

Meeting Record



Present

Officers

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

Regions

Great Lakes: Mel House (OH)
South: Steve McCoy (FL)
West: Wayne Denny (ID)

Councils

Data Managers: Kevin Putman (MI)
Health & Medical Preparedness: Mel House (OH)
Medical Directors: Ken Williams (RI)
Pediatric Emergency Care: Morgan Scaggs (KY)
Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)

Members

Systems of Care Committee: Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (CO)
Education Committee: Terrie Godde (MI)

Federal Partners

NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge
HHS/ASPR: Sean Andrews
HRSA/EMSC: Sarah O'Donnell
ONC: Rachel Abbey

NASEMSO Staff

Rachael Alter
Beth Armstrong
Dia Gainor
Zoe Renfro
Kathy Robinson
Leslee Stein-Spencer

EMS Compact Educator

Dan Manz

Absent

Secretary Alisa Williams (MS)
East Region
Western Plains Region
Personnel Licensure Council

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

On behalf of Secretary Alisa Williams, Beth Armstrong presented a summary of EC activities over the last month.

- Coordinated NASEMSO representation at a FEMA National Resource Management Summit; a National Governors Association Opioid Summit for New Administrations, a US DOT Safety Data Forum 2.0;
- Specifically reviewed and approved Executive Director's travel April through June 2019;
- Worked with NHTSA on meetings with NHTSA and Center for Medicare & Medicaid regarding EMS Data use on ET3 (Emergency Triage, Treat and Transport) and also on a letter on this topic, and on NEMSIS;
- Signed on to EMSC Appropriation letter of support, Road-to-Zero Reauthorization letter of support and a NG9-1-1 Alliance MOU;
- Approved engagement in a Road-to-Zero Twitter chat;
- Considered draft Bylaws Revisions.

Beth presented the March 14 Board meeting minutes.

ACTION: Gary moved, and Kyle seconded, that the March minutes should be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance

Treasurer Gary Brown confirmed that the Board meeting financial reports will be brief going forward with detailed handouts available to the Board online. Gary reported we are nine months into the fiscal year, and our March 2019 Operational Income is \$981,310 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,394,370. March 2019 Operational Expenses are \$957,569 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,514,355. Our Net Income as of March 31, 2019 is \$ 37,736.

Budget Review Meeting

Gary Brown reported he met with Beth, Anne and Dia in Falls Church on April 10 and combed through several years of budgets and line items. They drafted a new FY 2019-2020 budget for membership consideration and adoption at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Gary noted it is a realistic budget based on their predictions for incomes and expenditures. Gary reported they developed an investment policy (including roles and responsibilities); developed a reserves policy (definition, use, funding requirements, etc.); and reviewed NASEMSO membership levels (state, associate, corporate) and amenities. Each of these will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Program Committee

Gary reported April 17 is the deadline for abstract submission; May 1 is the last day to register at Early Bird rate; and the hotel block closes April 19. Gary encouraged states to participate in the state souvenir exchange.

Federal Partner Updates

ASPR

Sean Andrews reported he is working on the NEMSQA quality measures and their upcoming meeting. Sean reported ASPR is reaching out to CMS to coordinate on the ET3 project and potentially use some of the ET3 alternate payment strategies (alternate destinations, telemedicine, etc.) to build readiness and resilience into the EMS system.

Sean reported ASPR is participating in a DHS pilot project that has received approximately \$1.3 million to provide soon-to-expire anthrax vaccines to first responders. DHS is running the project and ASPR is involved to implement that program and get the vaccine out. Any specific questions or concerns should be directed to ASPR and DHS.

HRSA/EMSC

Sarah O'Donnell had no report.

ONCHIT

Rachel Abbey encouraged comments on ONCHIT's notice of proposed rulemaking to improve interoperability of health information. It is open to public comment through May 3.

NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge reported that the national EMS Scope of Practice Model is now officially published. It was distributed electronically by NHTSA last week and posted on the ems.gov front page. Gam looks forward to attending the NASEMSO meeting in May.

Executive Director's Report

NREMT Going International

Dia reported that Bill Seifarth has reached out to her three times, most recently reporting the NREMT Board has approved NREMT staff working with NASEMSO staff to implement a process for EMT course approval in Israel so that individuals who successfully complete the course can sit for the NREMT exam and receive NREMT certification. Bill advised the plan is to expand to AEMT in the Bahamas and eventually paramedic in Australia and Canada. Bill advises that many of these people would enter the US to practice and is asking NASEMSO to identify someone to act as a program reviewer in a fashion similar to the functions performed by state EMS offices reviewing and approving a course. They plan on doing a preliminary program review on paper of the Israel training program in the near future before the review team does a site review in-person (at Israel's expense) in a few months. Bill plans on discussing this in more detail at the NREMT pizza and beer session in SLC.

Dia noted this could become an action item at some point, i.e., the Board approving the concept of international program approval, and NREMT wants the reviewer to be named by NASEMSO.

NEPS

Dia Gainor reported NASEMSO has two big NEPS tasks, one of which is the National EMS Assessment 2020.

National EMS Assessment 2020

Rachael Alter reported all state directors should have received an email from Kevin in March with a request to complete the Assessment. Rachael acknowledged it is a heavy lift and suggested offices complete it in sections. The deadline for completion is April 22, 2019. As of the Board meeting, only Virginia has completed the Assessment.

Rachael reported the draft Assessment report is due the first week of June and expressed hope that most of the data will be submitted by April 22 to permit immediate analysis and report generation. Rachael noted the Regional Chairs may be contacted for assistance gathering responses.

Systems of Care

Kathy reported there has been a lot of behind-the-scenes work on the other NEPS tasks related to Systems of Care. The group settled on a name change, as proposed in the bylaws, to “Systems of *Specialty* Care” in order to reduce confusion and align with the Board’s strategic plan. The group has compiled numerous documents related to systems of care, especially with regards to STEMI, stroke, and pediatrics. The group postponed the implementation of a benchmarking assessment to avoid detracting from the National EMS Assessment. Kathy reported the next phase will likely begin after the Annual Meeting dust settles.

Kathy reported the group has conducted outreach to interested associations, including the Trauma Center Association of America. Although they focus on trauma care, they include the state Trauma Managers in their calls and information distributions. Kathy has noted a surge of various registries available about time-sensitive care, STEMI in particular. The group has been in contact with CARES and ACCF.

SOP Model Revision

Kathy Robinson confirmed the document has been posted on ems.gov and NASEMSO continues to receive frequent requests from states for assistance understanding changes. A NHTSA webinar on the SOPM from December 2018, which includes a walkthrough of the document, has been archived on ems.gov along with a [FAQ resource](#). NASEMSO will continue to assist with the revision of the education standards and with implementation support to states.

Fatigue in EMS

Kathy Robinson reported that they are nearing the finish line in terms of finalizing the learning modules. As soon as that material is uploaded onto the University of Pittsburgh's server, the Office of Behavioral Safety Research will have the opportunity to review and approve the module material. Kathy reported they can't start looking for participants until the OMB approves the next phase, and they must also submit to an IRB process at the University of Pittsburgh.

Baylor EICC

Rachael Alter reported the PECC Learning Collaborative ended on March 31st and they are in the final steps of gathering the data. The outcomes are looking fantastic for the short collaborative, with about 85% of their goal achieved for added PECCs. Rachael reported they are working with AAP and ACEP on materials for EMS Week, focusing on EMS for Children and EMSC Day (Wednesday) but also addressing the full week.

Field Trauma Triage

Dia reported they are waiting on any comments from NHTSA before finalizing the deliverable for this project.

NHTSA Naloxone Evidence-Based Guideline

Dia reported this project is essentially completed. NASEMSO is interested in feedback about the training program and will ensure links are made available to the membership.

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test

Dia reported that NASEMSO has nearly finalized a proposal and budget including all three test standards. In addition to developing the standards, doing the actual crash testing will be costly. Staff drafted the proposal and budget in a scalable way to permit working in phases or by device type as funding permits.

ACS-COT Records Linkage Joint Policy Statement

Dia Gainor reported that a conference call with ACS-COT and NHTSA OEMS took place on the morning of April 11. The Joint Policy statement should be available at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting.

Action Items

Review proposed bylaws changes

Dia explained the ask before the Board was approval to distribute the suggested changes to the membership before the 2019 Annual Meeting. Beth displayed and reviewed the highlights of suggested bylaws change as included in the handouts.

Dia clarified that transitioning AVL, MIH-CP, and STC to Standing Committees would make NASEMSO membership (associate at minimum) a requirement for maintaining the same level of participation.

Beth noted the addition about vacancies related to the Immediate Past President's employment qualifications should please be disregarded. Kyle suggested we should remove the Immediate Past President vacancies section accordingly, and Beth agreed.

Wayne Denny suggested adding a word to the first recommended change (addressing state directors getting promoted) to specify such a situation may occur not only by way of promotions but also reorganization. Beth agreed and no objections were expressed.

ACTION: Steve moved, and Wayne seconded, that the bylaws should be distributed to the membership as displayed to include modifications made during this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NASEMSO Website Privacy Policy Draft

Dia displayed the website privacy policy which she described as customary language. Dia offered the opportunity to suggest any adjustments or raise concerns.

ACTION: Kyle moved, and Mel seconded, that the website policy should be accepted as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

Regional Meetings

Dia asked the Regions to inform NASEMSO staff of their Regional Meeting plans as they evolve to permit advertising on the NASEMSO website. Dia reported staff is continuing to refine the draft guide related to options for support from headquarters. The draft guide will be distributed to the Regional Chairs in the near future.

Annual Meeting hotel deadline is April 19

Keith confirmed the deadline is fast approaching and asked that members make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct

Dan Manz reported a North Dakota bill passed both houses of the legislature and is on their Governor's desk, which might make ND state number 17. A bill is going through Iowa's legislature and Dan is optimistic they may become state number 18.

Dan reported the West Virginia Speaker of the House pulled a bill that had passed both the House and the Senate, which he expects will cause a delay of another year.

The Speaker was concerned the provision allowing the Compact to make rules was unconstitutional. Interestingly, Dan noted, the Supreme Court case that determined the constitutionality of compact rulemaking was in West Virginia. Arkansas pulled their bill due to some other priority.

Dan expects progress this year may be modest but he is optimistic a number of states will build progress next year. He will be at the NASEMSO Annual Meeting and will present to the new directors' boot camp. Dan invited anyone attending the NASEMSO Annual Meeting to please attend the Thursday evening EMS Compact meeting and Friday morning hearing on the draft rules.

Dan reported that next year it is likely we will see legislation introduced in West Virginia, Arkansas, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont, Louisiana, and probably Indiana. Other possibilities where interest has been expressed include Arizona, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

National Collaborative for BioPreparedness

Joe being absent, Dia invited states to share their experience or progress. Keith affirmed it's one of the best contracts he's ever signed. Keith reported their agencies and staff love it and it's made a difference in messaging and visualizing data. Steve McCoy echoed Keith's support from Florida.

Nomenclature project

Kyle Thornton reported he attended a meeting that included discussion of NEMSAC's recommendation to use a single name to describe the practice of EMS. NEMSAC suggested "paramedicine" with a consistent name for all levels of providers (such as Paramedic I, II, III).

Kyle noted he distributed an email created by the workgroup that included a fill-in-the-blank "strawman poll." Kyle reported that although an April 5 deadline appears on the poll, they will accept feedback until April 22. Kyle urged everyone to respond to the important poll, and encouraged the poll be shared with NASEMSO members in their offices.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM EDT.

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Services Specialist Zoe Renfro.