

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2014**

Meeting Record

Present

Chris Bell (VT), East Region
Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer
Jim DeTienne (MT), President
Dave Edwards (VA), Pediatric Emergency
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Professional Stds
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

Jack Fleeharty (IL), North Central
Joe Nelson, DO (FL), Medical Directors

Also Present

Katrina Altenhofen (IA), PECC Alt
Beth Edgerton, MD, EMSC
Mike Berg (VA), AVL Chair
Lindsay Narloch (ND), Data Managers Alt
Joe Schmider (TX), Domestic
Preparedness Chair

Staff Present

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Dan Manz, Program Manager
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

Call to Order / Self-Introductions

President Jim DeTienne (MT) called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and Rachael Alter called roll; a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dennis Blair (AL) presented the April 10, 2014 Meeting Record. Rachael Alter (NASEMSO) asked that the record reflect that Lindsey Narloch is from North Dakota and Joe Schmider (TX) was present at the April meeting.

ACTION: Gary Brown (VA) moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton (NM) to approve the Record with amendments. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that receipts as of April 30, 2014 are \$1,313,432 including dues from 49 of 56 states and territories, interest and unrealized gains of \$40,578. Expenses are \$1,262,613 and a year-to-date excess of \$50,819 brings the current fund balance to \$896,265.

Gary reviewed Annual Meeting plans and indicated the Westin is currently under a major renovation and they hope to have a reservation link for us by the end of the month. ImageTrend has agreed to a \$6,000 sponsorship, and are providing displays featuring data from 30 different states. Also new is a Presidents Reception. Paul Patrick (UT) noted that Public Health Preparedness conference is at the same time, so there may be some conflict. For future planning, that conference will be this same week every year. Joe Schmider (TX) asked about the state chotsky exchange, and Jim is planning to hold this again.

Presidential Ponderings

- **FICEMS State Director Representative** – Jim DeTienne congratulated Joe Schmider on filling the state EMS director representative vacancy at FICEMS.
- **Washington Update** – Jim also praised Kathy Robinson (NASEMSO) for the effort put into publishing the Washington Update, noting that it is one of the many highlights that come out of this organization.
- **Nominations Committee** – Jim encouraged the regions to get nomination out for consideration. Paul Patrick needs nominations by July 1st.

Executive Director's Report

- **REPLICA Seminar** – Dia Gainor (NASEMSO Exec Director) reminded the board to register for the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA) Seminar to be held in Chicago on June 10th.
- **Ambulance Manufacturer Division of NTEA Meeting** – This group will co-locate their fall meeting with NASEMSO's Annual Meeting as they did last year in Nashville. Dia asks the Board to be sure to reach out and thank them for their support.
- **NEMSAC** – Meeting was held last week and lots of committee work is in progress. JNEMSLF asked that NEMSAC look at a Data Agenda for the Future. They agreed to work on refinements to the Education Agenda for the Future. Dia testified expressing dismay for removal of proposed language that would have emphasized the importance of the states' roles in advancing the agenda, and the dilution of existing language in another section along the same lines. Another comment opportunity is forthcoming.
- **MAP21 Authorization** – State highway transportation officials are compiling a synopsis related to injury severity and what will be expected of them by 2020, with comments due in June. Specifically they are looking at linkage and whether or not states can move away from the law enforcement officer on scene recording the severity of injury.
- **New NASEMSO Projects** – Dia reported that there are now six contracts in various stages of development. Proposals have been submitted to NHTSA on: CAP6 – related to undertakings related to returning veterans; CAP7 – to develop a robust series of performance measures for EMS with the Institute for Healthcare Innovation and other relevant agencies; and CAP8 – placing a half-time EMS fellow in the NHTSA Region 1 and 10 offices to work on improving relationships on a state-by-state basis between state offices of highway safety and state EMS offices. We are working on two proposals for competitive awards with NHTSA, which will be brought to the Board for approval: CAPY – Promoting Innovation in EMS; and CAPZ – Advanced Automatic Collision Notification for Medical Directors. Lastly, NASEMSO submitted the paperwork to become a vendor with the state of Massachusetts and we have been requested to perform a state EMS system consultation there later this summer.

Federal Partner Reports

- **NHTSA** – No NHTSA Staff on the call
- **HRSA EMS for Children** – Beth Edgerton reported that HRSA has moved to a new space. They recently had a site visit in the Virgin Islands to help them strengthen

their program with the departure of Selwyn Mahon. Next week HRSA staff will be traveling with NHTSA to Alaska for a site visit. The Pacific Islands continue their regional activity with issues specific to their remoteness and the health information exchange. The EMS for Children Grantee Meeting will be held the last week in July, and will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Program. HRSA is working with the regional EMS for Children leads to address issues that are relevant within their specific regions. HRSA is still working on next generation pre-hospital performance measures.

Action Items

- **Draft NASEMSO Comments for NFPA 1917 1st Revision Report** – Michael Berg (VA – AVL Chair) reported that a subgroup of the AVL Committee reviewed the 1st revision to NFPA 1917 and made [comments](#) on items that were ‘objectionable’.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton that staff write a letter to request a 1-year delay in implementation. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **GSA KKK Change Order #6** – Ambulance manufacturers have been working with NIOSH on safety standards, and three new standards (cot retention, seating systems, and equipment mounts) are open for public comment until May 21. These new standards will increase ambulance costs by \$15-\$40,000 (these would be a purchasing spec, not retro-fit). We can’t change the standard, but the AVL Committee is requesting that NASEMSO submit a letter asking for a 1-year delay, as the current lead time of July 1, 2014 is impractical.

ACTION: Brett Hart (TX) moved, seconded by Gary Brown to submit the comments as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Draft Comments on the 2015-2018 National Health Security Strategy** – Joe Schmider (Domestic Preparedness Committee Chair) reported that EMS is missing throughout this document, and has been lumped into emergency management. The Domestic Preparedness (DP) Committee recommends that ‘emergency management’ be changed to ‘emergency services’ as well as ‘train’ changed to ‘educate’. They also commented that we should be teaching the general population how to treat a sick family member before the disaster hits.

ACTION: Brett Hart moved, seconded by Dennis Blair to submit the comments as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Draft NASEMSO Comment Opportunity on Patient Decontamination** – Joe Schmider reported that this is a good document but they need to consider medical guidelines. Also, they need to make sure that the public understands what they are saying, and the DP Committee is recommending that they create an Executive Summary. Leslee Spencer-Stein (NASEMSO Staff) also noted that there is no section

on psychological impact on either the first responder or the public, and they would like to see that.

ACTION: Brett Hart moved, seconded by Rob Seesholtz (TN) to submit the comments as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Request for Endorsement of the new Towards Zero Deaths National Strategy** – Keith Wages (GA) advised the Board that the Highway Incident & Transportation Systems (HITS) Committee would like to draft a resolution for the Annual Meeting in support of the new Toward Zero Deaths National Strategy. Jim acknowledged both Dia & the HITS Committee for their hard work in making sure that EMS was represented in the document.

ACTION: Keith Wages moved, seconded by Chris Bell (NH) that NASEMSO endorse the Towards Zero Deaths Strategy and draft a resolution. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Air Medical** – (no report)
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – nothing aside from the Action Items to report.
- **Education Agenda I-Team** – (no report)
- **Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine** – (no report)
- **Specialty Certification** – Joe Schmider reported that the committee is making great progress with a flow chart and they hope to have something to present to the Board within the next few months.
- **Radiological Alliance** – Chris Bell mentioned that he sits on this Alliance as the NASEMSO representative and they are asking that for provider input on a survey and would like to know if we will review it and then distribute to providers national (survey will asks questions about gaps in knowledge and products that they assist with). The Board determined that there is no issue with Chris assisting with this survey and bringing it back for Board approval.
- **Rural Consortium** – Chris Bell noted that this group is asking about a tactical emergency medicine course (offered through California and endorsed by ACEP). They are looking for insight/feedback from state EMS offices on whether it is universally accepted amongst peers, and then they will decide whether or not to include it in their catalogue. Joe Schmider offered that the DP committee can look at the course and will give their feedback.

Regional Reports

- **East** – Chris Bell reported that they met on May 6th and the region is excited that they will be receiving one of the NHTSA fellows (CAP 8). Chris also mentioned that the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness is looking for field provider input on gaps in knowledge and how the Alliance can help fill those gaps. The Board agreed that it is acceptable for Christ to assist with the survey and bring it back to the board for approval. Additionally, the Rural Consortium is reviewing a tactical emergency medicine course, offered through California and endorsed by ACEP. They are looking

to NASEMSO to determine if it is widely accepted/recognized by EMS officials in order to help inform them on whether or not to include it in their catalog. They are not asking for endorsement. Joe Schmider will take the information to the Domestic Preparedness Committee and get feedback from them.

- **West** – Kyle Thornton reported that they had a call 3 weeks ago and will ask members to think about nominations.
- **South Central** – Keith Wages indicated that they will have a call in a week and are holding an in-person meeting June 2-3 in Biloxi.
- **North Central** – Dia noted that they had a call on the 7th and will begin meeting monthly.

Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – Lindsey Narloch (ND) reported that they are working on getting some workgroups up and running. Many were worried that the delay in ICD-10 implementation would affect NEMSIS V3 rollout, but have been re-assured by NEMSIS that this will not be an issue for EMS. A document is in development on questions agencies should ask vendors before they sign any contracts.
- **Medical Directors** – (no report)
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart noted that they are forming a distance education workgroup and working on investigations.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – (no report)
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) shared that there was TMC and NASEMSO representation at both the Committee on Trauma meeting in Philadelphia and the Joint Trauma meeting in Chicago. The full council currently has eight active items they are working towards.

Standing Committee Highlights

- **Communications & Technology** – (no report)
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider noted that their next conference call will be May 20th.
- **Government Information** – Paul Patrick reported that the committee proposes that NASEMSO form a GIC and invite others who were involved in Advocates for EMS, with the goal to serve as permanent advocacy. Paul recommends that this suggestion be discussed at each regional meeting for input (with comments back to this committee before June) at which point they will form an actionable item.
- **HITS** – (no report)
- **Rural EMS** – (no report)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:19 pm

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Rachael Alter.

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