

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2014, 4:30-6:00 pm
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL**

Meeting Record

Present

Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer
Jim DeTienne (MT), President
Dave Edwards (VA), Pediatric Emergency
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Professional Stds
Joe Nelson M.D. (FL), Medical Directors
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Managers
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers
Kyle Thornton (NM), West Region
Keith Wages (GA), South Central

Absent

Chris Bell (VT), East Region
Jack Fleearty (IL), North Central
Randy Kuykendall (CO), Past President

Also Present

Greg Brown (AR), Air Medical Chair
Robert Byrd, air-Evac
Joe Ferrell (IA), Education & Professional
Standards Alternate
Tom Nehring (ND), Rural EMS
Noah Smith, NHTSA
Peter Taillac M.D. (UT)
Alysa Williams (MS)

Staff Present

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Beth Armstrong, Executive VP
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager

Call to Order / Self-Introductions

President DeTienne called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and self-introductions were made; a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dennis Blair presented the February 13, 2014 Meeting Record as previously circulated.

ACTION: Dr. Joe Nelson (FL) moved, seconded by Keith Wages (GA) to approve the Record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown noted that the month ended on Friday and the February finance report is not yet available.

He asked all participants to complete an evaluation form for this Mid-Year Meeting, and asked for suggestions on sessions and speakers for the Annual Meeting in Cleveland.

ACTION: There was consensus that meeting in Orlando was an excellent idea; the group also concurred that the timing of the Mid-Year to be spaced more evenly on the calendar with the Annual Meeting is preferred.

Presidential Ponderings

- **NHTSA Strategic Plan** – Jim drew the group’s attention to comments submitted by NASEMSO last week.
- **CAAS Ambulance Design Standards** – earlier today the State EMS Directors had a forum and concluded that it is important for NASEMSO to advance its model guidelines project, to participate with CAAS, and to continue to participate with NFPA.
- **NAEMSP Anniversary** – NASEMSO should adopt a formal resolution during the 2014 Annual Meeting to recognize their organizational anniversary.

Executive Director’s Report

- Cooperative agreements continue to be labor intensive.
- The Interstate Compact project has consumed her time in recent weeks.

Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe reported that the council meeting focused on Health Information Exchange and a NEMSIS schematron. They considered evidence-based guidelines.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Joe Nelson (FL) shared that the council conducted a teleconference today and spoke about Wednesday’s Drug Shortage Summit which currently has about 25 registrants. The council is participating in NAEMSP’s Evidence-Based Guidelines development process. Dr. Sarah Napsinger (AL) will represent the group on a PAD Policy Committee. Dr. Nelson explained that earlier this year, NASEMSO *supported* the Hartford Consensus document, expressing its support along with suggesting content changes. Now, the Medical Directors Council recommends that NASEMSO accept the document in its current state but that any future deliberations or re-writes should include NASEMSO input prior to finalization.

ACTION: Joe Nelson moved, seconded by Dennis Blair that NASEMSO send a letter of endorsement for the Hartford Consensus Document, emphasizing that NASEMSO would like to be included in any future deliberations prior to finalization of the future document.

- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Dave Edwards (VA) reported about 23 in attendance this week. They spoke about the importance of being connected to rural EMS initiatives. They are working on an executive summary of the Safe Transport Guidelines included suggested ways to comply. They are exploring several ways to collaborate with other NASEMSO councils, and are seeking a 4-hour block to conduct a session on the mentorship tool kit.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart (TX) noted that they worked on model verification form for states to help identify military and spouse issues. They are also working on their mentor tool kit. They discussed first responders and community paramedicine minimum standards. They are collecting complaint investigation sample documents.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) shared various topics addressed by the council including verification and designation cycles, ICD-10, data validation,

response time for surgeons or other speciality. Performance measures and benchmarking.

ACTION: Rob Seesholtz reported that the American Trauma Society has approached the council about partnering and possibly co-branding the Trauma Information Exchange Program (TIEP). The Trauma Manager Council concurs that this is a good opportunity and is discussing details with ATS prior to making a formal recommendation to the NASEMSO Board. ATS has also offered to the council a seat on their board.

Rob also reported that the ACS green to orange cross-walk should be released very soon.

Standing Committee Highlights

- **Communications & Technology** – Paul Patrick reported that work with FirstNet, NPSTC and related groups is gratifying, especially the respect given to EMS.
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Dia Gainor shared that the committee is leading a new task within our DHS cooperative agreement on EMS Preparedness Improvement Strategies. It is anticipated that drafts will be available in advance of their June work group meeting.
- **Government Information** – Paul Patrick thanked Joe Schmider, Rob Seesholtz, Keith Wages and Tom Nehring for their initial work to shape NASEMSO's strategy.
- **HITS** – Keith mentioned the committee has not met since the February 13 Board meeting.
- **Rural EMS** – Tom Nehring noted that they will have an in-person meeting with JCREC during this NASEMSO Mid-Year.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Air Medical** – Greg Brown shared that 28 people joined their first committee call last week. He invited interested officials to join their in-person meeting this Wednesday.
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Dia noted that Mike Berg from Virginia EMS will lead the group to restore a monthly meeting pattern. Jim Grove from DHS is working with the committee to review an ambulance driving document and another document.
- **Education Agenda I-Team** – the implementation survey has been completed by all 50 states.
- **Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine** – (no report)
- **Specialty Certification** – (no report)

Regional Reports

- **East** – (no report)
- **West** – Kyle Thornton asked the group to welcome new Nevada director Steve TaFoya and Oregon's as well.
- **South Central** – Keith Wages indicated that the recent webinar on interstate compact was the most informative NASEMSO has ever conducted.

- **North Central** – Dia Gainor shared that Jack Fleearty (IL) will restore their monthly calls in April.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the forum concluded at 5:55 pm

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

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