Resolution 2022-01

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Transparency, Collaboration, and Inclusion



Whereas, a collaboration of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) pioneers formed the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) in 1970 to establish a national standard for EMS personnel; and

Whereas, through collaboration and partnership, the NREMT gained acceptance and recognition as the Nation's EMS Certification[™]; and

Whereas, the individual state and territory EMS offices have the sole responsibility and authority to license EMS personnel, and regulate EMS education and the EMS system of care within their state borders; and

Whereas, state EMS regulators and state legislators have recognized the certification provided by the NREMT as a National EMS Certification and state EMS offices have incorporated it through their legal processes as a prerequisite for state EMS licensure; and

Whereas, the NREMT is organized as an independent 501(c)(3) organization, and is therefore governed by a self-selected Board of Directors; and

Whereas, it has been the tradition and practice of the Board of Directors for the NREMT to conduct meetings in privacy and without granting access to key stakeholders, including state EMS officials and nationally certified EMS personnel; and

Whereas, the resolutions, policies, and decisions taken by the Board of Directors of the NREMT frequently have a direct impact on the national EMS system, state EMS regulatory offices, state EMS stakeholders, state fiscal resources, and public policy;

Now, therefore be it resolved, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) urges the NREMT to increase transparency, inclusion, and collaboration with the national EMS system stakeholders, collectively with NASEMSO, and specifically with each individual state EMS office.

Be it further resolved, that NASEMSO calls upon the Board of Directors of the NREMT to provide public access to Board meetings, except for certain matters necessitating an executive session.

Be it further resolved, that NASEMSO calls upon the Board of Directors of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians to engage in robust collaboration with state EMS officials *prior* to voting on resolutions that directly impact the principles first articulated in the

EMS Agenda for the Future and reaffirmed through *EMS Agenda:2050*, the construct of national EMS certification, licensure of EMS personnel, or regulatory framework of the state or national EMS system.

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Signed this 23rd day of June, 2022.

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