

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, June 11, 2015  
**Meeting Record**



**PRESENT**

Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Lee Burns (NY) for Chris Bell (VT), East  
Jim DeTienne (MT), Immed Past President  
Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC  
Andy Gienapp (WY), West Region  
Carolina Roberts Santana MD for  
Katherine Hert (AL), PEC Chair-elect  
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers  
Peter Taillac MD (UT) Medical Directors  
Keith Wages (GA), President-elect  
Alisa Williams (MS), South Central Region  
Sherri Wren (NE), Trauma Managers

**ABSENT**

Joe House (KS), North Central Region  
Paul Patrick (UT), President

Kyle Thornton (NM), Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT**

Carol Cunningham MD (OH), Clinical  
Guidelines co-PI  
Fred Hornby (WI), EMSC Chair-elect  
Rich Kamin MD (NH), Clinical Guidelines  
co-PI  
Joe Schmider (TX), Domestic Prep.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Beth Armstrong, EVP  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager

**CALL TO ORDER / AGENDA REVIEW / SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

President-elect Keith Wages (GA) called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM Eastern time and Beth Armstrong called roll; a quorum was present. The agenda was reviewed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

On behalf of Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM), Beth Armstrong presented the May 14, 2015 Meeting Record.

**ACTION:** Paul Sharpe moved, seconded by Jim DeTienne to approve the Record as corrected. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Financial Performance** – Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of May 31, 2015, the total income from operations is \$1.4 million with expenses of \$1.57 million resulting in a net deficit of (-\$110,235). There are \$853,424 net assets as of May 31. It was noted that this status is usual for this time of year, which is the valley of NASEMSO's annual cash flow cycle and pends dues and exhibit fees expected in the next few months.

**Program Committee Report** – Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee met this week to fine-tune the Annual Meeting plans. Their next meeting is July 7. He drew the group's attention to a new web feature highlighting speakers and additional workshop details.

He shared that there are currently 9 applicants for travel support for the Fall Meeting and reminded that the application deadline is June 22. Rogilio Martinez will lead the poster presentations/abstract process this year. He is suggesting that entries be categorized into 1.) Innovation, 2.) Performance Improvement, 3.) Customer Service and 4.) Intervention.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, seconded by Joe Ferrell approve this recommendation. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The Fall Meeting program plans are in place for Louisville. The poster/abstract competition submission deadline is August 31. Dr. Taillac mentioned that it is very difficult to provide “blinded reviews” on poster submissions and the group may want to reconsider this approach. The suggestion will be pass along to the group working on the abstracts process. The business session will occur on Thursday and Friday will be reserved for “late-breaking” issues and presentations. He described an optional outing at Churchill Downs and noted that funding is still being sought to support the optional outing as a means to reduce the event fees for members.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- **CAP 1** – we await final execution of Year 5 paperwork; the activity is technically already underway as of May 26. Several weeks ago we submitted a revised document detailing tasks and deadlines, along with the budget.
- **CAP 5** – site visits will be completed this month to collect evaluation data on the pediatric toolkit.
- **CAP 6** – the pinnacle of workload was completed in April in San Antonio with a very productive Stakeholders Meeting. The MOU for state sign-on has been drafted. A data definitions work group draft has been submitted to NHTSA last month and their response is pending.
- **CAP 7** – a virtual steering committee and in-person technology design meeting has occurred this month.
- **CAP X** – Rachael shared that the draft documents to implement evidence based guidelines has been circulated. WY, AZ and TN have rolled out training.
- **Pending Project Considerations** – Dia shared that staff has been working on various funding applications.
  - An EMS health IT project that may be awarded by ONCHIT to define the electronic equivalent of the “short form” that EMS personnel might leave on paper at an ED and conversely the data that a hospital (presumably ED) would provide back to the EMS agency.
  - A small grant that may be available from NIST to summarize the various ambulance design and ambulance testing resources that have been released in recent past and package the information in an electronic interactive format.
  - A cooperative agreement application opportunity related to EMS personnel fatigue.
  - A subcontract from ASTHO to work on ASPR-driven interests related to EMS rules and transport agency designation for patients with confirmed or

- suspected of serious infectious diseases. An assessment of the feasibility of the state licensure process might also be used to evaluate readiness.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> generation strategy building on the EMS Preparedness Improvement Strategy goals.
- A cooperative agreement specific to state EMS office and tribal EMS relationships and promising practices.
- **2016 Board Retreat** – Beth Armstrong presented options for facilities in Baltimore, MD and Alexandria, VA. The proposed meeting dates are December 15-16, 2015.

ACTION: Sherri Wren moved that the meeting occur in Alexandria again; Gary Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- **South Central Region Meeting** – Dia thanked the region for including her in the gathering and encouraged other regions to have a similar in-person meeting.

### **NASEMSO LIAISON REPORTS**

- **Federal Partners** – (no reports).

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- **NASEMSO Letter to the Editor** – Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dr. Rich Kamin and Dr. Peter Taillac commented on the recent JEMS article “ACEP Policies Lead to Evidence-Based Medicine” and submitted a draft response for Board consideration.

ACTION: Jim DeTienne moved, seconded by Peter Taillac to submit the letter as presented, pending any refinements by the Executive Committee. The letter can be submitted under the signature of the NASEMSO project co-principal investigators or under the signature of the president. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **NASEMSO National Model Clinical Guidelines** – Doctors Cunningham and Kamin presented an outline for future development, maintenance and growth. They proposed to form a work group to establish a maintenance plan.
- **National Strategy for EMS Specialty Certification** – Alisa Williams proposed that NASEMSO staff pursue funding to support implementing the project. **Kathy Robinson will organize a follow-up discussion on this topic prior to the next Board meeting.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **NFPA EMS Officer Proposal** – Kathy Robinson brought to the Board’s attention that NFPA has proposed an EMS officer standard. The Education & Professional Standards Council discussed it last week and noted existing materials and programs relevant to this type of position. NEMSMA is currently working with a publisher to produce a text, in fact. A draft letter to NFPA was circulated via the Board’s web site. No objections or edits were noted.

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – The Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (Change Order #8) comment collection period for medium and heavy duty trucks soon expires. NASEMSO continues to advocate for occupant restraints and litter-retention systems that have been proven effective in frontal and side impact collisions.
- **Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine Committee** – Jim DeTienne mentioned they reviewed data collected recently and submitted a report to NHTSA for approval.

## Regional Reports

- **East** – Lee Burns mentioned that the region will convene later this month via teleconference.
- **West** – (no report)
- **North Central** – (no report)
- **South Central** – Alisa Williams (MS) shared that the region met in Memphis earlier this week. Discussion focused on specialty certification and REPLICA. Three states (LA, MS, and TN) will pursue it this legislative season. They also addressed EMS for Children injury prevention priorities such as heat stroke; military to civilian practitioner transition; disaster preparedness and Ebola transportation plan assembled by ASPR (noted lacked of EMS input on the plan); FEMA National Ambulance Contract and impact on their region.

## Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe reported that NHTSA approved the proposed timeline adjustments for NEMSIS v3 implementation. They have met once since the May Board meeting and addressed extended definition and the mentor initiative.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Joe Ferrell shared that their full council met yesterday and the steering committee will meet next month; they are drafting a white paper on competency assessment. A new resource guide will help address states concerns related to distance education. System implementation survey will assess states' clinical and field concerns.
- **Medical Directors** – (no report)
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Dr. Carolina Roberts Santana noted that they met last Tuesday.
- **Trauma Managers** – Sherri Wren said they will meet next week and work on speakers for their Fall Meeting program.

## Standing Committee Highlights

- **Air Medical** – Kathy Robinson reported that they are still working on model rules and now must ensure they don't conflict with any content from the recently released FAA documents. Preliminary discussion regarding CAMTS developing a "medical only"

cert indicated that CAMTS is opposed to removing safety oriented language and criteria from their existing standards.

- **Communications and Technology**- (no report)
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider asked the Board for permission to submit comments on “CDC Guidelines on Developing Plans to Transport Ebola Patients.” CDC gave only a week for response.

**ACTION:** The Executive Committee will act whenever the DP Committee has drafted input.

- **Government Information** – Jim DeTienne noted that the Committee is continuing to clean up NASEMSO’s liaison assignments, and is drafting a tool to help with advocacy.
- **HITS** – Mary Hedges shared that they met yesterday and heard presentations by Dave Hardin (AZ) and Dr. David Lehrfeld (OR).
- **Rural EMS** – (no report)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:43 pm ET.

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

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