

NASEMSO staff briefed the EC on a new benchmarking report sponsorship offer (detailed later on in these minutes), and the EC agreed staff should move forward with the offer.

## Treasurer's Report

### Financial Performance

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of January 31, 2019, NASEMSO has \$795,174 in year-to-date operational income and a 12-month budget of \$1,394,370. Our operational expenses are \$771,075, with a 12-month budget of \$1,514,355. Our total net income as of January 31 is \$21,400.

Gary reported that based on the statement of accounts, NASEMSO is trending appropriately at this time of the year. Gary expressed no concerns regarding the income or expense side of the ledger. Gary will meet with Beth Armstrong in Falls Church on April 12 to complete the budget, building on work begun at the EC Retreat in December 2018. The budget will be presented to the full membership at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

## Program Committee

Gary Brown reported the Program Committee met on Tuesday, February 12, and is now in fine-tuning mode. There have been a few recent changes to the schedule which may be viewed on the [NASEMSO website](#). There will be a state directors dinner with NREMT and the Board meeting will take place during lunch on Tuesday. REPLICA will meet on Thursday from 7-10 PM and Friday from 8 AM – 12 PM. General sessions will include an opioid session featuring state EMS office initiatives; a session on prehospital stroke care from the CDC and ASTHO; and a State EMS Showcase of mini-presentations by states. Gary encouraged states to be on the lookout for Mary's call for State EMS Showcase presentations. The NASEMSO website includes a planning guide, hotel information, details on the call for abstracts, and maps. The state souvenir exchange will take place during the President's Reception on Wednesday evening.

## Federal Partner Updates

### HRSA/EMSC

Theresa Morrison-Quinata invited the state EMS directors to join HRSA at the Hilton Crystal City on August 21-23, 2019 for the EMSC programs meeting. The agenda is being developed in cooperation with state partnership program managers to ensure the topics reflect the needs of grantees.

On behalf of the EMSC Innovation and Improvement Centers and National EMSC Data Analysis Resource Center, Tee requested an audience with the Board to discuss the PEC Learning Collaborative. The Learning Collaborative is HRSA's effort to expand the pediatric role in the existing EMS workforce. The Collaborative represents nine states focusing on increasing the number of pediatric champions in the EMS agencies. These nine states encompass 216 EMS agencies and 62 million people, 13 million of which are children under 18. HRSA would like feedback from the NASEMSO Board as they move towards an annual data collection process that will launch in 2020. Keith Wages offered to add Theresa to the March Board meeting agenda.

### ASPR

Sean Andrews reported the Center for Medicare Innovation will announce a pilot project to revise the ambulance billing fee schedule. The proposed changes will allow ambulance billing for non-ED transport, including non-transport and non-emergency transport. ASPR's priority is that EMS has the appropriate resources to be prepared for disasters. Kevin McGinnis reported he has received CMI's announcement and distributed it to the CP-MIH and NASEMSO member listservs.

Sean reported that ASPR has started an initiative for medical countermeasure deployment titled "The Last Mile." The federal government has typically been responsible for ensuring that medical countermeasures are deployed via collection sites for states to access the medical countermeasures stored in the strategic

national stockpile. This initiative will help states ensure they are appropriately staffed and resourced to get the drugs from those sites to individuals. This is mostly focused on ASPR's five Courses of Action (CoAs). ASPR is doing some pilot projects this year with localities across the country. Sean encouraged NASEMSO members to reach out to him with questions, particularly if their EMS office is involved in this initiative.

## ONCHIT

Rachel Abbey reported that, earlier this week, ONC released their notice of proposed rulemaking titled *21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program*. There are fact sheets on their website, [healthit.gov](http://healthit.gov), related to each specific area covered by the rule. The information blocking piece is relevant to EMS. There's a request for information on registries. Because many NASEMSO members work with CARES registries, stroke registries, and trauma registries, ONCHIT would like NASEMSO feedback on that area.

Rachel reported ONC is proposing a US core data for interoperability standard and a Request for Information (RFI) on the Trust and Exchange framework and common agreement. Rachel requested that NASEMSO members share these documents with stakeholders. After they are posted on the Federal Registry, the public will have 60 days to make comments. The document is available on ONCHIT's [website](#).

## Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director's report was postponed to accommodate other agenda items.

## Action Items

### Government Information Committee (GIC) HOT CARS Act

Paul Patrick presented a motion from the GIC related to the HOT CARS bill, which did not pass in the 2017-2018 session but will be reintroduced. The DoT is introducing new rules, including a requirement that all passenger vehicles be equipped with a system for the rear seating position. The GIC unanimously voted to recommend that the Board should support this bill whenever it appears again before legislature at the federal level.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, and Kyle Thornton seconded, that the Board should support this bill when it is reintroduced. The motion passed unanimously.

### CARES Foundation Request

Ken Williams reported the Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Research Education and Support Foundation (CARES Foundation) has requested NASEMSO endorsement of their program related to EMS having steroids available and recognizing this

problem. The Medical Directors Council (MDC) felt the statement was not ready for NASEMSO endorsement at this time but wanted to bring it to the Board.

Andy Gienapp noted that having access to these kits may or may not fall within the scope of practice of every EMS practitioner in a given state, and small ambulance services may go twenty years without needing the equipment. Ken agreed that although hydrocortisone is a useful treatment, hypoglycemia is the immediate need. In Rhode Island, they have taught local agencies to carry a card, and the medication is available through a school nurse or kept on hand by the patient. No motion was made related to this request.

### **The Power of NASEMSO**

Dia introduced Kathy as the NASEMSO Strategic Partnerships Director and explained NASEMSO staff hopes the Board will approve a new sponsorship offering. Kathy Robinson reported staff has been working to develop new offerings for NASEMSO, to include fundraising, enhancing our visibility, and increasing engagement. NASEMSO has valuable information to share and benchmarking studies are a helpful tool for our members and the public.

Kathy noted this program has been discussed with the NASEMSO Executive Committee and would be beneficial to NASEMSO members when responding to inquiries from the legislature, media, and more about issues that involve EMS. The offer would enhance NASEMSO's economic viability to provide services and resources to states and offset the need for increases in dues and registration fees.

Kathy noted the sponsorship brochure is available online and lists offers through June 30, 2019, aligning NASEMSO's sponsorship year with the membership and financial years. Kathy encouraged the Board to review the sponsorship brochure and reach out to herself or Dia with any questions.

Kathy described how benchmarking reports and mini-surveys are of great interest to NASEMSO's long-term sponsors. Mini-surveys of up to five questions will involve a distribution email to the states plus a two-week reminder. NASEMSO does not intend to increase burdens on the states and will limit the number of mini-surveys that may be distributed in a year. NASEMSO would limit the frequency of this kind of survey and would ensure that no personal identifiers or misspellings are made available to sponsors. Region names, not state names, will be associated with the data. The data will be considered proprietary and only reports (not the data itself) will be publishable.

Kathy presented benchmarking report offers available to Gold and Platinum sponsors that will involve state office distribution of survey links to EMS agencies within their state. It will be made clear that distribution does not imply endorsement of the survey effort. NASEMSO will collect and own the data and co-produce reports. The NASEMSO Board will retain the right to approve benchmarking report concepts and publications.

Carole Mays noted these offers would be very helpful for the Trauma Managers. Keith requested input from the Board on any foreseeable barriers to implementing this effort, and no comments were given.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, and Kyle Thornton seconded, that NASEMSO staff should move forward with the sponsorship offering as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### Strategic Plan One-Pager

Dia displayed a one-page flyer on NASEMSO's strategic plan, developed as per the EC's suggestions at their December 2018 retreat, and noted the document would be made public after Board approval.

**ACTION:** Steve McCoy moved, and Andy Gienapp seconded, that the strategic plan one-pager should be posted and distributed as presented by Dia. The motion passed unanimously.

## Discussion Items

### REPLICA

Andy Gienapp thanked Wayne Denny for his hard work in pulling together the draft rules for the Compact. Andy looks forward to having 16 states in the same room at the Annual Meeting to discuss the draft rules as prepared by Wayne and the rules subcommittee. Keith thanked Wayne and the Executive Committee of the Compact for their work.

### DMC Data Summit

Rachael Alter and Kevin Putman reported the Data Managers Council is planning their Annual Meeting agenda and would like to schedule another Data Summit with the State Directors. On behalf of the DMC, Kevin requested guidance from the Board about subject matter for the DMC/Director summit and potential NEMSIS involvement. The Board made no suggestions, and Keith encouraged the Board to email Kevin Putman with suggestions of subject matter.

Keith Wages encouraged the DMC to work on crafting messaging about how states are utilizing data to advance public policy and clinical care. Steve McCoy agreed that NASEMSO should develop standardized messaging to be used across all states.

### Regional Meetings

Andy Gienapp asked leadership to coordinate a phone call between the Region chairs to discuss the Regional Meeting process. Andy expressed confusion about expectations of the Regions and the relationship between NASEMSO, the Regions, and ASMI. Steve McCoy noted that NASEMSO staff was very helpful at the 2018 South Region Meeting in negotiating contracts and working with vendors, and

expressed support for a call between the Region chairs. Dia reported that staff is developing a strawman of NASEMSO service options that will make a great starting point for this conversation. Dia agreed to refine the strawman and present it at the March Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM EDT.

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Services Specialist Zoe Renfro.*