

**NASEMSO Board of Directors Teleconference  
Thursday, February 14, 2013  
Meeting Record**

**Present**

Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary  
Jim DeTienne (MT), President  
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Professional Stds  
Pat Irwin (NV) West Alt.  
Randy Kuykendall (CO), Past President  
Joe Nelson M.D. (FL), Medical Directors  
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect  
Joe Schmider (PA), DP and East  
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Managers  
Kyle Thornton (NM), West  
Keith Wages (GA), South Central

**Absent**

Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Dean Cole (NE), North Central  
Dave Edwards (VA), PEC  
Joe Moreland (KS), Data Managers

**Also Present**

Beth Armstrong, EVP  
Beth Edgerton M.D., EMSC  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Susan McHenry, NHTSA OEMS

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Dennis Blair presented the previous meeting record. Joe Schmider moved, seconded by Rob Seesholtz to approve the January 10, 2013 Board Meeting Record. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Finance Committee Report – Beth Armstrong will circulate a finance report electronically.
- Program Committee Report – It was noted that NASEMSO HQ currently has 32 registrants for the Mid-Year Meeting.
- Delinquent Member Dues Contacts - Jim DeTienne reported that Dean Cole has done an excellent job contacting those states that have not paid 2012-13 dues, and he should be able to report his findings next month.

**Presidential Ponderings**

- Mentor Chat – Jim convened a teleconference on February 11 to talk about what various councils and regions within NASEMSO are doing to support new participants.
- AEMS – Jim reports that Holland & Knight has recently shown responsiveness in serving AEMS at a level appropriate to the scope of work. He posed a series of questions to all state EMS directors via email, and the Board discussed:

**Should NASEMSO continue to support AEMS and at what level?**

**ACTION:** Randy Kuykendall moved, seconded by Brett Hart that NASEMSO continue in 2013 at the current level of \$27,500 but put AEMS on notice that NASEMSO will not continue at this level thereafter unless concrete performance measures and deliverables are contractually enforced. The motion carried 7-4 (support: DeTienne, Irwin, Schmider, Kuykendall, Nelson, Patrick, Hart; opposed: Blair, Seesholtz, Wages, Brown/proxy)

The current NASEMSO Board decision notwithstanding, NASEMSO will continue to seek other opportunities for additional and more effective representation on regulatory and legislative matters.

**Should NASEMSO, as an association and an AEMS board member, support NAEMT's offer to become the primary sponsor/lead for the Field EMS bill?**

**ACTION:** Joe Schmider moved, seconded by Paul Patrick to support this. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Should AEMS continue a relationship with H&K for now, albeit with a lot more monitoring of their ability to meet the needs of Advocates and its members?**

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Joe Schmider to continue the contract with H&K this year and an issue RFP to seek alternatives. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Should Advocates renegotiate the management contract for focused activities and less cost?**

**ACTION:** Brett Hart moved, seconded by Joe Nelson to issue an RFP to seek alternatives for management services. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Action Items**

**ACTION:** Dennis Blair moved, seconded by Joe Schmider to add NASEMSO's logo to the ASTHO publication in which Paul Patrick participated on behalf of NASEMSO "Coping with and Mitigating the Effects of Shortages of Emergency Medications." The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**ACTION:** Paul Patrick moved, seconded by Pat Irwin that NASEMSO sponsor NAEMT's EMS on the Hill Day at the "Advocate" level of \$1,000. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Federal Partners**

Susan McHenry and Beth Edgerton greeted the NASEMSO Board and briefly summarized current activities of interest to state EMS officials.

## **NASEMSO Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- Air Medical Committee – they will meet at the Mid-Year Meeting.
- Agency & Vehicle Licensure – the committee is currently seeking model rules. The Model Rules for Ambulance Vehicle Design group is postponing its April meeting.
- Education Agenda I-Team – Kathy Robinson re-sent the request for survey response today. She will collate response next week. Progress on the EMS program accreditation is impressive.
- Specialty Certification – Joe Schmider mentioned that they haven't met since last month.

## **Regional Reports**

- East – Joe Schmider reported this month's regional discussion focused on Hurricane Sandy AAR. CMS is doing audits around the region, having a contractor take pictures of EMS agencies to document existence to validate Medicare reimbursement requests. They neglected to notify the state EMS system that they were doing this, so there was a considerable reaction concerning the appearance of homeland security threat. that the next meeting will be Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- West – Pat Irwin noted that
- North Central – (no report)
- South Central – Keith Wages reported that over half the states participated in his regional meeting last month and addressed air ambulance and licensing issues, management of convicted felons, NFPA and the role they play through EMS system.

## **Council Reports**

- Medical Directors – Joe Nelson reported their meeting at NAEMSP went well. They had a work group meeting in conjunction with the gathering focusing on model clinical guidelines post-conference.
- Data Managers – not present
- EPS – Brett Hart reported that they are finalizing their Mid-Year Meeting agenda next week. Two council members have currently registered but 10 are planning to attend.
- PECC – (no report)
- Trauma – Rob Seesholtz reported a steering committee meeting February 7; Jennie Nemic resigned her job in Montana so the council's position of chair-elect is vacant. Tim Erskine (OH) will represent the council on the ACS COT Trauma Center Inventory Project. Only 2-3 trauma managers will attend the NASEMSO Mid-Year Meeting.

## **Standing Committee Highlights**

- Communication & Technology – (not present)
- Domestic Preparedness – Joe Schmider reported that they are wrapping up their annual survey. The FEMA staffer on the National Ambulance Contract has resigned.
- Government Information – (not present)

- HITS – Keith Wages stated that they met yesterday with about 15 in attendance. They heard from Linda Dodge of the Office of Public Safety and Rural Programs at DOT. They discussed the AACN course.
- Rural EMS – (no report)

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m. at the motion and second of Joe Schmider and Rob Seesholtz, respectively.

*Meeting Record respectfully submitted by EVP Beth Armstrong.*