

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2018
Meeting Record



PRESENT

Officers:

President: Keith Wages (GA)
President-elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)
Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)
At-large and South: Donna Tidwell (TN)

Regions:

West: Wayne Denny (ID)
Great Lakes: Kathy Wahl (MI)
East: Jason Rhodes (RI)

Councils:

Data: Kevin Putman (MI)
Pediatric: Carolina Roberts-Santana M.D. (RI)
Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)
Personnel Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)
Medical Directors: Ken Williams MD (RI)
Health and Medical Preparedness: Joe Schmider (TX)

ABSENT

Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)

Members:

Jim DeTienne (MT)
Terrie Godde (MI), Education Committee
Tom McGinnis (CA), DMC Vice Chair

Federal Partners:

NHTSA OEMS: Jon Krohmer, M.D.

Staff:

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Beth Armstrong, Executive VP
Joe Ferrell, NCBP Advocate
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager
Sue Prentiss, REPLICA Advocate
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER / SELF INTRODUCTIONS

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. Beth Armstrong called roll and noted a quorum was present. Keith apologized for missing the January Board call due to an unscheduled event that week and quoted "Everyone Wants to go to Heaven, But Nobody Wants to Go Now."

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Previous Meeting Minutes – Secretary Alisa Williams referenced the previous meeting minutes and invited a motion to approve them.

ACTION: Donna Tidwell moved, seconded by Kathy Wahl to approve the January 11, 2018 meeting record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Executive Committee Notes – Alisa reviewed action taken by the Committee since the previous Board meeting including endorsement of the EMS Strong Campaign; Safe Transport of Children funding proposal with Jim Green as the principal investigator; Medicare Extender Legislation sign-on; Trauma Care for Seniors sign-on; Human Trafficking unsolicited proposal to DHS; comments to DHS about spontaneous volunteers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Status –On behalf of Treasurer Gary Brown, Beth Armstrong reported that as of January 31, 2018 NASEMSO had total assets of \$919,576. Seven-months combined income from operations and other income of \$1,144,370 and expenses were \$1,514,355 yielding (\$64,985) deficit. However, since today's Board call occurred very early in the month, the statement is still interim and all reimbursement drawdowns for contracts may not be posted.

Program Committee – On behalf of Gary, Keith asked that members going online to retrieve the current program and to register for the Annual Meeting in May in Providence.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Keith reported that NREMT Acting Director Drew Dawson and new COO Donnie Woodyard traveled to Falls Church, VA last Friday to visit NASEMSO HQ. Keith said "I cannot imagine NASEMSO being treated in a more respectful and professional way than the way they reached out to us to embrace our Association." The focus of the visit was to share the re-organization of NREMT. Keith thanked Beth and Dia for their efforts to establish a high level of camaraderie through their welcome at NASEMSO HQ; Keith and Kyle joined via teleconference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEPS – Dia reported that the information and leadership needs report was submitted last month as reported during the January Board call, a link was provided in this agenda for convenience. The immediate deliverables that NASEMSO staff are working on include a licensing technology strawman and strategic planning template for state EMS offices, both of which are due to NHTSA in the next few days.

SOP Model Revision – Kathy Robinson reported that the second national engagement phase concludes February 10. Several suggestions have been received on behalf of stakeholder organizations. There will be an in-person technical expert panel meeting March 5-6 in Washington DC.

Fatigue in EMS – Kathy noted that the early online version of the Guidelines was released right after the previous meeting in Prehospital Emergency Care and as an InfoGraphic (links provided). 4,000 downloads and 15,000 responses to our NASEMSO Facebook announcement. The cover story in the February issue of JEMS was written by our Principal Investigator Dan Patterson.

ASPR Transport of Highly Infectious Patients – Leslee reported that the template and exercise design deliverables have been submitted and the project team is currently seeking approval from the Board on the capabilities assessment document.

ACTION: Kathy Wahl moved, seconded by Donna Tidwell to approve the document for submission. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Baylor EIIC – Dia shared that there was a recent conversation with project leadership to result in better communication and coordination; Carolina affirmed this.

National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness – Joe Ferrell indicated that he is working with Illinois, Arkansas and Mississippi to announce their data use agreements with the Collaborative. Data flows through ImageTrend are being established in several states and an analytics specialist at Biospatial is working on data linkages for crash incidents and level of injury severity reported in EMS reports.

REPLICA

Sue Prentiss reminded the Board that 12 states currently belong to the Compact. Five bills have been filed this year (SC, NH, NE, AR and MO) with a sixth expected (WV). Joe Schmider reported that the main Commission focus is a proposal from NREMT to manage the organization. They meet every two weeks. The February work session will focus on rules and the NREMT agreement. They may also have an abbreviated meeting in Rhode Island in May.

NHTSA Naloxone Evidence-Based Guideline – Mary Hedges indicated that the project team met in person last month in conjunction with the NAEMSP conference. They meet monthly via teleconference to create a model protocol for EMS based on an EBG, create a training program and a performance measure to determine effectiveness of the protocol, and an article suitable for scientific journal publication. She noted that Dr. Ken Williams is the principal investigator.

ToXcel – Dia Gainor and Joe Ferrell spoke about the effort to inform future revisions of the field triage guidelines to look for non-physiological indicators for trauma care. Doing so successfully requires strong data linkage programs in states, which are elusive.

ACS-COT Records Linkage Joint Policy Statement – Dia noted that NASEMSO has received a sub-award from the American College of Surgeons to develop a joint statement for development of a draft joint position statement for the NASEMSO Board's consideration.

Safe Transport of Children Crash Test – Mary shared that we have been verbally informed that the NJ Office of EMS was able to get 402 funding to start the first project step. Another proposal was recently submitted for additional project phases.

ACTION ITEMS

Support for the 4th Annual Rural EMS and Care Conference – Andy Gienapp proposed that NASEMSO provide \$5,000 to support the event. It occurs April 24-25 in Tucson.

ACTION: Kathy Wahl moved to support the conference as requested. Donna Tidwell seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

IAEMSC Position Statement – The International Association of EMS Chiefs invited NASEMSO to support the statement on *National Trauma Care System: Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Systems to Achieve Zero Preventable Deaths After Injury*. Last month the Board asked the Trauma Managers Council to consider the request. Carole Mays reported that of the series of recommendations included in the document, the one that is most relevant to the NASEMSO TMC is:

“The military uses the civilian trauma system for product innovation. The civilian trauma system should more quickly adopt the conclusions and products that come out of those collaborations.”

The TMC asked the Board promote its June 2016 recommendations, rather than those of the position statement.

ACTION: The board will consider the TMC paper at the March meeting. Not that NASEMSO is rejecting the other organizations’ statement, but are advocating consideration of its own.

OTHER BUSINESS

Keith provided more detail on his health condition which is being managed with medication but travel is curtailed. He has stepped down from the REPLICA Commission and Ernie Doss will be an active member of that body to assure Georgia has in person presence. Keith is not otherwise retiring from professional activities however.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m. Eastern time at the motion and second of Kathy Wahl and Alisa Williams,

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