

NASEMSO Board of Directors

January 11, 2024, 2:00 PM ET

Meeting Record



Attendees

Officers

President: Joe House
Immediate Past President: Alisa Williams
President-Elect: Jason Rhodes
Secretary: Sam Hurley

Region Chairs

Great Lakes: Kraig Kinney
West: Todd McDowell
Western Plains: Tim Wilson
East: Candace Gardner

Council Chairs

Health & Medical Preparedness: Jay Taylor
Pediatric Emergency Care: Marc Minkler
Trauma Managers: Eileen Worden
Education: Terrie Godde
Data Managers: Jay Ostby
Personnel Licensure: Wendy Snodgrass

Absent

Treasurer: Justin Romanello
South: Jamie Gray
Medical Directors: Richard Kamin

Other NASEMSO Members

Anna Sessa
Emily Bergquist
Wendy Snodgrass
Candace Gardener
Dana Selover
Richard Rhodes
Wendy O'Hare
Richard Rhodes

NASEMSO Staff

Dia Gainor
Rachael Alter
Kelli Perrotti
Leslee Stein-Spencer
Randall Eimerman
Mary Hedges
Alex Tyeryar
Adrienne Wilson

Call to Order / Roll Call

President Joe House called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM ET. A quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

The January 2024 Executive Committee report and the 2023 Strategic Board Retreat meeting minutes were sent to the Board, along with today's agenda, prior to the Board meeting.

MOTION: Kraig Kinney moved, and Jay Taylor seconded to approve the 2023 Strategic Board Retreat minutes with the requested amendments.

DISCUSSION: None

AMENDMENT: Terrie Godde requested that her name be added to the attendee list. Joe House stated that the Council priorities that he emailed Adrienne Wilson should be added to the minutes as well.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

NASEMSO's total income as of December 31, 2023, is \$848,786 and expenses are \$708,249 for a total year-to-date net of \$140,537. Investment performance for December 2023 is not yet recorded so NASEMSO's position will appear more favorable next month with excellent stock market performance.

An audit engagement letter was executed earlier this week with Matthews, Carter & Boyce Independent CPA Firm. NASEMSO staff is working to comply with an ambitious audit schedule and has been gathering reports and details for the auditors.

Program Committee

Mary Hedges reported that the Program Committee continues to work on planning the Freedom House commemoration. They have invited USDOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg. Gam Wijetunge and others from NHTSA are encouraging him to come and recognize the Freedom House veterans whose work helped develop the first USDOT EMT standards.

The Program Committee has been working on different presentations. One of the focus areas has been on diversifying the EMS workforce—including a presentation on the [EMS Corps Program](#) and Gregg Margolis as the opening presenter on Monday (Margolis works at the National Academies of Medicine as the Director of health Policy Fellowships and Leadership Programs).

The Freedom House event will be at noon on Wednesday, and there will also be a separate community celebration event planned for Wednesday afternoon at a nearby park (not associated with our meeting).

There is no information on sponsorships yet, but they have been talking to NHTSA about helping to support the Freedom House event.

Hotel room information has been added to the NASEMSO website.

President's Report

Joe thanked the Board for their hard work and effort at December's Retreat. He is working on many of the ideas discussed at the Retreat with staff and the EC. Board members who encounter any difficulties should feel free to reach out to Joe.

Executive Director’s Report

Current Projects

EMS for Children Innovation & Improvement Center (Yale)

In early January the National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment field test (pilot) launched in the Northern Mariana Islands, North Carolina, and New Jersey. The intent of this three-month field test is to smooth out any glitches on the online assessment tool, to find out if there are any questions that may not be clear, and to then to adjust as necessary when the Assessment launches nationally in May.

Workforce—CAP 1 (NHTSA OEMS)

Staff are contemplating holding a Technical Expert Panel meeting in early March. They are hopeful that NREMT will host it at their headquarters.

Airway EBG (NHTSA OEMS)

This project is wrapping up. The manuscript was published, the educational materials are out, and a draft final report has been written and submitted to NHTSA.

Child Restraint Test Methods—CAP 5 (NHTSA OEMS)

Workgroups continue to meet monthly. The seated patients and uninjured passengers group met earlier this week and they have gotten through the entire test methods draft. They will now focus on cleaning up comments. The other two work groups will continue to work through their drafts. All three drafts will be provided to NHTSA in the next couple of months.

The project technical lead, Jim Green, has met with multiple ambulance manufacturers to work on designing a new sled buck that will help in the seated passenger test for phase two of the project, which is yet to be funded.

Community Opioids (TASC)

A new agreement with Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities at the Center for Health and Justice has been executed for October 1, 2023–August 31, 2024. The collaboration continues to be a very positive outlet for NASEMSO to showcase how states are making a difference in mobilizing EMS personnel in the face of the opioid overdose crisis.

Leveraging EMS in Opioid Overdoses (National Governors Association—SOW Offered)

Five states are participating in a learning collaborative that will convene in Phoenix later this month (Dia and one staff member will attend as well). NASEMSO is supporting NGA with terminology and connecting the dots as it relates to what state EMS offices can do. They are also making sure that there are appropriate notifications made to the state EMS office and assessments with the state office about individual local programs that might be appropriate for NGA to showcase.

Staff meets with NGA staff weekly, and our staff are already exploring the many other aspects of NGA's work, whether in the transportation realm, or in other health concern areas. NASEMSO staff hope to start meeting additional staff at NGA, so that NASEMSO can help them on multiple fronts. NGA was unaware of the existence of NEMESIS data, and they are impressed by it.

Action Items

Sign on—The American Society of Association Executives campaign to allow use of 529 funds towards professional certification, licensing and other fees related to career development.

MOTION: Jay Taylor moved, and Terrie Godde seconded to sign on with the American Society of Association Executives campaign to allow use of 529 funds towards professional certification, licensing and other fees related to career development.

DISCUSSION: Dia stated that this sign on letter originated with Beth Armstrong, who is an active member of the American Society of Association Executives. The one pager asks to consider the use of 529 plans for professional certification opportunities that may not fit squarely in the limitations of the current 529 plan language. There are a significant number of organizations who have already joined the effort. Beth observed its alignment with EMS interests and opportunities for individuals who may have a 529 plan, and who do not intend to attend college, but who would like to take EMT or paramedic training.

AMENDMENTS: None

ACTION: The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

The Innovation Award

Ryan Greenberg approached the Board about the idea of using innovation awards to highlight individual states and their successes. The recommendation is that NASEMSO gives out innovation awards on an annual basis (could consider doing this at the Annual Meeting). Terrie Godde and Kraig Kinney offered to help Ryan create an Innovation Award Program. If others are interested in helping, contact Ryan.

Progress in States

Other Emerging Issues

Jay Taylor shared that he attended the National Homeland Security Consortium meeting on January 10, 2024, in Washington, DC. The presenters spoke about lessons learned from the [Targeted Violence, and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program](#). Jay suggested that NASEMSO could possibly apply for this grant as a project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM ET.

Meeting record respectfully submitted by Member Relations Coordinator, Adrienne Wilson.