

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2014

Meeting Record

PRESENT

Jim DeTienne (MT), President
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect
Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary
Lee Burns (NY), East Alt.
Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC Alt.
Andy Gienapp (WY), West Region Alt.
Katherine Hert (AL), PEC Council Alt.
Joe Nelson MD (FL), Medical Directors
Keith Wages (GA), South Central Region
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Managers

ABSENT

Chris Bell (VT), East Region
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer
Randy Kuykendall (CO), Past President
Dave Edwards (VA), PEC Council
Jack Fleeheart (IL), North Central Rep
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Prof'l Stds
Kyle Thornton (NM), West Region

ALSO PRESENT

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Beth Armstrong, Executive Vice President
Greg Brown (AR), AVL Committee
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by President Jim DeTienne. Beth Armstrong called roll and a quorum was noted to be present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dennis Blair presented the January 9, 2014 Board Minutes.

ACTION: Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Rob Seesholtz to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Finance Report** – On behalf of Treasurer Gary Brown, Beth Armstrong reported year-to-date revenue of \$929,205 and expenses of \$912,667 with a year-to-date net excess of \$16,537 and a current fund balance as of January 30, 2014 of \$861,983. Investment income has yielded \$16,771 in dividends and \$12,427 in overall unrealized gain.
- **Program Committee** – Mary Hedges reported on behalf of Gary Brown that the Mid-Year Meeting travel support decisions have been made and processed, and that the program is complete with room for one more session as an alternative to the MIH session, and over 65 registrations have been received for the meeting at

headquarters. The room block has been filled and it appears that the decision to meet in Orlando in conjunction with the Redline event is popular.

PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

- **New NASEMSO Board Blog** – Jim DeTienne asked the Board about level of access and utility of the blog that Dia Gainor has launched at their request; no response.
- **Joint National EMS Leadership Forum** – Jim chaired the meeting in DC last week in conjunction with EMS Today. The group enjoys high participation and high productivity including addressing matters such as an FAA letter (see discussion later in this meeting record), EMS Data Agenda, EMS Culture of Safety, Affordable Care Act exemption for volunteer first response agencies.
- **IED/Mass Shooting** – Jim DeTienne represented NASEMSO at a gathering hosted by ECCO at EMS Today addressing hemorrhaging, response personnel safety and other key considerations.
- **FHWA/NHTSA EMS Senior Leadership Meeting Outcome** – A meeting originally scheduled for February 11 to follow up on a day long in person summit with FHWA and NHTSA has been postponed. FHWA is promoting a new Traffic Incident Management course with the goal of getting one million existing emergency response personnel trained in the next ten years. Consideration and inclusion of EMS has been limited. NASEMSO's desire is to have EMS included on FHWA's Executive Leadership Group for planning purposes, but we will not know the FHWA decision until the call is held two or more weeks from now.
- **ASTM EMS Committee** – Jim and Dia met with this group last week; they subsequently drafted an announcement that indicates we are working closely with them; Jim will follow up with them to correct this impression.
- **Model Interstate Compact** – Jim encouraged all state directors to join tomorrow's webinar to become familiar with NASEMSO's accomplishment to produce the EMS Personnel Interstate Compact agreement.
- **NASEMSO Staff Capacity** – Jim shared that ASMI has recently re-organized Rachael's role to be more involved in NASEMSO's grants management, and has added Kevin McGinnis as an in-house employee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Transportation Resource Board** – Dia encouraged Board members to visit her blog for recent activity.
- **FARB Forum** – information is posted in the NASEMSO members' only web area compilation of all court proceedings related to licensure of personnel.

- **Health Information Exchanges in EMS** – Paul Sharpe represented NASEMSO at this meeting last week. It explored opportunities with better integration of EMS records.
- **EMS Today** – Dia was part of a panel addressing ambulance design considerations.
- **National Cooperative Highway Research Partnership (NCHRP) Synthesis Proposal** – Staff has drafted a proposal on “The Use of Safe Transport of Children in Emergency Ground Ambulances Principles Among State EMS Agencies.”

ACTION: Joe Nelson moved, seconded by Paul Patrick to submit the proposal as presented.

ACTION ITEMS

- **NHTSA 2014-18 Strategic Plan** – Dia detected a public comment opportunity, with submissions due the end of this month. She outlined general areas for NASEMSO comment.

ACTION: Joe Nelson moved, seconded by Paul Sharpe to draft the comment accordingly and circulate for NASEMSO Board electronic approval. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **JNEMSLF Letter re FAA Rules** – the letter seeks publication of the anticipated rules.

ACTION: Joe Nelson moved, seconded by Paul Sharpe to sign on to the letter. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

- **NAEMT’s EMS on the Hill Day** – NAEMT has asked NASEMSO to financially support the event.

ACTION: Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Joe Nelson to contribute \$1,000 at the Advocate level. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATES

(None.)

NASEMSO STANDING COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Communications & Technology** – Paul Patrick reported that he and Kevin are remaining involved in FirstNet and NPSTC.
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Leslee reported that the work group meets next week on the EMS Preparedness Improvement Project to address preparedness gaps. The DP Committee met last week and are advancing their strategic plan activities.

- **Government Information** – Jim reminded the Board to monitor HR.3979 Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act. Paul Patrick noted that the NASEMSO Advocacy Committee is planning a teleconference to address NASEMSO advocacy options. They will report back during the Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Highway Incident & Transportation Systems Committee** – Keith Wages reported they met yesterday.

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- **Mobile Integrate Health**- Jim DeTienne reports that there will be a web site call later this month.
- **Air Medical** – Greg Brown reported that he met recently with Rich Sherlock of AAMS, and will be meeting tomorrow with ACCT. He will provide an issues briefing at the Mid-Year Meeting. Alternative language has been submitted to ACCT.
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Dia reported on behalf of Mike Berg; an extraordinary agenda is planned for February 27.
- **Education I-Team** – Kathy Robinson reported that we are on track with the milestones and deliverables per the NHTSA cooperative agreement. She announced that there is 100% state participation in the implementation status report.
- **Mobile Integrated Health/CP** – Kevin is currently drafting a survey to make sure that states are situationally aware of state-level legislation and activity.
- **Specialty Certification**- Kathy Robinson reported that they await sign-off from NHTSA so that they can post the document for public comment.
- **Rural EMS** – (no report).

NASEMSO REGIONAL REPORTS

- **East** – (no report).
- **West** – (no report).
- **North Central** – (no report)
- **South Central** – Keith Wages reported they will meet next Thursday, 2:00pm Eastern.

NASEMSO COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe reported that Lindsey Narloch (ND) was elected last month as their Chair-elect. They met last month and expressed support for an EMS Data Agenda for the Future. They discussed issues management related to the transition to NEMSIS 3.0; they are concerned that there is not a lot of risk management given that changes cannot be made frequently enough to address implementation. The database appears research- rather than field-oriented in some areas. He also recently attended the NEMSIS Steering Committee meeting. He attended the HIE meeting last week for NASEMSO.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Kathy Robinson noted that Fred Hornby will be the liaison to the PEPP Steering Committee. The Council is engaging in several task forces this year, one including investigations. Another is producing a mentor tool kit.
- **Medical Directors** – Joe Nelson noted that the Medical Directors met at NAEMSP mid-January. They addressed transacemic acid (TSA) which is a drug being used to control bleeding; their 2014 strategic plan and work plan revisions including their drug shortages summit, mobile integrated healthcare; Model EMS Guidelines project; IOM's Crisis Standards of Care Therapeutic Hypothermia and a number of other topics. They recommended Dr. Sarah Nafsinger to represent them on a PAD Project.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Dave Edwards noted that the steering committee meets monthly. They have 18-20 registered for their meeting at the Mid-Year. Their mentor committee is making progress. They will be seeking a 4-hour timeblock to meet on the Sunday prior to the Annual Meeting. He reminded NASEMSO Regional Representatives to include PEC regional reps in notifications of the regional meetings/calls.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz reported that the TMC met last week and are staying on track to complete items in their strategic plan. The Council is monitoring Joint Trauma Committee activity and the ACS green-to-orange book cross-walk; if ACS does not produce something soon, the Council will do so. Their mentoring tool kit is posted and he asked staff to share how many visitors hit the online page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the call concluded at 3:24 pm Eastern time.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Executive Vice President Beth Armstrong.

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