

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2012**  
**Meeting Record**

**Present**

Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary  
Dean Cole (NE), North Central  
Jim DeTienne (MT), President  
Dave Edwards (VA), Pediatric Emerg  
Care  
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Professional Stds  
Randy Kuykendall (CO), Past President  
Joe Moreland (KS), Data Managers  
Joe Nelson M.D. (FL), Medical Directors  
Joe Schmider (PA), East rep., DP  
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Chair  
Peter Taillac M.D. (UT) Medical Director  
Kyle Thornton (NM), West alt.  
Keith Wages (GA), South Central

**Also Present**

Rachael Alter, NASEMSO Staff  
Beth Armstrong, NASEMSO Staff  
Dia Gainor, NASEMSO Staff  
Mary Hedges, NASEMSO Staff  
Brian Litza (WI), AVL Chair  
Tom Nehring (ND), Rural Chair  
Kathy Robinson, NASEMSO Staff  
Alisa Williams (MI)

**Absent**

Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect

**Call to Order / Self-introductions**

President Jim DeTienne called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.; Beth Armstrong called roll and stated that a quorum was present.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Dennis Blair presented the October 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Joe Schmider moved, seconded by Dean Cole to approve the minutes; the vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

On behalf of Treasurer Gary Brown, Beth Armstrong presented four-months 2012-13 financial activity of \$475,992 in receipts and \$303,817 in expenses with a fund balance as of October 31 of \$656,917.

**President's Report**

President DeTienne shared with the Board a new approach to keeping members engaged in association issues: the plan is to circulate the draft agenda to all members the week prior to the monthly call, encouraging comments and input via regional representatives. Reference materials and meeting records will be organized in the Members-Only area of the web site.

He reminded council and committee chairs that draft work plans are due by November 27. The focus should be on calendar year 2013, with enough detail to determine necessary level of staff support as well as other financial implications.

Jim reminded Board members to make travel arrangements now for the Board Retreat December 11-12 in Alexandria, VA.

He challenged each Board member to come to the Retreat with three ideas on association strategy to help build a path towards the NASEMSO vision.

### **NASEMSO Action Items**

- HITS Committee – Keith Wages noted that he and Mary will coordinate soon to keep activities progressing.
- AVL Committee – Brian Litza reminded the Board that it decided to ask the GSA to postpone retirement of the KKK standards until 2016. A letter has been drafted explaining the timeline needed, Joe Schmider moved, seconded by Dennis Blair to approve the letter to be released as written. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
- NFPA 1917 Technical Interim Amendment requests – Brian reviewed two technical amendments to NFPA 1917 to be requested by NASEMSO. One addresses concerns about speed governors that are not consistent with states legal speed limits. Dave Edwards moved, seconded by Joe Schmider to approve NASEMSO submission of this TIA. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The other TIA would allow for vehicles to be certifiable that deviate from the standards. Dennis Blair moved, seconded by Joe Schmider to approve NASEMSO submission of this TIA. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **NASEMSO Regional Reports**

- East – Joe Schmider (PA) noted that Hurricane Sandy has consumed the East region's time and attention. NJ will likely begin demobilizing mutual aid EMS assets and services soon. He noted that NY has 300-350 ambulances under the NAC. The NY EMA Director was fired today for having workers clear his driveway in the height of the storm. The region's next call occurs November 27. Beth Armstrong shared that DHS OHA asked her to host a discussion last weekend on unmet personal needs of first responders and address whether we can help our own. It was agreed that during the peak of the response and recovery efforts we cannot undertake a focused examination of these concerns, but it was noted that NAEMT and IAFF both have mechanisms to
- West – Kyle Thornton (NM) no report
- North Central – Dean Cole (NE) noted that new directors Mike Dornier (KY) is prepared to host the 2015 conference in Louisville. Greg Natsch (MO) is retiring effective in December so they are currently conducting a search to

replace him. He noted that Missouri recently received a big grant to help equip ambulances with computers. He reminded colleagues to maintain strong relationships at the state level with highway safety offices.

- South Central – Keith Wages (GA) the region met three weeks ago. Discussion focused on ambulance and traffic management standards.

### **NASEMSO Council Reports**

- Data Managers – Joe Moreland (KS) reported that the group met October 16 with discussion focusing on NEMSIS 3.0 and the validity rules and schematron. Lindsay from ND has volunteered to collect each States' validity rules. Their next meeting will occur in two weeks.
- Education and Professional Standards – Kathy Robinson reported for Brett Hart (TX) that the council is trying to provide information to guide states on military reciprocity. Program accreditation deadline is approaching the end of the year. The new requirement takes effect for those who begin their training after 12-31-2012. There have been several meetings regarding specialty certification this year; a first draft report will be produced and the work group will be asked to review it.

It was noted that the NREMT Board is still deliberating on Executive Director Bill Brown's replacement.

- Medical Directors – Joe Nelson M.D. (FL) shared that the council will meet in-person on January 9 at NAEMSP, and met via teleconference November 5 and discussed NASEMSO's new project on Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Mary Hedges, Dia Gainor and Beth Armstrong participated in a kick-off meeting today at NHTSA. The first work group meeting occurs January 12-13 after NAEMSP in Florida. The Council is also addressing the new project to implement evidence-based guidelines. A survey will be conducted to support the project. Dr. Matt Scholl and Dr. Peter Taillac are principal investigators for this project. Dr. Nelson is working with Mary to complete the council's work plan. Several new state EMS medical directors engaged in the council during the teleconference earlier this week. Joe shared that NAEMT elected a new president recently – Chuck Kearns from Pinellas County, FL.
- Pediatric Emergency Care – Dave Edwards (VA) reported that they are commenting on Mary Fallett's study on ambulance pediatric equipment guidelines.
- Trauma Managers – Rob Seesholtz (TN) reported that trauma managers met to prepare the 2013 work plan. They reviewed their mentoring process to help new trauma managers address important job duties and be aware of sources of tools. A joint project with American College of Surgeons yielded

concern about data sources for the report. The group is also considering development of a trauma center data base. State EMS offices are the clearinghouse for trauma center designation as well as specialties for STEMI, stroke and preparedness.

### **NASEMSO Standing Committee Reports**

- Communications and Technology – no report
- Domestic Preparedness Committee – activity addressed as part of East Region report
- Government Information Committee – no report
- Highway Incident and Transportation Systems – activity addressed as part of AVL report
- Rural EMS Committee – Tom Nehring (ND) shared that the JCREC met in October with another gathering to occur mid-year. Matt Chandler from NOSORH is unable to chair JCREC this year, and they are seeking a replacement.
- Joint National EMS Leadership Forum – Randy Kuykendall (CO) shared that the group met but turnout was low.

### **Other Business**

- (None) – xx

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

*Meeting record respectfully submitted by NASEMSO EVP Beth Armstrong.*