

NASEMSO AVL Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting began at 0900 (PST) via telephone and Go to Meeting.

Roll Call

Brian Litza
Clay Odell
Michael Lopez
Katrina Altenhofen

Carol Jergenson
Doug Crunk
Tom Mitchell

Agenda – any additions?

None noted

Approve minutes from 12/27/12

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. It was moved (Lopez) seconded (Mitchell) and approved to accept the meeting minutes.

Secretary?

Michael Lopez volunteered to assist

Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design Project

Discussion about the NASEMSO letter to federal GSA was held with a brief update on status of that letter.

1. Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) Status

Brian Litza led the meeting. He reported that the NFPA acted on communication provided by NASEMSO. The NFPA has established multi-disciplinary work group that includes three representatives from NASEMSO. The work group's first meeting will be held in late May, 2013. Brian encouraged the MRAVD members to view current documents on NASEMSO's website at:

<http://www.nasemso.org/Projects/AgencyAndVehicleLicensure/AmbulanceVehicleDesignProject.asp> In particular, please review the comments submitted in

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response to the NFPA's consideration of the TIA requested by NASEMSO and ambulance manufacturers. Brian encouraged everyone to let their stakeholders know of the comment period and submit comments to NFPA.

2. NFPA Workgroup Status

NFPA acted on the NASEMSO request to establish a workgroup to review the major differences between the KKK specs and NFPA 1917 as published last fall. The meeting will occur in late May and includes 3 NASEMSO representatives. The importance of this activity is to provide formal comments/recommendations to the NFPA 1917 revision which will begin this summer. The next meeting of the MRAVD will occur no later than the NASEMSO annual meeting.

3. ASTM International

ASTM has discussed working with NASEMSO to see if they can bring their standard more current. NASEMSO wished to participate and more discussion will be occurring soon.

Review State's Rules

A discussion of ambulance vehicle specification rules from both the East and North Central Regions occurred. Brian provided an overview of existing ambulance vehicle specification rules for North Central region states. Discussion includes:

- A number of NC Region states reference KKK specifications in their rules. In some states, variances to the requirements may be granted at the state's discretion.
- The North Dakota laws are very generic in nature. There may be some benefit to approaching the issues in such a manner. The North Dakota language may provide a foundation for developing model state rules. Similarly, Iowa's language may be useful as model rule templates are developed.
- Wisconsin also has a broader approach to ambulance vehicle specifications. However, they do have more detail by specific vehicle specification category. This approach may also be valuable to the overall effort. Wisconsin also provides standards for when an ambulance must be taken out of service due to mechanical issues that affect the safe operation of the vehicle. Again, this may be something to include in model rules templates for the states.

Clay Odell led a discussion on the regulation of ambulance vehicles in the East Region. The discussion includes:

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- A number of east region states incorporate KKK specifications into their laws. In some states, variances to the standards can be granted at the state's discretion.
- One state actually references compliance with the Ambulance Manufacturer Division (AMD).
- North Carolina has fairly detailed, state specifications for ambulance vehicles.
- Clay noted that Massachusetts and Vermont may have information that will be useful in developing a model rules template for the states.

Information from the West and South Central regions was unavailable at the time of this meeting.

Work Plan for Mid-Year Meeting

Brian suggested that the MRAVD group begin identifying pertinent language/standards from existing state standards. This information can contribute to a draft model rules document. It is hoped that the information can be compiled and a draft model rule can be developed during the mid-year meetings in March. The goal will be to focus on vehicle safety as an opening component of a draft document. From there, use existing states' language to develop generic language for states to use in developing ambulance vehicle rules.

Brian advised the group that the task at hand is to identify language from the various states that can be used to develop draft language during the mid-year meeting. The goal is to have a draft document that we can review and revise as necessary.

Action Plan Items for 2013 AVL Committee Work Plan

Brian also led a discussion on next steps once the model rules template is finalized. One primary task is to begin working with the Professional Standards group. There is a need to determine if we can standardize licensing requirements for agencies and personnel across state borders. The issue of cross border movement of EMS providers while performing EMS duties will drive this discussion. Is there a way that we can develop relatively consistent licensing standards so that cross border movement is possible? Once model vehicle specification rules language is developed and finalized, we can begin looking at the bigger picture of recognition between states.

Next AVL Committee Meetings

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Tuesday March 5, 2013 – Mid-Year Meeting
Thursday March 28, 2013

Brian advised the group that the next meeting will be held on March 5, 2013 during the mid-year meeting. The next teleconference meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2013.

New Business/ Other

There was no further discussion or requests for additional discussion items.

Adjourn

Meeting was concluded at 0945 hrs (PST). Motion Odell; Second Mitchell