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Mr. Thornton,

Thank you again for making time for us to discuss the many changes at the International Board of Specialty Certification.

Here is some background: The Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) was established in 1998 to address the increasing demand for a specialty paramedic examination process for those paramedics working in air medical transport environment. This first examination – the Certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C) examination was completed with beta testing held in 2000. Since that time, the BCCTPC has been approached to develop and implement specialty examinations for those professionals working in the tactical, ground critical care, and community paramedic arena, both here in the United States as well as in many international locations.

The expansion of our international operations lead the Board to restructure the BCCTPC in 2015, thus the International Board for Specialty Certifications (IBSC) was formed. This corporate restructuring – similar to the changes made when NASEMSO went from “State Directors” to the current “State Officials” – was made to address the ever-changing needs of our mobile workforce. The BCCTPC remains a subdivision of the IBSC, responsible for the development and oversight of the Certified Flight Paramedic (FP-C) and Certified Critical Care Paramedic (CCP-C) examinations. Our other examinations – the Certified Tactical Paramedic (TP-C) and Certified Tactical Responder (TR-C) are part of the tactical subdivision, while the Certified Community Paramedic (CP-C) is located within the community subdivision. Each subdivision “section” has an oversight committee consisting of a Medical Director and ad hoc committee members. This flexibility allows us to grow a variety of specialty examinations for both the paramedic and non-paramedic professional.

Over the past several years we have had many productive conversations with various members of the NASEMSO leadership team – with additional transparency being the number one suggestion from the group. The IBSC agrees this can be accomplished by including more industry related organizations to our Board of Directors – providing each organization a means for shaping the future of EMS specialty certification.

The following member organizations currently have representation on the IBSC board:

- International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics – Stacy Fiscus
- National Association of EMS Educators – Becky Brock
- National EMS Management Association – Sean Caffrey
- National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians – Karen Larsen
- Paramedic Association of Canada – Pierre Poirer
- Paramedic Chiefs of Canada – Gerry Schriemer
- The Paramedic Foundation, LLC – Gary Wingrove

In late 2016, the IBSC invited the National Association of State EMS Officials to participate as a member organization. At that time, NASEMSO “*Board tabled any action or further discussion until the IBSC demonstrates compliance with the Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs through formal evaluation and recognition by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA.)*”

The IBSC obtained full NCCA accreditation status for our CP-C, CCP-C, FP-C, and TP-C certification examinations. The TR-C examination application has been submitted. This was not eligible during our initial application as this exam was first published in March 2018.

The IBSC Board of Directors would like to again invite NASEMSO to participate as a member organization on the IBSC board. I would ask that you please add this request to the agenda for the next NASEMSO board meeting. The expectations for this role are outlined in the attached By-Laws. As a member organization, we request two names be submitted for consideration by the IBSC board. Once chosen, your representative would be required to attend the annual face-to-face meeting, along with a quarterly teleconference call. All travel will be the responsibility of NASEMSO.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The IBSC has several exciting projects in the works and we look forward to NASEMSO becoming an influential part of our board.

We look forward to seeing everyone at your annual educational meeting in Salt Lake City. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 941-650-8252 or [DBump@IBSC.org](mailto:DBump@IBSC.org)

Respectfully,



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Cc: Graham Pierce, Chairman of the Board  
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