



Meeting Record

Present

Officers

President: Kyle Thornton (NM)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
Immediate Past President: Keith Wages (GA)
Secretary: Steve McCoy (FL)

Regions

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)
Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney (IN)
South: Michael Poynter (KY)
Western Plains: Joe House (KS)
West: Wayne Denny

Councils

Data Managers: Tom McGinnis (CA)
Trauma Managers: Alyssa Johnson (MT)
Health and Medical Preparedness: Joe Schmider (TX)
Medical Directors: Matthew Sholl (ME)
Personnel Licensure: Curt Shreckengast (KS)
Pediatric Emergency Care: Karen Moore (SC)

Members

East Region Vice Chair: Justin Romanello (NH)
Health & Medical Preparedness Alt: Karen Owens (VA)
Trauma Managers Alt: Eileen Worden (MI)
Data Managers Alt: Jay Ostby (WY)
Education Committee: Terrie Godde (MI)
STC Committee Chair: Eric Hicken (NJ)
EMS Compact: Dan Manz

Federal Partners

NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge
NHTSA OEMS: Jon Krohmer
NHTSA OEMS: David Bryson

NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor
Hannah Degn
Leslee Stein-Spencer
Mary Hedges
Rachael Alter
Beth Armstrong
Kathy Robinson

Absent

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

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time and Hannah Degn called roll. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Steve McCoy reported that the Executive Committee met four times since the last meeting and reviewed their activities.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Performance

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of August 31, 2021, NASEMSO had an operational income of \$254,360 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,340,967. Operational expenses were \$210,331 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,337,939.

Program Committee

Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee is scheduled to have their call next week. Karen Moore reported on behalf of the PEC council. They had 39 responses to their survey about attendance at the Annual Meeting and the majority will not be able to attend. They wanted to bring this to the board to suggest moving forward with a virtual meeting. Kathy Robinson reported on the results of a survey sent to State EMS directors regarding attendance at the Annual Meeting. Discussion took place to see what board members thought about their availability to attend the in person Annual Meeting.

Beth Armstrong stated that today is the day to finalize a decision. If NASEMSO chooses to cancel less than 60 days out, they are liable for potential food and beverage costs. If NASEMSO does decide to cancel, staff can look at rebooking the Annual Meeting for 2023 in Reno, since we have a contract in Charleston for 2022.

ACTION: As a result of this week's poll finding more than 80% of the NASEMSO state EMS officials are currently prohibited from travel or otherwise not approved to attend the Annual Meeting in November given their role in coordinating ongoing COVID case response and vaccinations, the Board authorizes staff to reschedule to meet in Reno to 2023. The nation's federal EMS officials indicated that they are likewise banned from such travel. The motion passed unanimously at the motion and second of Gary Brown (VA) and Mike Poynter (KY), respectively.

Federal Partner Updates

HRSA/EMSC

Rachael Alter provided an update on behalf of Theresa Morrison-Quinata. She shared that they have issued a call to action for healthcare providers to administer COVID vaccines. They have processed more than 5 million vaccine claims for the uninsured population. In August HRSA awarded four EMSC state partnership supplements to the following programs: The Regents of the University of Colorado,

Kentucky Community & Technical College System, Tennessee - Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services. She also provided an update on the Regional Pediatric Pandemic Network and the National Pediatric Readiness Project.

NHTSA OEMS

Dr. Jon Krohmer conveyed that PPE is still readily supplied but that staffing issues continue. He asked directors for help in encouraging participation in a data collection effort from medical directors. Dave Bryson shared sobering data on COVID mortality counts of first responder personnel: As of today, there are now 795 COVID-related, first responder deaths - 536 law enforcement officers; 159 firefighters; 80 EMS clinicians; and 20 911 telecommunicators. 85 FRs died in August 2021 and so far, 14 FRs died in Sept 2021. Gam Wijetunge and Dave Bryson echoed Jon's comments.

Executive Director's Report

Current Projects

NHTSA Fatigue in EMS

Kathy Robinson said that a final report has been submitted and the period of performance wraps up October 7. Dr. Daniel Patterson prepared a manuscript for publication; it has not yet been accepted to be published.

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center (EICC) Update

Rachael Alter reported that they held the annual grantee meeting that was hosted virtually last week. Last week they kicked off a new learning collaborative. They were shooting for 1,000 registrants and already have 1,400 registered. The first learning session starts next week and will conclude in June 2022.

Pain EBG

Mary Hedges notes that the cooperative agreement ends on November 12. The manuscripts were submitted to *Prehospital Emergency Care* which is completing its peer-review process. Educational materials have been developed and will be presented via webinar. They will also be available to anyone who wishes to use them for CE.

Model Clinical Guidelines

Dia Gainor reported that the version 3 draft is out for public comment through September 24. The final editing process will occur this fall. It was noted that the ability of state EMS offices to formulate comments while focusing on COVID is adversely impacted, and staff will communicate with NHTSA about the comments.

Workforce/Strategic Planning

Staff met with NHTSA this morning regarding the unanticipated long-term absence of project manager Jim DeTienne. This requires extensions to the period of performance for both projects.

Action Items

Board Appointment to fill Vacant President-Elect Position

Discussion – President Kyle Thornton reviewed NASEMSO’s bylaws and the process of filling the office of President-Elect, which was recently vacated by Andy Gienapp. Nominating Committee Chair Keith Wages commended Committee members Jason Rhodes (RI), Joe House (KS), Kraig Kinney (KY), Wayne Denny (ID) and Michael Poynter (AL) for their work. The Executive Committee has recommended that the Board appoint Alisa Williams (MS) as President-Elect. Mr. Wages conveyed that the Nominating Committee’s next task will be to present a slate of candidates for the 2021-2023 offices of secretary and president-elect. He solicited interest from among Board members.

ACTION: Mr. Wages moved on behalf of the Committee to appoint Alisa Williams (MS) as President-elect; Gary Brown (VA) seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote.

National Cooperative Highway Research Program Problem Statement

ACTION: NASEMSO granted permission to list Dia Gainor as a point of contact in the Statement by unanimous vote at the motion and second of Joe House and Mike Poynter.

Discussion Items

Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct

Dan Manz announced that the Compact Commission has hired Ray Mollers as its Executive Director.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board Meeting concluded at 3:01 p.m. Eastern time.

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Hannah Degn and Beth Armstrong.