

**NASEMSO Executive Committee Call**  
**Thursday, May 9, 2013**  
**Meeting Record**

**Present**

Jim DeTienne, President  
Paul Patrick, President-Elect  
Gary Brown, Treasurer  
Dennis Blair, Secretary  
Dave Edwards, PECC  
Brett Hart, EPSC  
Joe Nelson, MDC  
Rob Seesholtz, TMC  
Joe Moreland, DMC  
Kyle Thornton, Western Region  
Keith Wages, SouthCentral Region  
Alisa Williams, SouthCentral Alt.

**Absent**

Joe Schmider, Eastern Region  
Randy Kuykendall, Immediate Past President

**Also Present**

Brian Litza, AVL Committee  
Susan McHenry, NHTSA OEMS  
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Beth Armstrong, Executive Director

**Call to Order / Agenda Review**

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm EDT by President Jim DeTienne. Roll call was conducted by Kathy Robinson who noted that a quorum was present. Mr. Brown asked that the agenda be amended to allow him to present first and there were no objections.

**Treasurer's Report**

Gary Brown reported that 9-months receipts are \$1,156,271 and 9-months expenses are \$1,012,921 with a YTD net = \$143,350. He indicated that contract receipts are \$70k more than budgeted and that receipts also include \$6k more than budgeted for state office dues. He expressed appreciation to Dean Cole for efforts related to state collections. YTD exhibitor and sponsor receipts are currently lower than budgeted but recent additional commitments should ensure that our 12-month performance will be on par with projected budget. Mid-Year 2013 expenses are \$12k under budget that was attributed to outstanding bills to be received. The NASEMSO total fund balance at 04-30-2013 is \$680,328. Gary reminded those on the call that outstanding travel reimbursement requests supported by our NHTSA council/committee budget must be submitted no later than May 16.

**Program Committee:**

Gary Brown reported that the first draft of the Annual Meeting program has been posted on the NASEMSO web site for those needing to submit travel requests early. Planning efforts are ongoing with regard to a program on the Pediatric Readiness Project to be offered at Mid-Year 2014.

**Secretary's Report**

Dennis Blair offered the meeting record as previously distributed. There were no additions or corrections and the meeting record of April 11, 2013 was unanimously approved based on a motion by Mr. Blair and second by Keith Wages.

## **President's Report**

Advocates for EMS-Jim reported that NASEMSO participated in a letter to Congress to increase funding support for EMS programs. He mentioned that he had recently become informed that the Ryan White Reauthorization Act was due for review and that there had been a suggestion that perhaps the language that covers emergency responders should be separated to strengthen the protections afforded by the provisions in the Act. He indicated that he will ask AEMS to better research this issue.

Mobile Integrated Health Committee-Jim announced that Kevin McGinnis will serve as the Program Manager for the new committee. The committee will focus on state EMS office issues related to this emerging subspecialty. He asked that the Community Paramedic Information Forum, which serves to help disseminate broader information, change their monthly meeting schedule from every month to every other month in order to accommodate bimonthly meetings of the MIHC on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 3 pm eastern. The first meeting will be held on May 20, 2013. Any state official who is interested in this committee should contact Kevin McGinnis to receive meeting announcements.

White House Forum on Military Credentialing and Licensing Roundtable-Jim reported that he and Dia Gainor had recently participated in this meeting along with Drew Dawson and several EMS leaders to discuss veteran employment initiatives that have been underway at the urging of the President. Additional meetings are planned.

Jim reported that Leslee Stein-Spencer and Joe Schmider will be representing NASEMSO at another upcoming White House forum- Federal IED PPE and Medical Workgroup.

Paul Patrick has agreed to represent NASEMSO to an NAEMT Committee in regards to the EMS Field Bill.

Jim announced that Joe Schmider has accepted the state EMS director position in Texas and will be moving at the end of the month. He offers best wishes to Mr. Schmider on behalf of the Board.

## **Executive Director Report**

### **[Final Ambulance Design Draft-Comment Opportunity](#) [Ambulance Patient Compartment Final Design Concepts Development--](#)**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) First Responders Group (FRG) and the Resilient Systems Division (RSD) has partnered with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), NIOSH, BMT Designers and Planners (D&P), and Carlow International to develop design guidance for ambulance patient compartments that address crashworthiness, patient safety and comfort, and EMS provider safety and performance. This partnership will provide human factors engineering (HFE) and ergonomic based guidelines and criteria for designing ambulance patient compartments that maximize EMS providers' performance as well as their personal and patient safety. This Draft Report summarizes the evolution of requirements and criteria based on the development and evaluation

of ambulance patient compartment design concepts. The requirements and criteria are being finalized for submission to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). NFPA will review the submission for inclusion in NFPA 1917 Standard for Automotive Ambulances (National Fire Protection Association 2010). A motion by Paul Patrick and second by Dr. Nelson to applaud the efforts and to provide NASEMSO's support in moving forward passed unanimously.

Dia Gainor reminded all that the CAP 1 Final Report is due and asked that all Council and Committee chairs review the draft and provide feedback to her asap and no later than May 28.

She noted upcoming meetings of interest to the Board—the Workforce Planning Team Meeting is being held in Washington DC next week. NFPA is meeting May 29-30 for a detailed review of the 1917 standard and to provide recommendations to the Technical Committee. (She noted that an alternate for Keith Wages is needed to represent NASEMSO at the meeting.) The first Model Interstate Compact meeting will be held the first week of June.

Susan McHenry indicated that NHTSA was very pleased with the CAP 1 call held on May 8 and noted optimism for the upcoming meeting on CAP 5. She offered her thanks and “good work” on behalf of the OEMS.

## **Council Reports**

**Data Managers** – Rachel Alter reported that the Data Managers were initiating an environmental scan that will assist the Data Managers Council in achieving many of the Goals outlined in the 2013 Data Managers Council Workplan. It will also help inform the group on the current status of many issues related to EMS Data Management in the States and Territories.

**EPSC** – Brett Hart noted the Council continues to alternate steering committee with full council meetings each month. The Council provided comments to Dia and Jim in advance of the White House Forum on military credentialing.

**Medical Directors**— Dr. Nelson noted the Council's involvement in the Model EMS Guidelines project. Subgroups have been formed and a web portal established to collect comments. He also described current efforts to implement an Evidence-Based Guideline Project, noting that pain management in adult and pediatric patients was the current focus. A toolkit has been identified. Finally, the Council is providing outreach to states without a state EMS medical director and an orientation for new state EMS medical directors is being discussed.

**Pediatric Emergency Care** – Dave Edwards reporting. The Council recently held an in-face meeting in conjunction with the EMSC Grantee Meeting. It was noted that the next EMSC grantee meeting is planned over EMS week in 2014 and that it could be problematic from the standpoint that state officials are obligated to state and community events at home.

Rachel Alter and Dia Gainor were tasked to query the state directors about the ability to participate in an EMSC grantee meeting over EMS Week and that NASEMSO provide a letter of concern to HRSA about the timing. Additionally, the Program Committee was urged to reestablish a partnership with EMSC for the 2014 Mid-Year meeting and beyond.

**Trauma Managers** -- Rob Seesholtz reporting. The Steering Committee met last week and committed to finalizing a mentoring toolkit for state trauma managers and updating NASEMSO web site content for state trauma managers. Most activity occurs at the regional level and Mr. Seesholtz reports robust activity in that regard. Tim Held recently provided an update on the JOC and Nels Sandahl reported on the status of the Optimal Resources document, which is now expected in 2014. The Steering Committee is planning for their annual meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

**Communications and Technology**: no report.

**Domestic Preparedness Committee**: no report.

**Government Information**: no report.

**HITS**: Keith Wages and Mary Hedges reporting. The committee is working on a toolkit that can be used to improve the relationship between state EMS directors and highway safety offices.

**Air Medical**: Kathy Robinson and Dia Gainor reporting. The Air Medical Committee remains viable and is drafting a response to AAMS for their model state guidelines industry document. The Committee has delayed production of a NASEMSO Model Guidelines document in anticipation of recommendations from the CDC, NHTSA, and FICEMS in the fall. The Board was informed of activities related to ASTM air medical standards and expressed concern over the lack of representation of individuals that are currently active in the air medical field.

**Rural EMS**: no report

**AVL**: Brian Litza reporting. Work continues on the model guidelines document.

**Education Agenda Implementation Team**: Kathy Robinson reporting. The number of EMS programs accredited or in the letter of review process has increased exponentially to 591 since December 31, 2012. Bill Brown will officially depart NREMT HQ at the end of this month and Severo ("Tre") Rodriguez is gearing up to assume the role of executive director. Other activities are consistent with the ED Agenda Implementation work plan.

## **Regional Reports**

**East**: no report.

**West**: Kyle Thornton reported that the Western Region conducted a conference call on April 15.

**North Central**: Dean Cole reported that Kevin McGinnis recently provided an update on communications issues for the region.

**South Central**: Keith Wages reported that Dia Gainor provide an update on drug shortages during their meeting 3 weeks ago.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the EC will occur June 13 at 2 pm Eastern time.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO Program Manager Kathy Robinson.*