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June 1, 2016

Dear Dr. Brazelton:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) on becoming the largest of the accreditation committees under the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) umbrella! NASEMSO recognizes that the success of achieving 502 fully accredited EMS programs with another 197 in the Letter of Review process is no small accomplishment and is due to the growing support of the EMS community and the Committee's commitment in fulfilling the vision outlined in the National EMS Education Agenda. The rigors of program accreditation have truly "raised the bar" on paramedic education and moved CoAEMSP out of the ranks of a fledgling organization of which we can all be proud! Again, congratulations!

In light of these successes, we believe the time has come to request relief from the cost of supporting the CoA financially. Our annual expenses with regard to the CoA and CAAHEP are approximately \$10K, which includes dues for CAAHEP and the CoA as well as travel support for our members. The "value" that NASEMSO and other member representatives provide as volunteer Board members is no small contribution and should not be underestimated. Therefore, NASEMSO is requesting that the CoAEMSP reconsider the financial support it expects to receive from member organizations when developing its 2017 budget.

While I am happy to discuss this matter, as needed, your consideration of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Patrick  
President  
National Association of State EMS Officials

Cc: Dr. George Hatch

**Subject:** Re: Request from NASEMSO

**Date:** Friday, June 3, 2016 at 2:43 PM

**From:** Tom Brazelton

**To:** Kathy Robinson; Paul Patrick

**CC:** George Hatch; Dia Gainor

Dear Mr. Patrick and Ms. Robinson,

Thank you for the letter, the CoAEMSP greatly values its partnership with all our sponsors and we're certainly aware of (and sensitive to) the increasing financial constraints on all of us. The volunteerism of our Board is essential to our success and we do not want to threaten that relationship in any way. I can't of course speak for CAAHEP but I've called for a meeting among our CoAEMSP Executive Committee to discuss this and we've added it to our Board meeting agenda to be addressed with the entire Board at the end of July. Please don't hesitate to contact me again but I'll plan be in touch with you after that.

Sincerely,

Tom Brazelton, MD, MPH  
Chair, CoAEMSP Board of Directors