

**NASEMSO Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC
Meeting Record**

Present

Dennis Blair, AL, Secretary
Gary Brown, VA, Treasurer
Jim DeTienne, MT, President
Dave Edwards, VA, PEC
Bret Hart, TX, EPS
Randy Kuykendall, CO, Past President
Joe Moreland, KS, Data Managers
Paul Patrick, UT, President-elect
Rob Seesholtz, TN, EPS
Keith Wages, GA, South Central

Staff Present

Rachael Alter, Program Manager
Beth Armstrong, EVP
Dia Gainor, Executive Director
Mary Hedges, Program Manager

Also Present

Daniel ____, MS
Steve ____, FL
Dale Ackerson, OK
Katrina Altenhofen, IA, PEC
Jay Bradshaw, ME
Greg Brown, AR
Wayne Denny, IA
Doug Fuller, NE Data Manager
Karen Halupke, NJ
Fred Hornby, WI
Pat Irwin, NV
Brian Litza, WI, AVL Committee
Selwyn Mahon M.D., USVI
Tom Nehring, ND, Rural EMS
Alisa Williams, MS

Call to Order

President Jim DeTienne called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

New NREMT Executive Director Trey Rodriguez briefly introduced himself to the NASEMSO Board and spoke about strategic directions.

President DeTienne reviewed the NASEMSO Vision, Mission and Goals.

Vision

A seamless nationwide network of coordinated and accountable state, regional and local EMS and emergency care systems. The systems use public health principles, data and evidence as a basis for safe and effective care in day-to-day operations as well as during catastrophic events.

Mission

NASEMSO supports its members in developing EMS policy and oversight, as well as in providing vision, leadership and resources in the development and improvement of state, regional and local EMS and emergency care systems.

Strategy

We achieve our mission by the participation of all the states and territories, by being a strong, unified national voice for EMS officials, an acknowledged key resource for EMS information and policy, and a leader in developing and disseminating evidence-based decisions and policy.

ACTION Brett Hart moved, seconded by Gary Brown to add vision, mission and revised strategy statement to the bylaws. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Gary Brown moved, seconded by Keith Wages to amend the Association goals.

Goals

- To promote the orderly development of coordinated EMS systems of care across the nation.
- To promote uniformly high quality care of acutely ill and injured patients
- To provide a forum for the exchange of information and the discussion of common concerns among state EMS officials
- To facilitate interstate cooperation in such areas as all-hazards preparedness, patient transfer, communications and reciprocity of EMS professionals personnel.
- To disseminate pertinent information to our membership and others.
- To maintain ongoing and effective liaison with state and national governments, professional organizations, and other appropriate public and private entities
- To improve the quality and efficiency of state EMS program administration
- To enhance the professional knowledge, skill and abilities of state EMS officials and staff.
- To encourage research and evaluation in all areas of EMS
- To serve as a permanent national advocacy group for EMS officials
- To serve as a permanent national advocacy group for advancing EMS through education and policy formation through our federal partners
- Move the Federal lead agency for EMS to HHS as part of the health care system
- Be recognized as a leader in EMS

ACTION: Keith Wages moved, seconded by Gary Brown to refer this discussion to a focus group for additional discussion and refinement. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Strategies to be recognized as the voice of EMS

- Leverage relationship with ASTHO and NGA to strengthen voice of EMS
- Provide a platform for clear, accurate and concise information-sharing and improved communications between the memberships of NASEMSO, ASTHO, NGA and other systems stakeholders.
- Do a better job of telling our story and marketing the association in order to promote EMS: "This is NASEMSO" brochure.
- Produce a marketing plan to effectively promote the Association
- Be a valuable resource – communications
- Build meaningful relationships with decision-makers
- Strengthen our councils and committees, and better utilize the "Trip/Activity Report Form" so that entire group is aware of various groups' activities and implications for EMS
- Revise the NASEMSO vision and mission statement

Advocates for EMS

- NASEMSO members should be informed what is included in the contract with Holland & Knight – term, obligations

NASEMSO supports **leadership** under these principle goals:

- Address work force issues
- Create standards and guidelines
- Continue to engage in coalition-building such as Joint National EMS Leadership Forum
- Keep EMS Culture of Safety on our radar
- Medical direction and oversight
- Professional development for state office professionals
- NASEMSO internal communications tool to make everyone aware of all the activities in which NASEMSO is engaged

NASEMSO supports **systems development** under these principle goals:

- Facilitate discussion about community health and integrated health care
- Be lead agency on national data collection / NEMSIS

NASEMSO supports **quality improvement** under these principle goals:

- Evidence-based guidelines
- Best practices

What makes us different?

- We have statutory authority
- We are the organization that can most easily effect change
- We look out for patient and crew safety ... we have control over the quality of the product
- We are the clearinghouse for all types of EMS – private, public, hospital-based, fire-based, etc
- We build emergency care systems

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Meeting Record respectfully submitted by Beth Armstrong.