AEMS Board of Governors Meeting
October 15, 2025
MINUTES

Board of Governors Members in Attendance: Marcia Barry; Peggy Baker; Bruce Barnhart; Eileen Blackstone; Suzanne Buchanan; Franco Castro-Marin; Doug Costal; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar; Annie Giagni; Cori Hayes; Gaby Iskander; Steven Maher; Tracy Moroney; Kristin Niehoff; Ray Ochoa; Beth Ranney; Kim Reger; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Julie Smith; Casey Solem; Ryan Southworth; Alyson Welch;

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Carlos Alarcon; Mark Barnhart; Dana Barton; Olivia (Alex) Brothers; James Cunningham; Jorge Delgado; Jorge Delgado; Stephen Ferris; Val Gale; Dave Hanson; Dave Hanson; Kyle Henson; Dan Jarrett; Josephine Johnson; Andrew Johnston; Aaron McKinney; Martin Murphy; Anh Thu Nguyen; Savannah Sandlin; Heather Santiago; Nick Pajic; Marc Puleo; Adam Rodriguez; James Stoltenberg; Glenn Trainor; Julia Vinton; Shelby Wirtanen

I. Call to order and introduction of Guests: 12:01pm
II. Approval of Minutes
    a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
    b. ACTION: Passed without dissent
III. Executive Director's Report
    a. Monthly Activities: Summary report provided to the board in advance of the meeting
    b. AZDHS Contract FY25 & FY26: no update
IV. Board Officers' Reports
    a. Treasurer's Report
        i. Financial Reports
            1. MOTION: Accept the financial reports as presented
            2. ACTION: Passed without dissent
        ii. Financial Review: Overview of findings provided
            1. MOTION: Accept the financial review as presented
            2. ACTION: Passed without dissent
        iii. FY26 Budget: overview of budget including anticipated changes in revenue/expenses and discussion of additional revenue opportunities.
            1. MOTION: Accept the budget as presented
            2. ACTION: Passed without dissent
        iv. 2026 Membership Campaign: Reminders for members present regarding value of AEMS and encouraging members to review with their constituencies regarding dues submissions.
    b. Chair's Report
        i. Executive Committee: discussions regarding categorization updates, disclaimer language and upcoming events. No items for action by the board.
        ii. Regional Update Report
            1. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium
                a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: reminder of DEA Registration Webinar scheduled for 10/16.
            2. ROCC: Brief discussion of clarification requests regarding training questions
            3. Rural
                a. OBLS Grant Implementation: No new information from the research team at UConn regarding continuation of the grant. Researchers are also exploring other funding sources. AEMS has submitted all activity reports as required by the agreement for currently authorized funding.
                    i. Announcement regarding Rural Health Office Webinar on maternal emergency preparedness scheduled for 10/16 at noon.

iii. Open Forum: Brief discussion regarding use of blood products in the field. Follow up discussions as needed with board members.

c. Board Transitions:

i. Elections: There are multiple positions open for election. In order, nominations from the floor will be requested. Once completed nominations will be closed. The voting ballot will then be opened. There were no nominations from the floor for any position. Motions/seconds were stated for each position to close nominations from the floor. Each vote passed without dissent. All nominees were offered the opportunity to provide brief comments regarding their nomination, experience, and interest in their respective positions. The results of the election are as follows:

1. Representative Recommended by a Statewide Ambulance Association, Representing a Private-Sector Employer of EMCTs
    a. Elected: Michelle Angle
2. Pysician Active in the Practice of Emergency Medicine and/or Prehospital Administrative Direction, Practicing at a trauma Center Hospital.
    a. Elected: Franco Castro-Marin, MD
3. Representative, Acting as a Prehospital Care Manager for their Hospital employer, Representing a Trauma Center Hospital.
    a. Elected: Tracy Moroney
4. Representative from Public Employer of Emergency Medical Care Technicians (EMCTs, from Political Subdivision of Population Greater than 500000)
    a. Elected: Ray Ochoa
5. Chair, AEMS Board of Governors
    a. Elected: Ryan Southworth, DO
6. State Committee Vacancy: BEMSTS Education Committee – AEMS Central Region Representative
    a. Elected: Glenn Trainor

ii. Vacancies

1. Per the bylaws, the board is requested to deem a position vacant and open for election in the event that a member of the board has not met the attendance requirements or responded to requests to clarify intent to remain on the board:
    a. Representative from a Rural EMS Provider Agency
        i. MOTION: Declare the position vacant
        ii. ACTION: Passed without dissent
2. Positions that will be posted:
    a. One Emergency Medical Care Technician (EMCT-B), serving their employer in a predominantly non-administrative capacity
    b. One representative recommended by a statewide fire district association
    c. Representative from a public employer of emergency medical care technicians (EMCTs), from a distinct political subdivision with a population of between 50,000 and 500,000. Previously held position.
    d. Representative of the administration of Non-Trauma Center Hospital
    e. Representative from a rural EMS provider agency (as deemed vacant at this meeting).

V. State Report

a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates: Brief update on positions and additional pediatric funding
b. SHARE Update: Aggregate reports are now available. A link for report requests will be provided in the ZOOM chat
c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AZ-PIERS): no report
d. Pediatric: Savannah Sandlin is introduced as the new program manager

e. State Committees: Designated AEMS Representatives: No reports

VI. Functional Group Review

a. Planning & Outreach

i. Education Committee

1. AEMS 50th Anniversary: Update and reminder to RSVP.
2. EMS CE Fall Forum: agenda being finalized for virtual event on 12/11/25. A reminder provided that AEMS now has a process to issue continuing education credits for nurses.
3. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: Members asked to submit topic requests and for agencies to present to the Functional Group.

ii. Outreach

1. Reminder to update contact information

b. Patient Management

i. Categorization: Committee continuing to work on updated questionnaire.

1. Reminder to submit status change forms for any organizational program updates

ii. Transfer of Care

1. Sector Reports: None

iii. RED Book Update: None

iv. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition: Task Force identified to assess tiered triage and will be collaborating with Medical Directors.

v. Trauma: Discussion regarding prehospital use of blood products.

vi. Additional reports: None

VII. Program and Committee Reports: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Call to the Public: None

XI. Adjournment: 1:37pm