AEMS Board of Governors
October 16, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Board of Governor Members in Attendance: Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Sheila Bryant; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Doug Costal; Nicholas DeGroot; Garth Gemar, MD; Annie Giagni, RN; Cori Hayes; Gaby Iskander, MD; Robert Londeree, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandra Nygaard; Ray Ochoa; Beth Ranney, MD; Kim Reger, RN; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Casey Solem, MD; Ryan Southworth, DO; Billy Warren; and Alyson Welch

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Nicola Crim; James Cunningham; Kendal Dold; Lisa Dowrick; Rachel Garcia; Erin Henderson; Shelley Henry; Kyle Henson; Josephine Johnson; Mickey Kovach; Martin Murphy; Nick Pajic; Emily Phillips; Marc Puleo; Cindy Rekemeyer; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago; Julie Smith; Julia Vinton; and Amanda Wigman.

I. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: 12:00pm
NOTE per Chair: agenda items may be taken out of order due to scheduling of presenters.

II. Approval of Minutes
MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
ACTION: Passed unanimously

III. Executive Director's report:
A. Monthly activities: distributed to the members
1. Membership campaign starting
2. Survey of paramedic education grant funding recipients presented.

IV. Board Officer's Reports
A. Chair's Report
1. AZDJS Contract 2023-2024/2024-2025 Status: Funding for 2024-2025 flat when compared to prior fiscal year.
2. Funding levels in future years in question due to lower revenue from moving violations.
3. Rural Summit: Scheduled October 24. Board members encouraged to attend and to submit topics of interest.
4. Review of discussion related to categorization and accounting adjustment.
5. Regional Report Update
a. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium – brief update
b. ROCC - No report
c. Rural
i. Rural Summit scheduled 10/24, Board members encouraged to attend.
ii. OBLS Grant Implementation: Moving into next phase of grant with courses offered at prehospital implementation sites. Will also include staff at critical access hospitals for appropriate training.
iii. Gila, Pinal, Maricopa County Reports - no reports
iv. Arizona Fire District Association - no report

B. Treasurer's Report
1. Financial Reports: MOTION: Accept the financial reports as presented ACTION: Passed unanimously
2. FY24 Fiscal adjustment: Brief presentation and update
3. Financial Review: Overview of key points and discussion of Financial Review vs Financial Audit.
MOTION: Accept the Financial Review as presented ACTION: Passed unanimously
4. Membership Campaign: Review of need for dues to support the ongoing work of the organization and expected reduction in contract funding levels.

Per Executive Director's report, annual Membership Campaign due for kick-off. Invoices will be generated and all board members encouraged to engage with their agencies/facilities for dues submission. In addition, individual voluntary dues submission is encouraged. Reminder provided that dues are tax deductible.

C. Board Transitions

1. Elections.

a. Representative of a helicopter ambulance employer of EMCTs, recommended by a statewide ambulance association, representing a private-sector employer of EMCTs.
Call for nominations from the floor: None MOTION: Close Nominations ACTION: Passed unanimously
ELECTED: Nicola Crim

b. Representative from a tribal EMS agency, from a rural EMS provider agency.
Call for nominations from the floor: None MOTION: Close Nominations ACTION: Passed Unanimously
ELECTED: Julie Smith

c. Destroy ballots - MOTION: Destroy the ballots - ACTION: Passed unanimously

2. Term Expirations/Vacancies

a. Representative of an EMCT Training Program
Due to attendance and failure to respond to requests regarding board attendance expectations, the Board is asked to determine the status of this position:
MOTION: Declare the position of Representative of an EMCT Training Program to be vacant.
ACTION: Passed unanimously

V. State Report:

A. BEMSTS Activities and Updates

1. Review of funding challenges and department expenses
2. SHARE Update: Provided
3. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AZ_PIERS): Brief update
4. Pediatric: Recommendations regarding EMS agencies for Pediatric Readiness.
5. State Committees: Brief updates from designated AEMS representatives.

VI. Functional Group Review:

A. Planning & Outreach:

1. Education Committee:
a. 5th Annual EMS CE Fall Forum: 12/5/24 via ZOOM. Registration link provided
b. 25th Annual EMS Odyssey Conference: 6/12/25: update provided
c. 50th Anniversary: No report

2. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: update provided on topics and presentations in upcoming Functional Group Meetings

3. Outreach
a. Contact Updates ALL Agencies/Hospitals: Reminder

B. Patient Management

1. Categorization Committee:
a. General Hospital Emergency Departments
MOTION: Approve the following:
Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital – Mesa
Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital – Laveen
Phoenix Children's Hospital (Phoenix)
St. Joseph's Westgate Medical Center
Valleywise Health Medical Center
ACTION: Passed unanimously

b. Free Standing Emergency/Hospital-Based Satellite Emergency Department: Discussion regarding Executive Committee provisional approval of El Mirage Emergency Room and Medical Center
MOTION: Approve the following:
El Mirage Emergency Room and Medical Center
ACTION: Passed unanimously

c. Critical Access Hospital
MOTION: Approve the following:
San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation
ACTION: Passed unanimously

2. Transfer of Care
   a. Sector Reports – None
   b. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition: update regarding discussions between the Coalition and AEMS Board Chair regarding AEMS' categorization activities.
   c. Trauma: No updates

3. RED Books – No Updates

VII. Additional Reports - None

VIII. Program and Committee Reports: None

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business: None

XI. Call to the Public: None

XII. Adjournment: 1:28pm

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Barry, RN