

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 10, 2014
Meeting Record

Present

Chris Bell (VT), East Region
Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer
Jim DeTienne (MT), President
Dave Edwards (VA), Pediatric Emergency
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Professional Stds
Randy Kuykendall (CO), Past President
Joe Nelson M.D. (FL), Medical Directors
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Managers
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers
Kyle Thornton (NM), West Region
Keith Wages (GA), South Central

Absent

Jack Fleeharty (IL), North Central
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect

Also Present

Mike Berg (VA), AVL Chair
Joe Ferrell (IA), Educ & Prof'l Stds Alt
Susan McHenry, NHTSA
Teresa Morrison-Quinata, EMSC
Lindsay Narloch (MT)

Staff Present

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Beth Armstrong, Executive VP
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Dan Manz, Program Manager

Call to Order / Self-Introductions

President DeTienne called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm and Beth Armstrong called roll; a quorum was present.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Dennis Blair presented the March 3, 2014 Meeting Record.

ACTION: Dennis Blair (AL) moved, seconded by Joe Schmider (TX) to approve the Record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Gary Brown reported that receipts as of March 31, 2014 was \$1,184,146 including dues from 49 of 56 states and territories, interest and unrealized gains of \$41,662. Expenses are \$1,079,604 and a year-to-date excess of \$104,542 brings the current fund balance to \$949,987.

He reviewed Annual Meeting plans and indicated a draft schedule is posted online.

Presidential Ponderings

- **NFPA 450** – Jim DeTienne reported that the committee met on community paramedicine in Las Vegas last week; a copy of the standard is available at www.nfpa.org/450.

- **Nominations Committee** – Jim noted that Paul Patrick is chairing the committee and is seeking a representative from each region to help him formulate a slate of officers to be presented in Cleveland.
- **NASEMSO Resolutions** – Jim encouraged members to begin thinking about potential policy positions now. Kevin McGinnis will provide staff support and can help formulate language if people want assistance.
- **CAP5** – the scope of work and budget for Year 3 of this award is being finalized now.
- **Model Interstate Compact Summit** – Jim reminded board members that NASEMSO can provide travel support for state directors and their attorneys to attend a gathering in Chicago on June 10.
- **Trauma Center Data Mapping** – Tim Held and Rob Seesholtz will lead a NASEMSO internal discussion about state EMS office needs in this regard.
- **NASEMSO “Alumni Society”** – Jim DeTienne suggested it would be nice to retain the institutional knowledge of former state EMS directors and asked board members to think about how to harness this. Joe Schmider (PA) and Chris Bell (VT) will co-chair a work group to address potential bylaws considerations in this regard.

Executive Director’s Report

- **IAFF and the EMS Field Bill** – Dia Gainor briefed the board and indicated that the IAFF resurrected an old version of a fact sheet challenging co-sponsors to withdraw their support. NAEMT and Holland & Knight will develop a counterpart fact sheet.
- **International Association of Chiefs of Police** – has formed a multi-association steering committee to address Critical Incident Stress Management matters.
- **UN Road Safety Conference** – Dia attended it in New York this week to detect potential new partners with interests similar to NASEMSO.
- **New NASEMSO Projects** – Dia reported that there are three new potential projects in various stages of development. CAP6 is related to undertakings related to returning veterans; CAP7 was filed as an unsolicited proposal to develop a robust series of performance measures for EMS with the Institute for Healthcare Innovation and other relevant agencies; CAP8 would involve placing a half-time EMS fellow in the region 1 and 10 NHTSA regional offices. This is a pilot demonstration project to work on improving relationships on a state-by-state basis between state offices of highway safety and state EMS offices.

Action Item

- **Sign-on Opportunity for Amicus Brief** – Dia summarized the Supreme Court case considering whether it is anti-competitive for the state of North Carolina dentistry practice not to allow unlicensed providers to whiten teeth. FARB is offering sign-on opportunity and asks for \$1,000 from each participant to help defray costs.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Brett Hart to sign on and make the financial commitment. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Federal Partner Reports

- **EMSC** – Tee shared that she hopes to see the board and other state EMS directors on the 4/22nd webinar coming up. Also, HRSA EMSC staff will be moving to another office (still in the Parklawn building) however, if any communications should go

unanswered between 5/7th and 8th, please contact the NRC or NEDARC offices as they'll be able to get a hold of us. Hopefully there will be no interruption during this time with communication systems. Program Meeting on July 29th to 8/1st at the Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel. Hope to see the state directors at the meeting.

Regional Reports

- **East** – (no report)
- **West** – (no report)
- **South Central** – Keith Wages indicated that they meet in-person June 2-3 in Biloxi.
- **North Central** – (no report)

Council Highlights

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe reported that the council did not meet since Mid-Year but the steering committee has convened twice. They are focusing on version 3.0 implementation and ICD-10 codes implementation delay to 2015, and how to develop new PCRs.
- **Medical Directors** – Dr. Joe Nelson (FL) shared that the council will meet again next month. The model EMS clinical guidelines are available for public comment.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart (TX) noted that they are working on model reciprocity and military verification form. They are seeking a webinar with a distance education expert. They also participated on developing the SOW for CAP5 Year 3.
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katrina Altenhofen indicated they are working on the annual meeting agenda items and nominations for open offices of the council. Work has been centered around the mentorship workshop.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz (TN) shared their executive committee met. They will work on the annual meeting agenda next month. Kathy Robinson and he met the national COT meeting in Philadelphia a few weeks ago. They met with ATS to discuss a collaborative relationship with NASEMSO. Doctors Fakry and Calland of ATS noted disconnect with ACS.

Standing Committee Highlights

- **Communications & Technology** – (no report)
- **Domestic Preparedness** – Joe Schmider noted that a “Patient De-con in a Mass Chemical Exposure” document was distributed last week and the committee is developing NASEMSO comments now.
- **Government Information** – (no report)
- **HITS** – Keith noted that the committee will meet again in June.
- **Rural EMS** – (no report)

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **Air Medical** – (no report)
- **Agency & Vehicle Licensure** – Mike Berg indicated that the main task is examining NFPA1917 recommendations to formulate concerns to submit to the NFPA committee. He represented NASEMSO at a meeting convened by CAAS, which is

developing an alternative to the NFPA 1917 ambulance safety standards. CAAS is seeking ANSI accreditation as a standards-setting organization.

- **Education Agenda I-Team** – (no report)
- **Mobile Integrated Health / Community Paramedicine** – (no report)
- **Specialty Certification** – Joe Schmider reported that the committee will meet tomorrow morning and will have a document prepared for consideration during the annual meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3:18 pm

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

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