

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, June 12, 2014**

**Meeting Record**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

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

Kyle Thornton (NM), West Region

**Also Present**

Joe Ferrell, EPSC Alt  
Joe Schmider (TX), Domestic  
Preparedness Chair

**Staff Present**

Kathy Robinson, Program Manager  
Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Beth Armstrong, Exec VP  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager  
Sue Denston, Meetings Manager

**Call to Order / Self-Introductions**

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

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Dennis Blair (AL) presented the May 8, 2014 Meeting Record. Kathy Robinson (NASEMSO) asked that the record reflect that she was present for the May meeting and provided updates on the air medical committee and Education Agenda I-Team. Rob Seesholtz also offered that the Trauma Managers Council report should reflect that the JTC currently has 8 active items.

**ACTION:** Dennis Blair moved, seconded by Katrina Altenhofen to approve the Record as amended. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that YTD total revenue as of May 31, 2014 is \$1,476,172 and expenses are \$1,362,604. Net revenue is reported at \$113,568 and the current fund balance is \$983,883.95

**Program Committee Report**

Gary Brown reviewed the Annual Meeting plans, thanking Mel House for chairing Program Meeting earlier this week. The updated program has been posted on the NASEMSO web site. Dr. Brendan Carr has been confirmed as the luncheon session speaker. The Boston

Marathon session has been replaced with an overview of the Arkansas response to tornadoes by Greg Brown. The OH Governor will greet the participants. Carol has arranged for musical accompaniment for the opening reception. Meeting travel applications are now available. Board members, council and committee chairs, will receive priority consideration. The applications are due July 1. Poster Competition- Board members were reminded of the poster session, new this year. Additional information is available on the web site. So far, 10 booths and 3 vehicle spots have been sold. It was reported that the government per diem rates are sold out at the hotel; member rooms are still available.

San Antonio looks promising for MY 2015.

### **Presidential Ponderings**

- Deferred

### **Executive Director's Report**

- **FICEMS Meeting** – NASEMSO will be in attendance at June meeting and acknowledges Mr. Schmider as the new state EMS director rep.
- **Performance Measures Cooperative Agreement** - This project was started several years ago. A preliminary report was published in 2009. We are currently working with NHTSA for a 2-year project for a contemporary revision that hinges on NEMSIS 3 compliance.
- **Innovations Grant Application** – an announcement was provided at the NEMSAC Meeting in April to create guidance/playbook for states and others to work on criteria, financial viability for piloting ideas.
- **REPLICA Seminar** – Dia Gainor summarized the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA) Seminar held in Chicago on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 50 attendees including state attorneys were present.

### **Federal Partner Reports**

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

### **Action Items**

- **Request for NASEMSO Endorsement of ASTHO Guiding Principles for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant (PHHSBG)**

Dia Gainor reporting. The document is on the Board's web site and reflects an opportunity to states to apply for block grant funds. Some content is "motherhood and apple pie", but it is not EMS specific. She notes 8 areas where EMS could "plug in". There is no deadline for endorsement but a timely response is encouraged. Chris Bell notes the document has already been disseminated publicly by ASTHO.

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Gary Brown to endorse the ASTHO document. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Draft Comments on FHWA National-level Safety Performance Measures**

Dia Gainor and Mary Hedges reporting. DOT relies on a 5-year appropriation from Congress, which requires measurement of serious injuries and not just fatalities. Dia noted that the expectations record linkage as a component for performance and that it is critical that we file public comment. Mary provided an overview of the proposed comments, available on the Board web site. Input from the Data Managers on data linkages was included. The deadline for comments is June 30.

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Joe Nelson to alert state directors on support of NEMSIS 3 and submit the comments as presented. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **NAEMT Request for Comments on draft position statement “Consistent State EMS Licensure Requirements”**

The National Association of EMTs has asked NASEMSO to support their position statement on EMS licensure requirements. Brett Hart noted that EPSC is already working on this issue. Brett, Joe Ferrell, Chris Bell, and Joe Schmider volunteered to participate in discussions. Dia suggested that there is a need to identify why, purpose, and intended audience.

**ACTION:** Kathy Robinson will serve as the point of contact and coordinate a call for additional NASEMSO reps to participate in a working group with NAEMT.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- **Air Medical** – (no report)
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Dia Gainor reporting on the Vehicle Standards meeting. It is still several months until a final draft is available so ample opportunity for comments.
- **Education Agenda I-Team** – Kathy Robinson reporting. The I-Team (members) has been integrated into EPSC and PECC activities. The project is winding down Year 2 activities: the peds toolkit, model reciprocity form, storyboard, and article are nearly completed.
- **Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine** – The last meeting was deferred due to technical difficulties and will be rescheduled.
- **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.

### **Regional Reports**

- **East** – Chris Bell briefly reported on issues from their recent meeting.
- **West** – No report.
- **South Central** – Keith Wages provided an overview of the region’s in-person meeting June 2-3 in Biloxi. Air medical, model EMS guidelines, and distance education were topics of discussion. They hope to make the in-face meeting an annual event.
- **North Central** – No report.

## Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – No report
- **Medical Directors** – Peter Taillac reporting. Washington University is seeking a PAD Representative. Sarah Nafsinger ASK MARY. The Council is currently working on their AM agenda, the model guidelines are reported to be ahead of schedule after review of extensive input. The final draft should be ready by June 15.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart further elaborated on the I-Team report including progress on the model reciprocity form.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katrina Altenhofen reported that the Council is finalizing agenda and mentorship workshop for AM. Transporting Children Safely in Ground Ambulances (Jim Greene-suggestions for crash testing?) Vendor at annual meeting?
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) reported that group met on May 1 and received updates from the regional reps, COT/JTC, and is currently working on their AM agenda.

## Standing Committee Highlights

- **Communications & Technology** – Paul Patrick reported on recent meeting in CO.
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider/Leslee Stein-Spencer provided an overview of recommendations for National Homeland Security Consortium. “Preparing the Homeland” (Available on the NASEMSO web site.)

**ACTION:** Brett Hart moved, second by Gary Brown to endorse the 5 priorities. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mr. Schmider also mentioned the National EMS Preparedness Improvement Project and that a draft would be available in July.

- **Government Information** – deferred until July.
- **HITS** – Keith Wages reported that the committee met yesterday. He provided a brief TIM Update and reported some strides on involving EMS in the TIM Group. He noted that NASEMSO should encourage increased participation by EMS in State Highway Safety Plans. The EMS collaboration with FHWA was also mentioned.
- **Rural EMS** – (no report)

## Adjournment

It was noted that Government Information and Nominations Committee reports should be included as discussion items on the July agenda. There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:22 pm.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Kathy Robinson.*

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