

NASEMSO Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, January 9, 2014

# Meeting Record

## PRESENT

Jim DeTienne (MT), President  
Paul Patrick (UT), President-elect  
Gary Brown (VA), Treasurer  
Chris Bell (VT), East Region  
Kyle Thornton (NM), West Region  
Keith Wages (GA), South Central Region  
Paul Sharpe (VA), Data Managers  
Brett Hart (TX), Educ & Prof'l Stds  
Rob Seesholtz (TN), Trauma Managers  
Katherine Hert (AL), PEC Council Alt.

## ABSENT

Dennis Blair (AL), Secretary  
Randy Kuykendall (CO), Past President  
Jack Fleeaharty (IL), North Central Rep  
Joe Nelson MD (FL), Medical Directors  
Dave Edwards (VA), PEC Council

## ALSO PRESENT

Joe Schmider, DP Committee Chair  
Rachael Alter, Program Manager  
Beth Armstrong, Executive Vice President  
Joe Ferrell (IA), EPSC Alt  
Dia Gainor, Executive Director  
Andy Gienapp (WY), West Region Alt  
Mary Hedges, Program Manager  
Kathy Robinson, Program Manager  
Leslee Stein-Spencer, Program Manager  
Dr. Beth Edgerton, HRSA

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by President Jim DeTienne. Roll call was conducted by Kathy Robinson and a quorum was noted to be present.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jim DeTienne presented the December 9-11, 2013 Board/Retreat Minutes. Under Trauma Managers, the last sentence that each region is undertaking a project, should read SOME regions.

**ACTION:** Kyle Thornton moved, seconded by Rob Seesholtz to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Finance Report** – Treasurer Gary Brown reported year-to-date revenue of \$838,159 including dues payments from 46 states and territories. Expenses as of December 31 are \$699,940 and the year-to-date net is \$138,219. Investment income has yielded \$16,516 in dividends and \$20,816 in overall unrealized gain. As of December 31, \$34,402 of budgeted \$65,000 in Annual Meeting expenses have been processed, with the balance expected to be posted next month. The current

fund balance at December 31 is \$1,006,744. The balance sheet reflects \$431,577 in cash, accounts receivable of \$48,422 and investments of \$525,746.

**Program Committee** – Gary Brown reported that the Committee met January 7, 2014 and presented a recommendation related to ability of the current budget to support limited member travel to the MY.

**ACTION:** Brett Hart moved, seconded by Rob Seesholtz to award travel support for 14 applicants up to \$1066 per person for persons otherwise unable to attend to the Mid-Year meeting. The vote was unanimous and the request was approved.

### **PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS**

- **New NASEMSO Board Blog** – Dia Gainor reported that the request for additional information related to NASEMSO activities would soon be provided via a Board Blog by the Executive Director. She indicated that the offering would be limited to board members at first, updated on a weekly basis, and enable member settings for a “digest” version. Once the kinks are worked out, the blog will be offered as a member benefit to all NASEMSO members.
- **NEMSIS 3 Rollout** –it was noted that the recent NEMSIS webinar was recorded and is available on line.

President DeTienne expressed gratitude to Paul Patrick for stepping up to fill voids created by Dr. Bass’ recent retirement.

Government Information Committee Workgroup – Paul Patrick is leading a workgroup to re-examine the role of the Government Information Committee in light of our separation from Advocates for EMS and Bob Bass’ retirement and will present recommendations at a subsequent Board meeting.

**ACTION:** The President instructed that an Executive Director Update be added as a regular agenda item.

### **FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATES**

- **MCHB EMSC Program** – none
- **NHTSA** - none

## ACTION ITEMS

**Topic Proposal for the National Cooperative Highway Research Program Synthesis of Highway Practice - "Use of 'Safe Transport of Children in Ambulances' Principles among State EMS Agencies"** - Mary Hedges and Dia Gainor reported that a February 14<sup>th</sup> deadline has been announced for new National Cooperative Highway Research Program project proposals have been announced. Staff proposes that NASEMSO submit a proposal to study how or if states have adopted the NHTSA guidelines related to safely transporting children in ambulances. NCHRP project proposals must be transportation related.

**ACTION:** Brett Hart moved, seconded by Kyle Thornton to have staff develop a proposal for a TRB/syntheses project. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**CMS Proposal Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Participating Providers and Suppliers**-- Joe Schmider and Leslee Stein-Spencer provided an overview of the CMS proposal for emergency preparedness requirements of participating providers and suppliers. The Domestic Preparedness Committee largely supports the proposal with emphasis on the need to demonstrate evidence and testing of a disaster plan along with encouraging collaboration with local EMS agencies. A draft letter was provided.

**ACTION:** Rob Seesholtz moved, Brett Hart seconded to approve the draft letter as presented related to the CMS proposal. The motion was unanimously approved.

## NASEMSO REGIONAL REPORTS

- **East** – Chris Bell reported that the East Region met 2 days ago and was well attended. The Interstate Licensure Compact, AVL, and IM and internal administration of Narcan by law enforcement and the public were discussion topics.
- **West** – Kyle Thornton reported that next call is scheduled January 21. He acknowledges that NV has a new state director, Steve Tafoya.
- **North Central** – (no report)
- **South Central** – Keith Wages reported that the SouthCentral Region met on December 19. Dia provided a NASEMSO report. He expressed enthusiasm to welcome the state LA state director, Donnie Woodyard. The next meeting is Jan 16.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### NASEMSO COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Data Managers** – Paul Sharpe reported on activities related to NEMSIS implementation. Their next meeting is Jan 21. Outreach data and linkages and the implementation timeline needs to be discussed.
- **Education & Professional Standards** – Brett Hart reported planning has started for the MY meeting. Kathy Robinson reported that a webinar on transition related to the National EMS Education Standards is planned for January 22. Details will be sent to all members. Scheduled panelists include Dan Manz, Gabe Romero (NREMT), and Mark Sonkin (FISDAP.) The group is currently soliciting an EPSC liaison for the PEPP Steering Committee.
- **Medical Directors** – (no report)
- **Pediatric Emergency Care** – Katherine Hert reported that the PEC meets next week. They are currently working on a PEC mentoring project. The Council does plan to meet at MY but expect limited attendance due to the end of the grant cycle.
- **Trauma Managers** – Rob Seesholtz reported that the TMC is working on a draft agenda for Mid-Year meeting. They anticipate greater participation in Orlando. The Joint Trauma Committee membership has been cemented from the NASEMSO side— Tim Held, Jolene Whitney, Dr. David Lehrfeld, and Jane Guerrero. The crosswalk from the green to the orange book will still require NASEMSO assistance.

### NASEMSO STANDING AND AD HOC COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Specialty Certification**- Kathy Robinson reported that the Specialty Certification Working Group is planning a discussion at the end of the month to reestablish priorities and goals for 2014.
- **Mobile Integrate Health**- Jim DeTienne reports that there will be a web site call later this month.
- **I-Team** – activities supporting the implementation of the Education Agenda have centered on launching and encouraging responses for the 2013 survey. Several pediatric resources are under development. The Peds Gap Analysis is currently available on the NASEMSO web site. A planned webinar was previously discussed under the EPSC report.
- **AVL**- vacant Chairman position will be filled by Mike Berg, the Virginia EMS Compliance Manager. Jay Bradshaw and Dia Gainor attended the NFPA technical committee meeting in December and remain concerned about requirements, especially those that are cosmetic or due solely to fire service influence. Another round of public comment will commence in 2014.
- **Air Medical**- Kathy Robinson reported that a call for committee members was being issued. A steering committee from the AMC will continue work on draft state model

regulations in 2014. Upcoming meetings are being scheduled to introduce Greg Brown as the NASEMSO liaison for ACCT and AAMS.

- **Communications & Technology** – Paul Patrick reported that the EMS Workgroup presented 38 EMS applications to Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The PSAC has asked for Fire and Police applications and will have the EMS Workgroup take the lead on reviewing, combining, and completing the list of all the applications to be presented to the FirstNet Board. Paul stated that it is great to have EMS take the lead in this “public safety” project.
- **Domestic Preparedness Committee** – Joe Schmider reported that a conference call is scheduled for next week. After action best practices related to the severe cold will be discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the call concluded at 3:02 pm Eastern time.

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

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