

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, July 10, 2014**

**Meeting Record**

**Present**

Katrina Altenhofen (IA), PECC Alt  
Chris Bell (VT), East Region  
Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary  
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Jim DeTienne (MT), President  
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Professional Stds  
Joe Nelson, (FL) Medical Directors  
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect  
Kyle Thornton (NM), West Region  
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Managers  
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers  
Keith Wages (GA), South Central

**Absent**

Jack Fleeharty (IL), North Central  
Dave Edwards (VA), PECC

**Also Present**

Lee Burns (NY), East Alt.  
Joe Ferrell, EPSC Alt  
Andy Gienapp (WY), West Alt.  
Tom Nehring (ND), Rural EMS Chair  
Joe Schmider (TX), Domestic Prep Chair

**Staff Present**

Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Beth Armstrong, Exec VP  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manager  
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager

**Call to Order / Self-Introductions**

President Jim DeTienne (MT) called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm and Beth Armstrong called roll; a quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Dennis Blair (AL) presented the June 12, 2014 Meeting Record.

**ACTION:** Katrina Altenhofen moved, seconded by Gary Brown to approve the Record as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that 12-months total revenue as of June 30, 2014 is \$1,625,156 and expenses are \$1,516,040. Net revenue is reported at \$109,115 and the current fund balance is \$954,560. The balance sheet includes \$52,570.19 in accounts receivable, investments of \$743,529.82 and cash of \$231,339.53.

**Program Committee Report**

Gary Brown reported that the program content has been finalized, the optional outing will occur Wednesday at the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame.

The 2015 Mid-Year Meeting will occur April 20-22 in San Antonio, TX.

## Presidential Ponderings

- **IAFC and the Field EMS Bill** – IAFC has expressed concerns about the funding mechanism of the Field EMS Bill and with the proposed federal home. NAEMT has drafted a letter to be issued along with NAEMSP, NASEMSO, NEMSMA, NAEMSE and ACEP inviting IAFC officials to have an in-person discussion.

**ACTION:** President DeTienne will convey that NASEMSO will participate in the meeting with IAFC, but will not sign on to the invitation letter unless the antagonistic tone is changed. Alternatively, NASEMSO will communicate directly with IAFC.

- **Bridge-building within the EMS Community** – President DeTienne asked for thoughts on how to increase collaboration within the community. It was suggested that a partnerships theme be considered for the NASEMSO 2015 Mid-Year Meeting.
- **AEMS Board** – meets next week.

## Executive Director's Report

- **OSHA Emergency Response and Preparedness Stakeholder Meeting** – Kathy Robinson will represent NASEMSO at the July .
- **NREMT Board Vacancy** – NASEMSO is asked to propose four candidates to replace the seat vacated by Brian Litza.
- **FEMA Meeting to Establish a National Mutual Aid System** – Dia represented NASEMSO June 25-26 in DC. She made a presentation about the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact (REPLICA).
- **NHTSA Pending Cooperative Agreements** – Dia shared that NASEMSO has submitted proposed projects on EMS performance measures, to embed EMS fellows in regions 1 and 10, and on military-civilian transition issues.
- **Pinnacle** – later this month in Scottsdale
- **Federated Associations of Regulatory Boards** – Leadership Conference in Chicago.

## Federal Partner Reports

- **NHTSA** – No NHTSA Staff on the call
- **HRSA EMS for Children** - No HRSA Staff on the call

## Action Items

- **Joint Reply Comment to FCC on Cellular 9-1-1 Indoor Location Accuracy** – Kevin McGinnis spoke about proposed comments including requiring location accuracy to 50 meters horizontally and 3 meters vertically.

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Paul Sharpe to support the input as described. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Government Information Committee Advocacy and Strategy Recommendations** – recommendations include that the committee would be

chaired by the Past President and that committee membership would include partners. The strategy is “we achieve our mission by participation of all the states and territories while being a strong national voice for EMS.” The Goal would be to “Serve as a permanent advocacy and governmental affairs information group for EMS.”

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, seconded by Chris Bell to accept the recommendations. Jim DeTienne will chair a work group to advance the effort. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Travel Assistance Awards** – Gary Brown reported that they have received a record number of travel support requests, and are recommending that 19 of the 28 be funded.

**ACTION:** Joe Nelson moved, seconded by Brett Hart to approve the awards. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ACTION:** Chris Bell withdrew the travel support request for the VT EMS data manager and education & professional standards manager and moved, seconded by Paul Patrick to allocate an additional \$10,000 be spent if needed to support travel of additional state EMS personnel who have applied. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **Regional Reports**

- **East** – Lee Burns shared that the region had a spirited discussion regarding involvement of former EMS directors in the association. They concluded that an “ex officio” membership status be conferred only to “the best of the best.”
- **West** – Kyle Thornton asked colleagues to provide feedback on the recent influx of illegal immigrants.
- **South Central** – Keith Wages noted that the next meeting is next week.
- **North Central** – No report.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- **Air Medical** – No report.
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – No report.
- **Education Agenda I-Team** – No report.
- **Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine** – Jim noted that they meet every other month and he is suggesting changes to the committee. It has been a very inclusive group that makes it hard to manage, and he suggests it be made a little more state-centric in order to be more effective and manageable. He suggests they meet the fourth Monday of each month at 3:00 pm Eastern time.
- **Specialty Certification** – Joe Schmider reported that a task force call will occur in a few weeks with a full committee call in the next month.

### **Standing Committee Highlights**

- **Communications & Technology** – No report.

- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider noted that they met yesterday. Mel House (OH) and John Donovan (MD) will draft an EMAC sample budget for state EMS office use. They focused on border issues. The EMS Preparedness Gap Analysis project is nearing completion.
- **Government Information** – No report.
- **HITS** – Keith Wages pointed out that the EMS and highway safety connection web site has launched – there is a link on the NASEMSO front page.
- **Rural EMS** – Tom Nehring reported that they have been meeting with JCREC. He and Andy have been working to put together a national rural EMS conference in Cheyenne WY in May 2015. They had their first planning meeting yesterday.

### Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe indicates that they have completed their annual meeting agenda. Their Data Quality Work Group is finishing data quality rules to support the Version 3.0 standard. Another work group is providing additional clarity on Version 3.0 items. They will be going through all the public comments received by NEMSIS for suggested changes to the update to Version 3.0.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Joe Nelson indicated that they met July 7 and welcomed two new members, Dr. Steve Patrano (NJ) and Dr. Souzzi (NH). They discussed an issue brief on Use of Naloxone. They will forward recommended CoAEMSP nominees and also nominees to the Education Agenda Distance Education Group.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart noted their annual meeting agenda will be completed soon.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katrina Altenhofen reported that the Council is finalizing agenda and mentorship workshop for AM.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) reported that group met last week and is working on their AM agenda. Orange book cross-walk is progressing and will be ready for distribution soon.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:22 pm at the motion and second of Keith Wages and Paul Sharpe respectively, with unanimous support.

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

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