

NASEMSO Annual Meeting
Wednesday-Friday, October 8-10, 2014
Cleveland Public Auditorium, Ohio

Meeting Record

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Jim DeTienne called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and the Cleveland Fire Department Color Guard and Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipes & Drums presented the colors. Dr. Eric Csortan and Dr. Carol Cunningham sang the national anthem.

Host Mel House greeted fellow state EMS officials and introduced Ohio Public Health Commissioner John Born. Commissioner Long greeted NASEMSO members.

Jim DeTienne introduced Terry Mullins (AZ) to present the inaugural abstract competition for NASEMSO. Terry thanked review team participants including Mary Hedges, David Sweeney, Dr. Charles Cady, Dr. Howard Backer, Kyle Thornton, Ridgley Ficks, Joe Ferrell and Cheri Wren. Terry announced the award winners:

- **First Place** to “Impact on Guideline-based Protocols and Training on the Provision of Pre-Arrival CPR Instructions and Patient Outcomes at three 9-1-1 Centers in Arizona” by Dr. Bentley Bobrow et al (Arizona);
- **Second Place** to “Developing a Theoretical Framework for Measuring Operational Excellence of EMS Agencies in Arizona” by Maureen Brophy, Rogelio Martinez, et al (Arizona); and Third Place to “Improving the Quality of Data Submitted by EMS Providers in Virginia ” by Carol Pugh, PharmD, Paul Sharpe, RN, et al (Virginia).
- **Honorable Mentions** were awarded to:
 - “Pre-hospital Strokes Systems; A Tale of Two Regions” by Dr. Sarah Nafziger, Choona Lang, RN, et al (Alabama),
 - “Comparison of Step 1 CDC Field Trauma Triage Criteria and Patient Destination using EMS and Trauma Registry Data” by Carol Pugh, PharmD, Paul Sharpe, RN, et al (Virginia),
 - “Identifying areas of Improvement in Reducing Inter-facility Transport Times from Level IV Trauma Centers to Level I Trauma Centers ” by Joyce Hospodar, Rogelio Martinez, Terry Mullins, et al (Arizona).

Nominating Committee Report

Chair Paul Patrick presented the slate of nominations for NASEMSO 2014-16 officers:

- **President-elect** – Keith Wages (GA) and Chris Bell (VT)
- **Secretary** – Ray Barishansky (CT) and Kyle Thornton (NM)

Mr. Patrick called for nominations from the floor and there were none. Candidates made brief remarks.

The following regional representatives were designated for 2014-16:

- **South Central** – Keith Wages (GA) and Alisa Williams (MS)¹
- **North Central** – Joe House (KS) and Melvin Helmker (MI)

The East and West regional leadership is mid-term for 2013-15:

- **West** – Kyle Thornton (NM) and Andy Gienapp (WY)²
- **East** – Chris Bell (VT) and Lee Burns (NY)

New State Director Introductions

The following new directors were introduced – Dana Selover M.D. (OR), Mark Miller (AK), Donnie Woodyard (LA), Joe House (KS). There are also new directors from South Carolina and West Virginia but they are unable to be present.

The business meeting recessed at 11:28 a.m. and the group heard speakers on “EMS Response to Active Shooter/Critical Incidents” by Dr. Rich Kamin; “IOM Crisis Standards of Care” by Dr. Dan Hanfing, Carol Jacobson and Dr. Carol Cunningham; “Caring for Maria, a Nationwide Collaborative to Improve Care” by Scott Bourn.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9.

Federal Partners Updates

The following briefings were received:

- **NHTSA Office of EMS** –Drew Dawson
- **HRSA EMS for Children** – Dr. Beth Edgerton
- **DHHS, ASPR, Division of Health Care Systems Policy** – Dr. Gregg Margolis
- **DHS Office of Health Affairs, Workforce Health & Medical Support** – Eric Chaney

Council Reports

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe (VA) reported that 41 states were represented in their meetings this week and announced that Lindsay Narloch (MT) will become the Council Chair. They discussed third party vendors that charge agencies that should be part of their core NEMSIS certification. They will maintain the work groups on Mentoring and Data Quality; they also formed two new groups to work on Extended Data Definitions and Data Output and Linkages.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart (TX) noted that 27 states participated this week in the Council meeting; they elected new Chair Joe Ferrell (IA) and Chair-elect Fred Hornsby (WI). Priorities are distance education.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Peter Taillac (UT) shared that Dr. Ken Williams (RI) is the Chair-elect and Secretary Chuck Cady (WI). They are pursuing a project to collect evidence on law enforcement use of naloxone. Their Model Guidelines project is

¹ Wages was subsequently elected as NASEMSO President-elect so Williams becomes the South Central Representative, and that region currently has a vacancy in their Alternate seat.

² Thornton was subsequently elected as Secretary so Gienapp becomes the West Representative, and that region currently has a vacancy in their Alternate seat.

complete. Dr. Taillac thanked Mary Hedges for her work on the Model Guidelines project as well as staffing the council.

- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Dave Edwards (VA) shared that they began their meeting with a 4-hour mentoring workshop. They had three best practices sessions on transporting children, video case studies and heat exhaustion case model. Katherine Hert (AL) will chair the council the next two years.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) noted they had 35 states present this week. ACS provided College program updates including the Resources Guide. They spoke about a Data Integration Task Force. They addressed system development, stroke/STEMI issues and other matters. Shari Wren (NE) is the new chair. Their goal is to increase collaboration with like-minded organizations the next few years, and to focus on performance measures. They also identified additional resources to add to their online mentoring tool kit.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dennis Blair called roll, noting a quorum present with 35 states represented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown summarized fiscal year 2013-14 performance noting an ending fund balance at 06-30-2014 of \$958,873. Two-months financial activity for 2014-15 yielded a current fund balance at 08-31-2014 of \$980,261.

He presented a draft 2015-16 budget (see Attachment 1) that has been recommended by the NASEMSO Board of Directors for adoption. He noted that it includes an increase of state EMS office dues by \$250 to \$1,750 per state. It reflects \$1,361,624 receipts and expenses (balanced budget). Chris Bell (VT) moved, seconded by Mel House (OH) to adopt the 2015-16 budget as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bylaws Amendments

Amendments were proposed to clarify membership entitlements, composition of the executive committee, voting procedures, regional vacancy procedures, establish the Air Medical Committee as a standing committee and qualification of committee chairs. Terry Mullins (AZ) moved, seconded by Ray Barishansky (CT) to approve the amendments as presented. The vote was unanimous and the bylaws were amended.

Additional amendments were proposed to be considered at the 2015 Mid Year Meeting to make dues payment a criteria for voting rights and an update to the duties of the treasurer.

2014 Resolutions

- **2014-01 Towards Zero Deaths** – Keith Wages (GA) presented the resolution on behalf of the Highway Incident & Transportation Safety Committee. Dale Atkinson (OK) moved, seconded by Brett Hart (TX) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- **2014-02 Safe Transport for Children** – Dave Edwards (VA) presented the resolution on behalf of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council. Dennis Blair (AL) moved, seconded by Donna Tidwell (TN) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **2014-03 Retirement of Liz Sibley** – Andy Gienapp presented the resolution and announced that Jay Scott will become CECBEMS Executive Director. Brett Hart (TX) moved, seconded by Ray Barishansky (CT) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- **2014-04 30th Anniversary of EMSC Program** – Jim DeTienne (MT) presented the resolution. Wayne Denny (ID) moved, seconded by Mel House (OH) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- **2014-05 30th Anniversary of NAEMSP** – Jim DeTienne (MT) presented the resolution. Keith Wages (GA) moved, seconded by Jason Rhode (RI) to adopt the resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- **2014-06 Mystery Resolution: Quinquagenary Birthday of Beth Armstrong** – Jim DeTienne (MT) presented the resolution. Paul Patrick (UT) moved, seconded by Ray Barishansky (CT) to adopt it. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Other Business

President DeTienne asked members to think about the suggestion to swap the timing of the Annual Meeting and Mid-Year Meeting.

2014-16 Elections

Keith Wages (GA) was elected as President-elect and Kyle Thornton (NM) was elected as Secretary by printed ballot.

2017 Annual Meeting Site Selection

New Orleans and Oklahoma City are willing to host the 2007 event. The membership voted to meet in New Orleans.

Recognition

President DeTienne thanked the staff of Ohio EMS for all their effort and hospitality this week and especially Dr. Carol Cunningham.

He recognized members on anniversaries of service as a state EMS director: Brian Amy (DC), Lee Burns (NY), Dolly Fernandez (WA), Jack Fleeharty (IL) – 5 years; Dr. Selwyn Mahon (USVI), Jim DeTienne (MT) – 10 years; Deputy Director Dan Smiley (CA) – 25 years.

He thanked outgoing leadership including Pediatric Emergency Care Chair Dave Edwards(VA), Education & Professional Standards Chair Brett Hart (TX), Trauma Managers Chair Rob Seesholtz (TN) and Medical Directors Chair Dr. Joe Nelson (FL).

Special gratitude was expressed to Dennis Blair for his efforts serving as NASEMSO Secretary the past two terms.

Passing of the Gavel

President DeTienne expressed a special appreciation for the association staff and recognized the accomplishments of ASMI including recent award as a best business in Falls Church, supporting their staff to become Qualified Association Specialists. He thanked Dia Gainor particularly for her work.

Jim recognized those who we have lost including David Taylor (AR) and Jim's father.

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.

Jim passed the gavel to Paul Patrick (UT) who thanked Jim for his leadership and achievements on behalf of NASEMSO. He pledged that he will give whatever is necessary to continue to move forward, and he will also call on colleagues for assistance.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the NASEMSO Annual Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

- Attachment 1: **NASEMSO 2015-16 Budget**
- Attachment 2: **NASEMSO Resolution 2014-01**
- Attachment 3: **NASEMSO Resolution 2014-02**
- Attachment 4: **NASEMSO Resolution 2014-03**
- Attachment 5: **NASEMSO Resolution 2014-04**
- Attachment 6: **NASEMSO Resolution 2014-05**
- Attachment 7: **NASEMSO Resolution 2014-06**

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

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Attachment 1: NASEMSO 2015-16 Budget

July 1 - June 30 Fiscal Year	2015-16 Budget Adopted 10/09/2014	2014-15 Actual as of 08/31/2014	2014-15 Budget Adopted 09/27/12
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS			
Dues - Associate Member (\$250)	6,000	5,750	5,000
Dues - Corporate Member (\$2,000)	18,000	16,000	16,000
Dues - State Ofc Package (\$1,500+250)	78,750	55,500	67,500
MD Council RegFees	0	0	0
Annual Meeting	90,000	20,835	80,000
Exhibit	50,000	17,050	45,000
Mtg Sponsorships	15,000	6,000	10,000
Mid Year Meeting	25,000	240	20,000
Labels/Monograph/Other/Royalties	500	0	1,000
Federal Contracts/Projects Receipts	1,063,374	84,310	701,961
State Travel Funds	0	0	0
Total Income from Operations	1,346,624	205,685	946,461
OTHER INCOME			
Interest/Dividend	15,000	1,198	7,000
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	0	3,225	0
Unrealized Gain/Loss	0	0	0
Total Other Income	15,000	4,424	7,000
TOTAL INCOME	1,361,624	210,109	953,461
ADMIN / OPS EXPENSES			
Management Fee	250,395	38,799	238,471
Management Incentive	20,000	0	0
Insurance	500	0	1,000
Accounting Fee	2,000	0	2,000
Investment Fees	7,500	1,483	5,000
Office Supplies	1,000	50	1,500
Telephone/fax	3,000	0	3,000
Postage	500	0	500
Printing/copying	500	0	500
Membership Mktg	500	51	750
Committee/Liaison Support	9,000	974	40,000
Exp. For State Travel Funds	0	0	0
Board Retreat	11,729	0	30,500
Credit Card Process Fees	6,000	1,634	9,500
Donation - EMS Mem Svc	1,000	0	1,000
Web Site	12,000	6,883	12,000
Staff Travel	5,000	833	7,500
Miscellaneous/monograph/list prod.	1,000	0	1,000
Admin/Ops Subtotal	331,624	50,706	354,221
Federal Projects Expenses	925,000	134,590	596,667
Annual Meeting Expense	75,000	3,424	75,000
Annual Meeting Member Travel	10,000	0	0
Mid Year Meeting Expense	20,000	0	20,000
EXCESS/(DEFICIT)	0	21,389	(92,427)
Net Assets Beginning of Year		958,873	-
Change in Net Assets		21,389	-
Net Assets End of Year		980,261	-



Support of “Toward Zero Deaths - National Strategy on Highway Safety” Initiative

Whereas one person dies every 16 minutes in a traffic crash in the United States;

Whereas over the course of a lifetime, nearly every U.S. resident is touched by consequences of traffic crashes;

Whereas “Toward Zero Deaths - National Strategy on Highway Safety” (TZD) is the United States' highway safety vision, originated in part from a National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) white paper, and is the only acceptable target for our nation, our families and us as individuals;

Whereas the National Strategy on Highway Safety is led by the TZD Steering Committee to which NASEMSO belongs, and provides a platform of consistency for state agencies, private industry, national organizations and others to develop safety plans that prioritize traffic safety culture and promote the national TZD vision; and

Whereas the National Association of State EMS Officials has played a central role in the development of the following EMS strategies within the TZD National Strategy:

Key Strategy	Implementation Timeframe
Fully implement enhanced 911 centers	Short
Participate in Next Generation 911 planning and implementation	Short
Implement pairing of Advanced Automated Collision Notification (AACN) data with algorithms to predict probability of severe injury	Mid
Develop AACN-based predictors to alert responders to the need for vehicle extraction	Mid
Improve and sustain excellent communications technologies for emergency medical responders	Mid
Implement the National EMS Education Agenda for the Future	Short
Implement the Field Triage Scheme: The National Trauma Triage Protocol	Short
Develop, implement, and enforce safety engineering and design standards for ambulances, including removing Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards crashworthiness exemption	Mid
Improve ambulance access to intelligent transportation systems	Mid
Implement air medical transport (helicopter) use criteria	Short
Provide telemedicine applications for EMS	Mid
Improve emergency medical response in rural locations and especially for mass casualty incidents	Long
Implement comprehensive and state-regulated trauma systems to improve access to crash victims	Mid
Include EMS agencies in traffic incident management planning and training	Mid

Now therefore be it resolved that the National Association of State EMS Officials fully endorses the “Towards Zero Deaths – National Strategy on Highway Safety” initiative; and

Be it further resolved that the National Association of State EMS Officials intends to take a leadership role in planning and implementing the key EMS strategies listed above in partnership with appropriate national organizational and Federal partner colleagues.

Submitted by Keith Wages (GA), HITS Committee Chair.

Signed this 9th day of October, 2014.



James DeTienne
2012-2014 President



Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary

Intended Distribution:

Federal Interagency Committee on EMS



Support for Ambulance and Equipment Crash-Testing Standards and Related Safe Transport Recommendations for Children in Ground Ambulances

Whereas, children being transported in ground ambulances require restraint and/or immobilization equipment and methodology appropriate to their specific anatomical and physiological needs; and

Whereas state emergency medical services (EMS) officials are responsible for regulating equipment requirements for ground ambulances and for guiding services in adopting related safety practices in their respective states; and

Whereas state EMS officials seek evidence-based standards and national recommendations upon which to base regulations and guidance for services in this area; and

Whereas there are no such recognized standards for the appropriate sled and/or crash testing of ambulances and ambulance equipment (such as stretchers, adult and pediatric restraint/immobilization equipment), leaving the evaluation of equipment and techniques for the proper restraint/immobilization of children largely without sufficient scientific basis in the United States;

Whereas in this absence of such evidence-based standards, attempts have been made to provide expert panel-based national recommendations, such as the 2012 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) document *Safe Transport of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances*, which have been found by some state EMS offices to be difficult to employ in guiding services to improve child-safe transport practices and equipment; and

Whereas NASEMSO enjoys a beneficial relationship with NHTSA and numerous other federal partners and national organizations, which fund or otherwise encourage research and development leading to evidence-based EMS standards;

Now therefore let it be resolved that the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) urges its federal and national organization partners to apply their resources to accelerate research and development of evidence-based standards upon which national EMS organizations, state EMS offices, EMS agencies and others can base recommendations for child-safe transport practices and equipment in ground ambulances; and

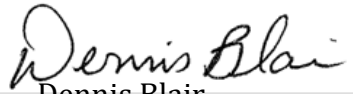
Be it further resolved that NASEMSO requests the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to join NASEMSO in reviewing the *Safe Transport of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances* document to better enable state EMS officials and others to employ it in guiding EMS agencies to improve their child-safe transport practices and equipment.

Submitted by David Edwards (VA) on behalf of the Pediatric Emergency Care Council.

Signed this 9th day of October 2014.



James DeTienne
NASEMSO 2012-14 President



Dennis Blair
NASEMSO 2012-14 Secretary

Intended Distribution:

American Academy of Pediatrics
American College of Emergency Physicians
Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
National Association of EMS Physicians
National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
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Resolution 2014-03



In Recognition of the Retirement of Liz Sibley

Whereas Liz Sibley has been a loyal proponent and active leader in the emergency services profession for many years; and

Whereas she set standards for leadership and organizational excellence as Executive Director of the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for EMS;

Now therefore be it resolved that the personal and professional dedication, contribution and commitment to this profession is recognized with gratitude and thanks; and

Your friends and colleagues extend their congratulations on your retirement. We wish you nothing but the best for your days ahead.

Submitted by Jim DeTienne (MT)

Signed this 9th day of October 2014.

James DeTienne
2012-2014 President

Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary



In Recognition of the 30th Anniversary of the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program

Whereas the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program was created in 1984;

Whereas the mission of the Program is to reduce child and youth mortality and morbidity caused by severe illness or trauma;

Whereas the Program aims to ensure that state of the art emergency medical care is available for the ill and injured child or adolescent, and pediatric services is well integrated into an emergency medical service system backed by optimal resources, and the entire spectrum of emergency services is provided to children and adolescents as well as adults, no matter where they live, attend school or travel;

Whereas the Program funds and supports pediatric emergency care improvement initiatives and projects in every U.S. state and territory; and

Whereas, the Program also supports the National Resource Center which maintains the Program's professional partnerships, disseminates information, and supports a special collaboration with the Family Advisory Network (FAN); and the National EMS for Children Data Analysis Resource Center (NEDARC) which assists grantees in data collection, analysis and dissemination;

Now therefore be it resolved that all that the EMSC Program has contributed to this profession is recognized with gratitude and thanks.

Submitted by Jim DeTienne, (MT)

Signed this 9th day of October 2014.

James DeTienne
2012-2014 President

Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary

Resolution 2014-05



In Recognition of the 30th Anniversary of the National Association of EMS Physicians®

Whereas the National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP) was founded in 1984; and

Whereas NAEMSP® is an organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in out-of-hospital emergency medical services; and

Whereas Since its inception in 1984, the NAEMSP® membership has grown from a handful of dedicated founders to over 1,100 physicians, paramedics, nurses, administrators, educators, researchers and key EMS personnel. The membership continues to increase as the NAEMSP® represents the out-of-hospital emergency medical care community;

Whereas the Association acts as a resource and advocate of EMS related decisions in cooperation with organizations throughout the country and the community at large, including agencies of the Federal Government; and

Whereas it is the continuing role of the NAEMSP® to coordinate and focus advances in medical care, research and training as they relate to EMS;

Now therefore be it resolved that all that the National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP) has contributed to this profession is recognized with gratitude and thanks.

Submitted by Jim DeTienne (MT)

Signed this 9th day of October 2014.

James DeTienne
2012-2014 President

Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary

Resolution 2014-06

In Recognition of Our Executive Vice President's Quinquagenary



Whereas Elizabeth Armstrong has been the dedicated, talented and renowned chief staff executive for the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO) for the past 18 years;

Whereas she has set standards for organizational excellence and productivity which have propelled NASEMSO's growth in its service to its members, its project portfolio, and its leadership credentials in the national emergency medical services community;

Whereas she is the lifetime NASEMSO Annual Meeting Quarters champion, who can also recite the entire ABBA lyrics in Mamma Mia and flipper sizes in the Man Dance (and flipper size matters!); and

Whereas she will achieve her, to be respectfully gentle, quinquagenary on November 3, 2014;

Now therefore be it resolved that, Beth:

1. You are deservedly wealthier than you were in 1964, which is good because then:
 - a. A loaf of bread cost only 21 cents
 - b. A new house: \$13,050 (if you couldn't hack that, average rent was \$115)
 - c. Average income per year was \$6,000
 - d. A gallon of gas cost 30 cents
 - e. A new car: \$3,500
 - f. A United States postage stamp was 5 cents
 - g. And a ticket to the movies \$1.25
2. Smoking was determined to be a health hazard by the Surgeon General; BUT
3. Besides you, other still *smoking hot* quinquagenarians were also born:
 - a. Rob Lowe
 - b. Sandra Bullock
 - c. Chef Bobby Flay (both smokin' and cookin'!)
 - d. Keanu Reeves
 - e. Janeane Garofalo
 - f. Nicholas Cage
 - g. Russell Crowe
 - h. Courteney Cox
 - i. Marisa Tomei, and
 - j. Hank Azaria

4. Add to that your gifts of smarts, talent, caring, and drive, and other quinquagenarians also join you such as Michelle Obama and Melinda Gates
5. And then there's Sarah Palin.....well....also a quinquagenarian, you betcha!
6. Appropriate to last night's outing, the Rolling Stones released their first album; and the Beatles opened at Shea Stadium then on the Ed Sullivan show, and they owned the top five positions on the Billboard Hot 100 list with "Can't Buy Me Love," "Twist and Shout," "She Loves You," "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "Please Please Me"
7. Martin Luther King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law
8. *Jeopardy* appeared on TV for the first time as did *Underdog* and the annual holiday classic *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*; and "Mary Poppins," "My Fair Lady," the James Bond film "Goldfinger" and the Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night" premiered at the movies
9. In your birth year, Diet Pepsi hit store shelves; a good thing because so did Lucky Charms and Pop Tarts; Arby's opened, and the first Buffalo Wings were served at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, NY fortunately, CPR had been invented four years before, portable defibrillators the same year, and the first 9-1-1 call was placed four years later!

Be it further resolved that your friends and colleagues sincerely wish you the happiest..... well, you're going to have face facts sooner or later: **50th Birthday!** And

Be it finally resolved that every state EMS office is invited to send quinquagenary birthday greetings to Madame Executive Vice President on the occasion.

Signed this 9th day of October 2014.



James DeTienne
2012-2014 President



Dennis Blair
2012-2014 Secretary