

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, April 12, 2018  
**Meeting Record**



**PRESENT**

**Officers:**

President: Keith Wages (GA)  
Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)  
President-elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)  
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)  
Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)  
At-large and South: Donna Tidwell (TN)

**Regions:**

West: Wayne Denny (ID)  
East: Jason Rhodes (RI)  
Western Plains: Andy Gienapp (WY)  
Great Lakes: Kathy Wahl (MI)

**Councils:**

Trauma Managers: Carole Mays (MD)  
Personnel Licensure: Helen Pullen (WI)

**ABSENT**

Data: Kevin Putman (MI)  
Medical Directors: Ken Williams MD (RI)  
Pediatric: Carolina Roberts-Santana M.D. (RI)  
Health and Medical Prep: Joe Schmider (TX)

**Members:**

Jim DeTienne (MT) NASEMSO Past President  
Terrie Godde (MI), Education Committee  
Mel House (OH), Great Lakes Vice Chair  
Steve McCoy (FL), HITS Chair

**Federal Partners:**

HRSA: Theresa Morrison Quinata  
NHTSA: Dr. Jon Krohmer (partial)

**Staff:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER / SELF INTRODUCTIONS**

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Eastern time. Beth Armstrong called roll and noted a quorum was present.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – On behalf of Secretary Alisa Williams, Keith Wages referenced the previous meeting minutes and invited a motion to approve them.

**ACTION:** Donna Tidwell moved, seconded by Kathy Wahl to approve the March 8, 2018 meeting record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Financial Status** –Treasurer Gary Brown reported that as of March 31, 2018 NASEMSO had total assets of \$865,877. Operational income is \$1.2 million and expenses are \$1.4 million yielding a \$131,147 deficit (taking into account the unrealized gains and dividends). He noted this was anticipated and that with federal contract invoicing, Spring Meeting and sponsorship revenue for the period, these figures are likely to change. He indicated that the statements are posted on the website.

Gary briefed the Board on the 2018-19 budget including member services and a dues adjustment. Our adopted budget includes an increase in state EMS office package dues to \$3,000. A series of educational materials will be released to members in this regard beginning next week. Topics will cover how to take advantage of the benefits and get the most out of membership.

**Program Committee** – Gary Brown encouraged colleagues to register for the “Taste of Rhode Island” outing at the Rhode Island State House. All information is on the website. The poster abstract deadline is April 20; Mary Hedges reminded that hotel reservations should be made immediately.

### **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Keith asked Jim DeTienne to address a concern about Federal State Medical Board consideration of a resolution April 26-28, and a recommendation that medical boards seek ways to collaborate, in lieu of their resolution.

**ACTION:** The NASEMSO position will be re-circulated to state EMS offices immediately to help with coordination with their state medical boards as appropriate.

### **FEDERAL PARTNERS REPORT**

**EMSC** – Tee noted that they have released state partnership grant awards to 58 recipients proportionately based on the first continuing resolution. When the remainder of the funds are released, they will be distributed.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**NEPS** – Dia Gainor reported that with four months remaining, all year-to-date deliverables have been submitted on time, most recently a background paper on Learning Management Systems in use at state offices and their characteristics. In development now is a strategic planning template, and NASEMSO continues to seek info (i.e. promising practices) on EMS workforce.

**SOP Model Revision** – Kathy Robinson reported that a 3rd national engagement will be released shortly with the final deliverable to NHTSA in July.

**Fatigue in EMS** – Kathy Robinson noted the Guidelines have been well-received. *Prehospital Emergency Care* subscribers should have received the print version of the supplement recently.

**ASPR Transport of Highly Infectious Patients** – Leslee Stein Spencer reported that the template and exercise design deliverables have been submitted and are waiting for approval from ASPR.

**Baylor EIIC** – Rachael Alter shared that this week she met with Manish Shah, Sam Vance; Rachael has been assigned 13 states to provide technical assistance and site visits to states west of the Rockies.

**National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness** – Joe Ferrell indicated that seven states

have signed on, with two more to join shortly. Data is being delivered and reports are being generated. Biospatial will be in Providence.

**Field Trauma Triage** – a data submission request will be released so that an analysis can occur.

**REPLICA** – Sue Prentiss reported that the public notice has been released for the upcoming meeting in May. She provided status details on legislation in South Carolina, New Hampshire, Missouri, Nebraska and Louisiana.

**NHTSA Naloxone Evidence-Based Guideline** – Mary Hedges indicated that the project team met in person in January in conjunction with the NAEMSP conference. They meet monthly via teleconference to create a model protocol for EMS based on an EBG and are currently grading the evidence – due September 28, 2018.

**Safe Transport of Children Crash Test** – Mary Hedges shared that a small work group met in person at NASEMSO HQ including Treasurer Gary Brown; the assembly worked on the crash test project and the meeting was funded by Maryland EMSC.

**ACS-COT Records Linkage Joint Policy Statement** – Dia Gainor noted that NASEMSO has received a sub-award from the American College of Surgeons to develop a joint statement. One face-to-face meeting is planned on May 7 and there will be conversation in Providence including ACS COT representatives.

**Updated web site** – The next draft of the website will be unveiled in Providence.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Next NEPS Projects** – Dia Gainor reporting. A survey was distributed to states to weigh in on priorities. She noted very few will be funded but the leadership is focusing on 1 or 2 robust projects, rather than a laundry list of smaller, more time consuming/labor intensive initiatives. 34 states responded and the results were shared with the Board. EBG development and model attrition resources received the highest votes. Beth Armstrong and Kyle Thornton are meeting with NHTSA today. The Board suggested we share entire list/results with NHTSA and seek their input; add 2 states that missed survey deadline.

**Considerations for NEMSIS Operations and Contract** – Rachael Alter and Dia Gainor reporting. A recent survey to the states had a low response rate even though it will serve as the backbone for DMC discussion in Providence. The question at hand was how NASEMSO should convey contractual requirements concerns to NHTSA when we haven't been asked for input. Steve McCoy suggested taking the concerns in the document and formatting them as tasks/deliverables, not as demands. Steve volunteered to assist.

**Opportunity to “Barter” with the International Wireless Communications Expo** – Kevin McGinnis reporting. The Expo is an annual major event with a focus on public safety and wireless communication. In May, the coalition will host “Internet of Things - Saving Lives.” They are offering discounts for NASEMSO members and a free registration to attend in exchange for NASEMSO logo use, blast email to members, and mention on NASEMSO Calendar. We would be the only EMS group.

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick moved and Donna Tidwell seconded to approve. There were no objections and the vote passed unanimously.

**Invitation to become an OSHA Safe + Sound Campaign Partner** – Dia Gainor reporting. NASEMSO received an invitation from OSHA to encourage safety and health programs with participation in a promo week in August and help disseminating info. OSHA will help tailor communications for EMS.

**ACTION:** Based on a motion by Kathy Wahl and second by Donna Tidwell to approve/participate, the motion passed unanimously.

**Bylaws amendment ratification and process** – Dia Gainor reporting. An inconsistency was identified in the bylaws with regard to regional leadership positions that could be resolved in Providence with a bylaws amendment. Two options were presented.

**ACTION:** Based on a motion by Kathy Wahl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Tidwell to adopt “option 2” and to include the provision for voting at the end of the regional meeting, the motion passed unanimously. (This will result in giving members advance notice with a formal vote in May.)

**Draft JCREC letter to the Joint Commission regarding the designation of Thrombectomy Capable Hospitals** – Andy Gienapp reporting. This issue originated from stakeholders in WY that identified the potential for primary vs comprehensive stroke centers with thrombectomy capable hospitals in between. The group noted the patient volume suggested by the Joint Commission was arbitrary and potentially eliminates rural hospitals that can’t make quota. A draft letter from JCREC was presented that describes concerns. Carole Mays mentioned that other groups are writing similar guidelines and recommendations, have they been included in discussions? That information was not known.

**ACTION:** Based on a motion by Andy Gienapp and second by Kathy Wahl, the Board voted unanimously to approve the JCREC letter as written.

**NASEMSO Board Recommendation to CAPCE about CAPCE Membership Bylaws** – Dia reporting. NASEMSO ended up with two seats on the CAPCE Board when we merged with NCSEMSTC. The question at hand is whether to continue to fund two positions and how they should be described in CAPCE bylaws (i.e. generic or assigned to directors, education committee, etc.) Because there is no urgency to address this issue, discussion was postponed until the Board meeting in Providence.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**ACS COT Minimum Trauma System Standards Survey: 2017-02 Trauma Resolution; Trauma Committee Feedback on NASEM Report; Survey on ACS Proposals** – Carole Mays reporting. The purpose of the discussion was to refresh the Board’s memory on opinions previously expressed by the TMC with regard to national trauma systems of care (in response to the NASEM report.) Several attachments were reviewed and the Board is encouraged to join a discussion in Providence at the TMC meeting.

### **Regional Fall Meetings now on the NASEMSO website**

It was noted that the date/location is only tentative for the south region.

**PEC manuscript submittal for NHTSA Cooperative Agreement: Statewide Implementation of a Prehospital Care Guideline** – Rachael reporting. Contract deliverable was to submit a manuscript. A draft was provided by no feedback was received from NHTSA. Plan to submit with courtesy notice to NHTSA.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

No additional items were offered.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m. Eastern time at the motion of Paul Patrick.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO EVP Beth Armstrong and Program Manager Kathy Robinson.*