

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 2017
Meeting Record



PRESENT

Officers:

President: Keith Wages (GA)
Treasurer: Gary Brown (VA)
President-elect: Kyle Thornton (NM)
Past President: Paul Patrick (UT)

Regions:

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

Councils:

Data: Kevin Putman (MI)
Educ & Prof'l Stds: Terrie Godde (MI)
Medical Directors: Ken Williams MD (RI)
Trauma Managers: Carole Mayes (MD)

ABSENT

Secretary: Alisa Williams (MS)
Pediatric: Carolina Roberts-Santana M.D. (RI)

ALSO PRESENT

Members:

HITS: Steve McCoy (FL)
Government Affairs: Jim DeTienne (MT)
Mel House (OH)

Federal Partners:

NHTSA OEMS: Susan McHenry

Staff:

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Beth Armstrong, Executive Vice President
Joe Ferrell, NCBP Advocate
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager
Kevin McGinnis, Program Manager
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager

CALL TO ORDER / SELF INTRODUCTIONS

President Keith Wages called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. Beth Armstrong called roll and noted a quorum present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On behalf of Alisa Williams, Beth Armstrong presented the previous meeting minutes circulated with the read-ahead packets.

ACTION: Kyle Thornton moved, seconded by Gary Brown to approve the March 7, 2017 meeting record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Status – Treasurer Gary Brown reported that this month the independent audit by Sarfino & Rhoades was circulated to the board for the year ended June 30, 2016. It concluded that there are no deficiencies or instances of non-compliance by NASEMSO and that the Association was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

For the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 the association received approximately 83% and 82% respectively from a federal grant from NHTSA. Any loss in these funds would significantly impact NASEMSO operations. He expressed concern on this level of reliance.

Gary reported that as of March 31, 2017 NASEMSO had current total operational income of \$1,596,031 and expenses of \$1,451,933 yielding \$79,801 net excess and current net assets of \$1,020,037.

2017-18 State EMS Office Package Dues – Gary explained that the recent bylaws changes creating additional councils include implications for additional participation opportunities and a dues adjustment. The prior structure allowed up to seven seats at \$1,750 annually. The seats can be assigned as determined by each state EMS director typically including the director, deputy/assistant and then the six council representatives. Additional personnel can be registered at \$250 per person.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Andy Gienapp to adjust the annual fee to \$2,000 for up to eight seats. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

ACTION: Staff was asked to work with the Finance Committee to present a report at the December Board Retreat on dues rates of comparable organizations.

Program Committee – Gary reported that the Committee met on Tuesday and reviewed Spring Meeting evaluations as well as historical registration counts. The Committee contemplated why the attendance dropped the last program day, and why 40% of the audience didn't attend Hexagon. The Board discussed plans for upcoming meetings and specifically the program structure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fatigue in EMS – Kathy Robinson reported that the expert panel has reviewed the literature and has one more research question; manuscripts will be compared the next few months and the guidelines will be published. An abbreviated version in brochure format will be produced. We just received a contract modification to create a bio-mathematical scheduling tool.

SOP Revision Proposal – Kathy Robinson indicated that the SME panel has been selected comprised of representatives and will have a meeting in DC June 1-2. There is a meeting tomorrow to review the assessment tool and rapid process. The literature review is complete.

Model Clinical Guidelines – Mary Hedges reported on the continuation project. The original product was released in 2014 and the current effort is to create 15 additional protocols/guidelines. The team is also reviewing and revising existing guidelines. Another focus is increased publicity about the availability of this resource.

EMS COMPASS – Dia indicated the work group is finalizing an implementation guide now.

Veterans to Civilian EMS – Dia shared that a resource product will be distributed in the near future.

NEPS – two monographs will be released soon – one on the structure and function of the state EMS office, and one on out-of-state agency and vehicle licensure.

ASPR Transport of Highly Infectious Patients – to create resources associated to the interfacility and interstate transport of patients with highly infected disease. Three work groups are busy to deliver a capability assessment tool, a transport planning template and designed exercises for states use are being produced.

Baylor EIIC – Dia will speak to the Next Generation EMSC Grantees gathering in August.

EMS Agenda2050 – there is an association liaison work group that met this week; NASEMSO is represented.

Data Linkage between Trauma Registries and Hospitals – NASEMSO is working with ACS on a cooperative agreement proposal.

UNC National Collaborative for Bio-Preparedness – Joe Ferrell indicated that NASEMSO generated significant interest in data use agreements particularly after the Spring Meeting.

NREMT REPLICIA – Keith Wages commented that the Georgia bill is still on the Governor’s office. See www.emsreplica.org.

ACTION ITEMS

Federation of State Medical Boards – Dia shared that they have issued a resolution to assist states with professional licensing procedures of EMS within the state medical boards. The board provided considerable input opposing this.

Differentiation of Evidence-Based and Consensus-Based Guidelines – Mary Hedges presented a document explaining the differences.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton to approve the document. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Save Our Air Medical Resources – SOAR proposed that NASEMSO partner with them to support their campaign. They appear to be an advocacy group to improve air medical funding matters. The Board acknowledged that air ambulances are a

vital part of the system and Kathy Robinson will seek more information from the group.

OTHER BUSINESS

CoAEMSP – Donna Tidwell reported that they are putting together a commemorative document for their 40th anniversary. She presented board meeting highlights.

Leadership Orientation Playbook – NASEMSO staff has worked for months on a resource for committee and council chairs. Addresses leadership expectations, how to run a meeting, staff support role and more.

New England Journal of Medicine Article – Ken Williams reported that a recent NEJM article claimed that there was an increase in death rates from "heart attacks" due to EMS transport delays during marathons. He was interviewed by Kaiser Medical News. The NEJM article is so flawed that they decided to not write a piece on it -- but Reuters and JEMS did pick it up. The articles in no way show a delay in ambulance transport is linked to the deaths. He advised he was more than willing to provide a long lecture on the limitations of the NEJM article to anyone who is interested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Eastern time.

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