

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 13, 2015**  
**Meeting Record**



**PRESENT**

Chris Bell (VT), East Region  
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Jim DeTienne (MT), Immed Past President  
Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC  
Andy Gienapp (WY), West Region  
Katherine Hert (AL), Pediatric Emerg Care  
Joe House (KS), North Central Region  
Carole Mays (MD), Trauma Managers Chair-elect  
Paul Patrick (UT), President  
Carolina Roberts Santana MD, PEC Chair-elect  
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers  
Peter Taillac MD (UT) Medical Directors  
Kyle Thornton (NM), Secretary  
Keith Wages (GA), President-elect  
Alisa Williams (MS), South Central Region

**ABSENT**

Sherri Wren (NE), Trauma Managers

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mike Berg (VA), AVL  
Greg Brown (AR), Air Medical  
Beth Edgerton M.D., HRSA EMSC  
Jack Hill (XX), Pediatric Emergency Care  
Susan McHenry, NHTSA (partial)  
Lindsay Narloch (OK), Data Chair-elect  
Tom Nehring (ND), Rural EMS  
Fred Hornby (WI), EMSC Chair-elect  
Donnie Woodyard (AL) HITS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Beth Armstrong, EVP  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Zoe Renfro, Program Assistant  
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager  
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

**CALL TO ORDER / AGENDA REVIEW / ROLL CALL**

President Paul Patrick (UT) called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. ET and Kyle Thornton called roll; a quorum was present. The agenda was reviewed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM) presented the July 9, 2015 Meeting Record.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown 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 July 31, 2015, the total income from operations is \$130,778 with expenses of \$138,837 resulting in a net deficit of (-\$2,450). We have net assets of \$836,734 in cash and investments.

Gary introduced the idea of establishing a fund to help states implement REPLICA. The Executive Committee will work on a more detailed proposal.

**Program Committee Report** – Gary Brown reported that the Program Committee activity has wound down since their work is complete to prepare for the October 12-16 Fall

Meeting. The NASEMSO web site ([www.nasemso.org](http://www.nasemso.org)) has information on registration, speakers, the Leadership Skills Workshop and more. 89 folks are currently registered and it is anticipated that this will increase as travel approvals are processed. The abstract/poster competition entry deadline is August 30. The Louisville optional outing registration deadline is October 6.

**ACTION:** Mary Hedges is asked to send additional reminder emails to states to register for the Fall Meeting.

Mary Hedges announced that the NASEMSO Spring Meeting will occur April 4-6, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **Field EMS Bill** – Paul Patrick shared that NAEMT is seeking official action from NASEMSO on the current Field Bill. Dia noted that if NASEMSO decides to oppose or remain silent on the Bill, NAEMT has asked that we articulate the rationale so that they can consider for future Bill refinement. The current version eliminated the state office grant program. It was observed that the lead agency issue is not a concern for NASEMSO. Other concerns are the magnitude and complexity of bill and lack of national consensus among public safety office, and lack of reference to state EMS office.

**ACTION:** The Government Information Committee will draft a letter articulating NASEMSO's reservations about the Bill. It will be circulated to the Board for action at the September meeting (this decision was made at the motion and second of Joe Ferrell and Keith Wages, by unanimous vote). It will be convey that we are supportive of a Field Bill to support EMS, but not this version.

- **Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention and Reform Act (H.R. 745, S. 377)** – Dia summarized the American Ambulance Association request for NASEMSO to sign on in support of this legislation.

**ACTION:** Joe House moved, seconded by Joe Ferrell to support the legislation. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **Public Safety Alliance Memorandum of Understanding** – Paul presented the opportunity to renew the MOU. There is no financial obligation.

**ACTION:** Gary Brown moved, seconded by Joe House to renew the MOU. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- **Safe Transportation of Children in Ground Ambulances** – Jack Hill proposed an ad hoc committee be established to study this topic. The committee would include disciplines beyond the PEC.

**ACTION:** Jack Hill moved, seconded by Kathryn Hert to establish the committee. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- **CAP 1**– we await paperwork to undertake Year 5 activity. Paul Patrick, Dia Gainor and Beth Armstrong will meet with Drew Dawson September 1 on the next generation of this CAP.
- **CAP 5** – site visits have begun to collect evaluation data on the pediatric toolkit.
- **CAP 6** – a big stakeholders meeting occurred in conjunction with the Spring Meeting in San Antonio. The MOU for state sign-on has been drafted. A data definitions work group draft has been submitted to NHTSA earlier this month.
- **CAP 7** – the call for suggested measures has received high interest, with 45 already submitted as of this morning. A webinar earlier this week included 200 participants including 5 international registrants.
- **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.
  - Paperwork is being completed now with NIST for a grant 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.
  - The proposal for the EMS personnel fatigue project was submitted July 30.
  - A cooperative agreement specific to state EMS office and tribal EMS relationships and promising practices.
- **NEMSAC / FICEMS Meetings** – This week Dia made presentations on EMS Compass and REPLICA that were both very well received.

### **NASEMSO LIAISON REPORTS**

- **NHTSA OEMS** – Susan McHenry commended Dia’s representation at FICEMS and NEMSAC, and was pleased to see the positive response among other federal partners. Federal partners has a Grant Coordinating Committee that is advocating insertion in grant guidance relative to supporting states and locals to move forward with version 3.0 for NEMSIS. They anticipate another continuing resolution the end of September and will have a few personnel present in Louisville.
- **HRSA EMSC** – Dr. Beth Edgerton announced three funding announcements coming out October-December. Targeted issues competition with \$275,000 for three years focusing on issues to advance care of children in alignment with their performance measures. Regionalization of care grants applications will be released. EMSC Innovation and Improvement Center RFP will be issued to ramp up resources available using a quality improvement model. They want to increase their support

in the pre-hospital setting. \$1.5 million for four years. PECARN competition just closed.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

- **Revision of NASEMSO's Meeting Planning Approach** – Paul Patrick reminded that NASEMSO has changed its meeting planning in order to accommodate federal partner travel restrictions.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **CDC Response to NASEMSO letter re Naloxone** – anticipated changes to scope of practice model were acknowledged in the letter.

## **Council Highlights**

- **Data Managers** – (no report).
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Joe Ferrell shared that their steering committee focused on Fall Meeting planning, and the entire council meets next week.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Taillac indicated that the council is reevaluating all their liaison positions. Two are not currently filled: NAEMSP and ACEP EMS Committee liaisons. He proposed that the chair or vice chair of their council fill these roles de facto.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katherine Hert shared that the council has recently put together a work group to produce their agenda.
- **Trauma Managers** – Sherri noted that their steering committee meets next week. Their trauma monograph response deadline has been extended.

## **Standing Committee Highlights**

- **Air Medical** – (no report).
- **Communications and Technology** – (no report)
- **Domestic Preparedness** – (no report)
- **Government Information** – Jim DeTienne observed that GIC is getting more engaged in advocacy with partners such as NAEMSP and NAEMT recently. He reported that staff has undertaken a thorough review and update of all organizational liaisons and partner relationships which will assist with advocacy too.
- **HITS** – Donnie Woodyard reported the HITS Committee met August 12. Donnie participated in the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Peer Exchange in Nashville in July, and found that EMS was not well understood by his national traffic safety colleagues.
- **Rural EMS** – (no report)

## **Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Mike Berg traveled to Georgia several times the past few weeks and asked that I-20 be improved ;-). Otherwise, the AVL Committee will meet again August 27. NHPA meets next week to finalize NFPA 1917 version 2 to be released 01-01-2016. Ground vehicle standards version was has concluded and are planning a meeting to review the comments and release the document 10-01-2015. Change order #8 was initiated 07-01-2015 addressing cot restraint systems.
- **Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine Committee** – Jim DeTienne noted that the state survey on this topic is posted on our nasemso.org front page and encouraged colleagues to take a look. Interesting findings will be addressed during the next committee meeting. NASEMSO will be asked to act on NAEMT's vision statement on MIH/CP and the nomenclature document that will bring consensus to different concepts of MIH and CP.

### **Regional Reports**

- **East** – (no report)
- **West** – Andy Gienapp said that they met July 20; no major issues. They will meet in-person in Louisville. They will elect a new representative and alternate.
- **North Central** – Joe House reported that they have met July 14 and August 11; no major issues. Two new state directors: Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mark Dunkirk will leave Michigan tomorrow so they will replace him at the Fall Meeting.
- **South Central** – Alisa Williams (MS) noted that they met last month and have drafted a regional Ebola Transport Plan. They await input from lead planners.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:20 pm ET.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong and Secretary Kyle Thornton (NM).*

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