



Meeting Record

Present

Officers

President: Kyle Thornton (NM)
President-Elect: Andy Gienapp (WY)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
Immediate Past President: Keith
Wages (GA)
Member-at-Large and South Region:
Stephen Wilson (AL)

Regions

East: Jason Rhodes (RI)
Great Lakes: Tony Spector (MI)
West: Wayne Denny (ID)

Councils

Data Managers: Tom McGinnis (CA)
Education: Terrie Godde (MI)
Medical Directors: George Lindbeck
(VA)
Pediatric Emergency Care: Morgan
Scaggs (KY)
Trauma Managers: Alyssa Johnson
(MT)

Eric Hicken (NJ)

Federal Partners

HRSA/EMSC: Jocelyn Hulbert
NHTSA OEMS: Dave Bryson
NHTSA OEMS: Gam Wijetunge
ONCHIT: Rachel Abbey

NASEMSO Staff

Beth Armstrong
Dia Gainor
Kathy Robinson
Kevin McGinnis
Leslee Stein-Spencer
Mary Hedges
Rachael Alter
Hilary Bikowski

Absent

Secretary: Steve McCoy (FL)
Health and Medical Preparedness: Joe
Schmider (TX)
Western Plains: Joe House (KS)

Others Present

Dan Manz EMS Compact
Medical Directors Chair Elect: Matt Sholl (ME)
Trauma Managers Chair Elect: Eileen Worden (MI)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM EDT.

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Kyle Thornton called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Eastern time and Hilary Bikowski called roll. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

President Kyle Thornton presented the April 9, 2020 minutes.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, and Andy Gienapp seconded, that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of April 30, 2020, NASEMSO had an Operational Income of \$720,342 versus a 12-month budget of \$1,121,500. Operational expenses were \$874,904 versus a twelve-month budget of \$1,257,476.

The current net deficit is primarily due to the stock market plunge; net income from operations tracks consistently with the 12-months budgeted net deficit of (\$135,976). NASEMSO derives \$185,000 in sponsorship and registration fees income from its Annual Meeting; we can expect that rescheduling it to the next fiscal year will result in poorer 12 months performance this fiscal year, and improved performance next fiscal year.

Program Committee

Gary Brown reported on behalf of the Program Committee discussions about cancelling the 2020 NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Reno, NV, August 30 – September 2, 2020. Based on the modeling of the national emergency and severe budget cuts that states are facing, the Program Committee voiced their concerns about holding the meeting in September.

Update on the FEMA Healthcare Resilience Task Force EMS Team Daily Calls

Dia provided an update on the task force. The EMS team's focus is on the priority and need for data to evaluate EMS personnel attrition and EMS agency closures. A survey is being built to capture this information.

Leslee said that there are final documents that have been approved and are posted online. She said that the important documents regarding EMS and reimbursement and standard of care will be posted soon. She said that the task force will be producing an after-action report along with a best practices document. They continue to meet daily and work on documents that are pertinent to the EMS community.

Federal Partner Updates

HRSA/EMSC

Jocelyn Hulbert reported that the second EMSC Innovation & Improvement Center grant was awarded to University of Texas in Austin (led by Drs. Kate Remick &

Charles Macias). They will be working with Baylor to transition the EIIC to Austin for the new grant cycle starting on July 1, 2020.

NHTSA OEMS

Gam Wijetunge reported that NASEMSO was awarded the cooperative agreement for the Pain Management Evidence-Based-Guideline as of May 13, 2020.

ONCHIT

Rachel Abbey reported that there is COVID – 19 information posted on the ONCHIT website.

Executive Director’s Report

Current Projects

NHTSA National EMS Projects of Significance

Dia Gainor reported that the that NEPS project is in the final stages of close out.

NHTSA Fatigue in EMS

Kathy Robinson reported that the study is still ongoing. The national emergency has delayed participants enrollments in the program. They have one EMS agency that is currently evaluating education on fatigue. The deadline has been extended for Part 1. Part 2 of the project is developing an online tool that an EMS practitioner could plug their time into, and a computer will be able to calculate the risk of fatigue that the individual has experienced. NASEMSO has submitted a contract modification request to cover the protracted period of performance (since 2016) and hopes to receive notification of the revised budget and timeline soon.

Pain Management Evidence-Based Guideline

Mary Hedges reported that NASEMSO had received the funding for the Pain Management EBG. NASEMSO applied for the funding in September 2019. It is very similar in scope with deliverables and a timeline to the Naloxone EBG. It is an 18-month project. The Principal Investigator is Dr. George Lindbeck. Dr. Harry Sibold and Dr. Sabina Braithwaite are Co-Investigators, representing NAEMSP and ACEP.

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center Update

Rachael Alter is compiling video and photo submissions from EMSC State Partnership programs. The final products will be “thank you” videos for EMS Week/EMSC Day and will be released on social medial next week.

ASTHO Post Opioid Overdose Innovations

Dia said that due to the COVID -19 pandemic the work on this project has been suspended. Once we are through this crisis work will resume.

NACCHO Focus on Falls Prevention

Dia said that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the work on this project has been suspended. Once we are through this crisis work will resume.

Pending Projects

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test Project

Dia Gainor reported that due to the pandemic, work on this project has been temporarily suspended. The committee continues to meet to discuss ideas for future funding.

Support for State EMS System Development

Dia Gainor reported that NASEMSO has been awarded the new umbrella agreement. Once a specific project is selected, this will move from a pending project to current projects.

Action Items

Decision re Cancellation of the NASEMSO Annual Meeting August 30 – September 3, 2020 in Reno, Nevada

Discussion

Kyle opened the discussion saying that he has heard from several members that they will still be under state mandated travel restrictions through August. He said that the Executive Committee had discussed cancelling the Annual Meeting scheduled for September, but they decided to present it to the Board for a vote.

Jason Rhodes spoke in favor of cancelling the meeting. He said that with his state's budget shortfall, travel restrictions would be in place well into 2021. He also said that he supported the plan to meet in Reno, NV, in 2021 and Charleston SC, in 2022.

Tony Spector said that his state will have a similar budget shortfall and limitations on travel will be in effect through 2021.

Wayne Denny said that he is actively planning for wave 2 of the pandemic. He said they are certain that this will happen having witnessed the behaviors of states that have had limited openings. He agrees with not planning any meetings until Spring 2021.

Terrie Godde said that Michigan has announced it will begin layoffs of state workers. She said that they would not be able to travel to a meeting September.

Gary Brown summarized the points from the Program Committee. He said that they voiced health concerns for attendees and faculty, the difficulty with traveling and the negative repercussions if someone became ill with COVID-19 from attending the meeting. The Program Committee recommended cancelling the meeting.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved that the NASEMSO 2020 Annual Meeting in Reno in September be cancelled and Wayne Denny seconded. No one opposed, motion passed unanimously.

Pivot to a virtual format for the 2020 Annual Meeting

Discussion:

Kathy Robinson presented a very detailed outline of how to host a virtual meeting. She has been researching other groups and has incorporated some of their strategies into what she presented to the Program Committee and the Executive Committee for their consideration. (PowerPoint presentation available if needed)

Ideas of how to repurpose the content to our members:

- Staggered sessions offered for an entire month
- Free registration to NASEMSO members
- Sponsorship fees to offset the cost of producing these sessions

Some things to consider before starting this project:

- Must register to participate
 - Free to NASEMSO members (including corporate members and partners). Expand to all state EMS officials as determined by state director? Weekly prize drawing for state member officials that PARTICIPATED in a session
- Any member can attend ANY session (except events marked as private)
- Could still host special events (i.e. “Bring your own breakfast”—State Directors Networking Session.)
- All sessions 11:00 am to 1:00 pm each day
 - Consider all time zones when planning
 - Compress to 2 weeks if 2 hours in am and 2 hours in pm
- Email reminders of upcoming member driven agenda/topics
- Communication on how to download, marketing materials created just for the sessions – make them available online
- Q&A sessions to increase engagement of attendees
- Polling during the sessions for live interaction with attendees and faculty
- Recorded and archive deadline (time limited)

Kathy shared a short survey with the members on the call. She will be sending the link out in an email. The survey will provide an opportunity for the Board to advise on options that would enable the Program Committee to decide on whether to proceed. Leadership input is needed.

The survey will be shared with Board, Council Chairs, Regional Chairs and other individuals for their input regarding the structure of this new meeting format.

Discussion:

Morgan Scaggs said that she has already had these discussions with the PECC Council and will be interested in reviewing the virtual format that is being considered.

Kathy said that whether or not the virtual meeting was held, she would be approaching Dr. Fallat to see if she would be able to offer the session on pediatric trauma systems as a webinar.

Wayne Denny said that this would be a great idea. He further said that the success of the virtual format would depend on the pandemic.

Andy Gienapp is supportive of the concept but would like to see it used for the council meetings. He is not sure that it would be useful for actual sessions.

ACTION: Kyle thanked everyone for their input and instructed Kathy to move ahead with the survey and then report back with the results.

Future dates for the NASEMSO Annual Meeting

Discussion:

Should we move ahead with the 2021 NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Reno, NV and the 2022 NASEMSO Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC.

ACTION: X moved, and Wayne Denny seconded, that we should move ahead with the proposed dates for the 2021 and 2022 Annual Meetings. Hearing no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Amazon Business: Is there any need/benefit for NASEMSO to support this level of discounted/tax exempt access to PPE supplies for its members?

Discussion:

NASEMSO was approached by NASEMSO's Customer Advisor at Amazon Business. He reached out to NASEMSO staff to see if they would be interested in this opportunity to collaborate with Amazon Business and offer it to our members.

Amazon Business has created a COVID-19 Supplies hub, where healthcare and public sector customers are given priority access to critical (and difficult to find) items such as gloves, masks, medical equipment and more. Many EMS personnel around the country are desperately in need of these supplies, but don't have an avenue to purchase them through.

If NASEMSO approved this collaboration, it would allow NASEMSO members to take advantage of the buying power of a single agency, and the value of exclusive access to the specific products assigned to the Amazon Business COVID-19 Hub.

Should NASEMSO collaborate with Amazon Business to take advantage of this opportunity to offer NASEMSO members access and competitive prices on PPE and sanitation supplies?

The set up is very similar to individual's personal accounts. It would be set up using NASEMSO's name. There is no financial obligation on our part. All we do is provide the platform for the information. We would control who the users are. But all transactions go through the Amazon portal.

Kyle asked is there any downside to this. Kathy said no. It would be a good member benefit. IAFC has already implemented the program with very positive results.

ACTION: Kyle said this is a great idea.

Tony Spector made the motion to proceed with this opportunity. Jason Rhodes seconded it. There was no opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy said she would proceed with the logistics of setting up the information on the website and getting the information out to members.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM EDT at the motion and second of Tony Spector and X.

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Project Coordinator – Hilary Bikowski