

NASEMSO Annual Meeting
Wednesday-Friday, September 18-20, 2013
Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

Meeting Record

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Jim DeTienne called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and the Nashville Fire Department presented the colors. Darnella Wilson of Freedom House sang the national anthem.

Host Donna Tidwell greeted fellow state EMS officials and introduced Tennessee Assistant Commissioner of Health Michelle Long. Commissioner Long shared local history including early emergency responders and EMS personnel.

Jim DeTienne called roll on behalf of Secretary Dennis Blair, noting a quorum with 39 states present (this includes 5 proxies).

Nominating Committee Report

Chair Paul Patrick presented the slate of nominations for NASEMSO 2013-15 officers:

- **Treasurer** – Gary Brown (VA)

The following regional representatives were designated for 2013-15:

- **North Central** – Steve Sutton (KS) and Jack Fleeaharty (IL)
- **West** – Kyle Thornton (NM) and Andy Gienapp (WY)

The South Central and East regions are mid-term for 2012-14:

- **South Central** – Keith Wages (GA) and Alisa Williams (MS)
- **East** – Chris Bell (VT) and Lee Burn (NY)

Call for Nominations from the Floor

Chair Patrick invited nominations from the floor for the office of Treasurer. There being none, the nominations were closed by unanimous vote at the motion and second of Chris Bell (VT) and Nick Mercuri (NH).

New State Director Introductions

The following new directors were introduced – Dick Gibbons (PA), Jamie Pianka (MA), Nick Mercuri (NH), Rebecca Curtis (IA). A special quiz was conducted for Joe Schmider (TX).

Federal Partners Updates

The following briefings were received:

- **NHTSA Office of EMS** – Susan McHenry on behalf of Drew Dawson
- **HRSA EMS for Children** – Dr. Beth Edgerton
- **DHS Office of Health Affairs** – Bill Seifarth

- **DHS FEMA U.S. Fire Academy** – Mike Stern
- **DHHS, ASPR, Division of Health Care Systems Policy** – Dr. Gregg Margolis
- **DHS Science & Technology** – Jim Grove

Afternoon sessions focused on ambulance design and standards.

The meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and reconvened at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday.

The state EMS directors conducted a breakfast forum and breakout sessions during the day addressed the EMS Roadway Safety Assessment Tool, EMS in the U.S. Territories, Data, Current Trends, NCSL's State Trauma/EMS Project, FirstNet, Hurricane Sandy, Drug Shortages, Carolina's MED-1, Ambulance & Provider Safety, EMS Workforce, Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design, EMSC Today including National Pediatric Readiness and Integrating Evidence-Based Pediatric Pre-hospital Protocols, Health Reform, Heart Rescue and Mobile Integrated Healthcare.

The meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and reconvened at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dennis Blair called roll, noting a quorum present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown summarized fiscal year 2012-13 performance noting an ending fund balance at 06-30-2013 of \$845,403. Two-months financial activity for 2013-14 yielded a current fund balance at 08-31-2013 of \$840,944.

He presented a draft 2014-15 budget (see Attachment 1) which has been recommended by the NASEMSO Board of Directors for adoption. He noted that it includes \$953,461 receipts and \$1,045,888 expenses; several current federally-funded projects will be complete by then. Steve Sutton (KS) moved, seconded by Joe Schmider (TX) to adopt the 2014-15 budget as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider (PA) reported that the committee recently tested the NASEMSO communications system relative to the FEMA national ambulance contract point of contact.
- **Rural EMS** – Tom Nehring (ND) shared that a work group of their committee is addressing wild fire blue cards. They will continue JCREC activities in conjunction with NOSORH. The National Research Council and TACC have recently joined the JCREC. He noted that at least 15% of FLEX funds are earmarked for EMS and it is important for state EMS offices to work with state offices of rural health. Rural EMS work force planning and leadership are also issues on their agenda. Joe Ferrell (IA) is representing NASEMSO on the JCREC.
- **Air Medical** – Bob Bass M.D. (MD) shared that the project to develop model regulations will begin soon.
- **Highway Incident & Transportation Systems** – Keith Wages (GA) thanked Mary Hedges for her work coordinating two sessions this week specific to HITS including one from the Center for Transportation Injury Research on crash data usage funded

by FHWA. Keith Griffiths also reported on a FHWA-funded initiative to support interaction between EMS and highway officials.

- **Ambulance Vehicle & Licensure** – Brian Litza (WI) presented the report during lunch yesterday.
- **Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine** – Jim DeTienne shared that the plan is to educate members and collaborate with other agencies to maintain a repository of information available from states.

Council Reports

- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart (TX) noted that 20 states participated this week in the Council meeting; they elected East Rep Warren Short (VA) and West Rep Joe Stocker (IA). Joe Ferrell will become the chair next year.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) noted they had 26 states present this week. They addressed system integration challenges. ACS provided College program updates including the Resources Guide. The Council reiterated commitment to the NASEMSO-ACS COT Joint Operating Committee goals, process and progress. Seesholtz commended Rachael Alter for assisting with the council's mentor tool kit.
- **Medical Directors** – Joe Moreland M.D. (FL) shared that 23 states were present this week. They elected Dr. Charles Cady to fill the vacancy for the North-Central Region Rep. They recommended two NASEMSO Board actions this week. NASEMSO agreed to express support for continued funding of the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium. They also recommended sign-on to the EMS Transfer of Care Policy produced by ACEP. Two ongoing projects include Model EMS Guidelines and Statewide Implementation of Evidence Based Guidelines.
- **Data Managers** – Joe Moreland (KS) thanked Rachael Alter, Kevin Putnam, Josh Legler and Chip Cooper for their work supporting the council and the NEMSIS 3.0. They addressed response time standards and other matters.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Dave Edwards (VA) noted that the council conducted two joint sessions this week – one with the medical directors and the other with the education & professional standards. They expressed concern about delay in updated PECC educational materials. This year they worked on the pediatric equipment guidelines, compiled a checklist tool for pediatric disaster planning to see what states have in place, injury prevention and violence. They are talking about pediatric QI indicators in NEMSIS 3.0. This week states shared best practices including pediatric education simulation methods, facility recognition programs and pediatric trauma verification, pediatric ED readiness project.

2016 Annual Meeting Site Selection

West Region Rep Kyle Thornton (NM) reported that several states made informal offers to host the annual meeting, but New Mexico is the only state that made a formal offer. Therefore, the membership voted to meet in New Mexico.

2013 Resolutions

- **2013-01 Standard for Public Safety Communications When Responding to Calls Pertaining to Missing, Abducted and Sexually-Exploited Children** – Gary Brown (VA) moved, seconded by Andy Gienapp (WY) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **2013-02 Integration into EMS Workforce of Personnel Trained in the Military**
– Keith Wages (GA) moved, seconded by Pat Irwin (NV) to adopt the resolution submitted by Joe Schmider (TX), Andy Gienapp (WY) and Steve Sutton (KS).

Bylaws Amendments

Amendments were proposed to clarify how to fill vacancies, to add the executive vice president as a non-voting member of the board, and to clarify that regional representatives and alternates must be voting members. Gary Brown (VA) moved, seconded by Joe Schmider (TX) to approve the amendments as presented. The vote was unanimous and the bylaws were amended.

Elections

Joe Schmider (TX) moved, seconded by Steve Sutton (KS) to accept the slate presented by the Nominating Committee to elect Gary Brown (VA) as Treasurer. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Recognition

President DeTienne thanked the staff of Tennessee EMS for all their effort and hospitality this week.

He recognized members on anniversaries of service as a state EMS director: Karen Halupke (NJ) – 10 years; Tom Manglona (Northern Mariana) – 15 years; Fuapopa Abigalio (American Samoa) – 25 years; Bob Bass M.D. (Maryland) – 20 years.

Special gratitude was expressed to Dr. Bass, noting his retirement at the end of the year; NASEMSO presented him with an engraved compass.

President's Remarks

President DeTienne reminded the audience to complete meeting evaluations. He shared that he is creating an Ad Hoc Committee on NASEMSO Meetings chaired by Paul Patrick to evaluate how the association conducts business vis-à-vis in-person and virtual gatherings.

He expressed a special appreciation for the association staff.

DeTienne encouraged members to consider serving as an association officer or regional leader. He indicated he will continue to pursue leadership development and mentoring tools, establishing an alumni forum, pursue a strategy on data.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the NASEMSO Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Attachment 1: **NASEMSO 2014-15 Budget**
Attachment 2: **NASEMSO Resolution 2013-01**
Attachment 3: **NASEMSO Resolution 2013-02**

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong.

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Attachment 1: NASEMSO 2014-15 Budget

<i>July 1 - June 30 Fiscal Year</i>	2014-15 Budget Adopted 09/20/13	2013-14 Actual as of 08/31/2013	2013-14 Budget Adopted 09/27/12
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS			
Dues - Associate Member (\$250)	5,000	2,000	1,500
Dues - Corporate Member (\$2,000)	16,000	2,000	10,000
Dues - State Ofc Package (\$1,500)	67,500	30,265	67,500
MD Council RegFees	0	0	0
Annual Meeting	80,000	43,420	80,000
Exhibit	45,000	10,725	40,000
Mtg Sponsorships	10,000	7,895	10,000
Mid Year Meeting	20,000		20,000
Labels/Monograph/Other/Royalties	1,000		1,000
Contracts (Separate Stmt)	701,961	118,203	1,008,635
State Travel Funds	0	0	0
Total Income from Operations	946,461	214,508	1,238,635
OTHER INCOME			
Interest/Dividend	7,000	852	6,500
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	0	0	0
Unrealized Gain/Loss	0	3,203	0
Total Other Income	7,000	4,056	6,500
TOTAL INCOME	953,461	218,563	1,245,135
ADMIN / OPS EXPENSES			
Management Fee	238,471	37,853	227,115
Management Incentive	0	0	0
Insurance	1,000	0	1,000
Accounting Fee	2,000	310	2,000
Investment Fees	5,000	1,315	0
Office Supplies	1,500	37	2,000
Telephone/fax	3,000	524	2,500
Postage	500	47	250
Printing/copying	500	0	500
Membership Mktg	750	0	2,500
Committee/Liaison Support	40,000	1,452	40,000
Exp. For State Travel Funds	30,500	0	0
Credit Card Process Fees	9,500	1,156	9,000
Donation - EMS Mem Svc	1,000	0	1,000
Web Site	12,000	2,087	10,000
Staff Travel	7,500	200	7,500
Miscellaneous/monograph/list prod.	1,000	221	750
Admin/Ops Subtotal	354,221	45,203	306,115
PROJECTS EXPENSES			
Annual Meeting Expense	596,667	176,367	882,080
Annual Meeting Member Travel	75,000	(1,750)	65,000
Annual Meeting Member Travel	0	0	0
Mid Year Meeting Expense	20,000	0	20,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,045,888	219,819	1,273,195
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	(92,427)	(1,256)	(28,060)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	817,343	845,403	845,403
Change in Net Assets	(92,427)	(4,459)	(28,060)
Net Assets End of Year	724,916	840,944	817,343
Unrealized Gain/Loss		3,203	



Support of Standard for Public Safety Telecommunicators When Responding to Calls Pertaining to Missing, Abducted and Sexually Exploited Children

Whereas, There are nearly 800,000 children reported missing each year;¹

Whereas, On average 2,100 children are reported missing to law-enforcement agencies each day;²

Whereas, 58,200 children were victims of non-family abductions in a one-year period of time;³

Whereas, Researchers⁴ have found that when children are abducted and murdered, time is of the essence; 47% die within the first hour, 76% within three hours, 15 survive more than a day and 40% are dead before they are reported;⁵

Whereas, We are seeing an increase in the number of reported cases of child sexual exploitation;⁶

Whereas, This country's future is dependent upon the growth and development of children;

Whereas, Call takers and dispatchers in public safety answering points (PSAPs) play a vital role in child protection through effective call screening of calls regarding missing children, collection of information about children and abductors, and follow-up information searches that support investigations of missing children;

Now, **therefore be it resolved** that the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the National Association of State EMS Officials agree that the crises of missing and sexually exploited children are grave concerns to our organizations and the nation; and the consequences of these actions against our children threaten the foundation of our country's existence.

Be it further resolved, that the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the National Association of State EMS Officials hereby join in partnership to support State and Local efforts aimed at adoption by 9-1-1 centers of APCO ANS 1.101.2-2010 Standard for Public Safety Telecommunicators when Responding to Calls Pertaining to Missing, Abducted and Sexually Exploited Children which describes best practices that will help to recover abducted children as soon as possible, and protect children from sexual exploitation.

Submitted by Paul Patrick (UT), NASEMSO Communications Committee Chair

Signed this 20th day of September 2013.



James DeTienne
2012-2014 President



Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary

Intended Distribution:

APCO International
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
National Emergency Number Association
National Academies of Emergency Dispatch

¹According to Andrea J. Sedlak, David Finkelhor, Heather Hammer, and Dana J. Schultz in “National Estimates of Missing Children: An Overview,” *National Incidence Studies of Missing, Abducted, Runaway, and Thrownaway Children*, Washington, DC: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, October 2002, page 5, 797,500 children were reported missing in 1999 [hereinafter Sedlak].

²Daily average of 2,184 is derived from 797,500 reports made in 12 months of 1999.

³Sedlak, *supra* note 1, page 10.

⁴Robert D. Keppel, Joseph G. Weis, and Kenneth A. Hanfland. *Case Management for Missing Children Homicide Investigation*. Olympia, Washington: Office of the Attorney General, State of Washington and U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, May 1997, page 23.

⁵*Id.*, page 13.

⁶Reports of sexually exploited children have increased to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children’s CyberTipline from 9,668 reports in its first full year of operation in 1999 to 81,939 reports in 2003. These numbers are summarized from *NCMEC Quarterly Progress Reports* by John B. Rabun published in Alexandria, Virginia, by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children respectively January 13, 1999/page 37, January 13, 2000/page 36, January 8, 2003/page 27, and January 14, 2004/page 29.



Integration of Personnel Educated in the Military into the Civilian EMS Workforce

Whereas, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) recognizes that dedicated members of the military return to our country's workforce with skills and knowledge that were acquired as a member of the United States Armed Forces and should be welcomed; and

Whereas, these educated veterans constitute an enhanced workforce that can assist local emergency medical services (EMS) in meeting current and future staffing demands; and

Whereas, many state EMS Directors and state EMS staff are also dedicated veterans; and

Whereas, all state EMS directors understand the need to return dedicated veterans to the workforce within our country as soon as possible; and

Whereas, it is also the responsibility of state EMS officials to ensure the public that EMS staff that respond to their EMS needs have the skills, knowledge, and equipment to provide state of the art care;

Now, therefore be it resolved that NASEMSO and its members are hereby dedicated to do everything feasible to expedite the credentialing of these dedicated heroes within each of our states; and

Be it further resolved that NASEMSO is dedicated to partnering with US Department of Defense to identify best Department of Defense and state practices that will facilitate the assessment of education provided by the military and state credentialing of members of the military returning to the civilian EMS workforce.

Be it further resolved NASEMSO and its members call upon colleague state boards of medicine and other state licensing agencies with EMS personnel oversight to do the same, and call upon local EMS agencies to ensure that these dedicated veterans are welcomed to the national EMS workforce.

Submitted by, Joseph Schmider (TX), Andy Gienapp (WY) Steve Sutton (KS)

Signed this 20th day of September, 2013

James DeTienne
NASEMSO 2012-14 President

Dennis Blair
NASEMSO 2012-14 Secretary

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Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC)
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Federal Interagency Committee on EMS
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