

AEMS Board of Governors
Wednesday April 17, 2024
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Marcia Barry, RN; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Kayla Cole; Doug Costal; Nick Ells; Garth Gemar, MD; Jordan Jacobs, MD; Robert Londeree, MD; Steven Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Raymond Ochoa; Beth Ranney, MD; Kim Reger, RN; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barb Schaffer, RN; Ryan Southworth, DO; Casey Solem, MD; Alyson Welch; and Billy Warren

Distinguished Guest Members in Attendance: Bruce Barnhart; Olivia Brothers; James Cunningham; Nicholas DeGroot; Lisa Dowrick; Shauna Griffith; Shelley Henry; Kyle Henson; Josephine Johnson; Dan Jarrett; John Krajnak; Kris Oldenburg; Dawn Polkabila; Cindy Roberts; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago; Abriana Smith; Valerie Weaver; Shelby Wirtanen; and Julia Vinton

- I. Call to order: 12:02pm
- II. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
 - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
- III. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Monthly activities: Report distributed.
 - i. Reminder of EMCT of the Year Award process. Members are encouraged to submit nominations.
 - b. AzDHS Contract 2023-2024 Status: Contract payments on track
- IV. Board Officers' Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Financial Reports
 1. MOTION: Accept the financial reports as presented
 2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
 - ii. Membership campaign: Dues received are consistent with budget. Members present reminded to review and if needed, to support efforts with those entities who have not submitted dues.
 - b. Chair's Report
 - i. Executive Committee Report:
 1. Reminder that AEMS will be planning for the 2025 50th anniversary. Preliminary discussions on celebration gala to be held in conjunction with educational events.
 2. Review of membership campaign efforts and tracking of contract status with AzDHS
 - ii. Regional Update
 1. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium: Update on future meetings
 - a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: No update
 2. ROCC: general update
 3. Rural
 - a. Paramedic Education Funding Process: Ongoing tracking
 - b. Pediatric Mini-Grant Process: Ongoing planning for distribution
 - c. OBLS Grant Implementation: Discussion regarding Landscape Survey process and request for involved agencies to support. Brief update on May training schedule.
 - i. Information only: Rural Obstetrics Readiness Act (S. 4079)
 - d. County Reports –
 - e. Gila, Pinal, and Maricopa: No updates
 - f. Arizona Fire District Association: No updates
 - iii. Open Forum: No Comments or updates requested.
 - c. Board Transitions:
 - i. Elections:
 1. MOTION: Close nominations as there are no nominations from the floor
 2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
 3. Position:
 - a. Representative of a Rural EMS Provider Agency
 - i. ELECTED: Nicholas DeGroot

4. MOTION: destroy the ballots
5. ACTION: Passed unanimously
- ii. Term Expirations/Vacancies: to be voted on at the June 19 Board Meeting
 1. One Emergency Medical Care Technician (EMCT-B), Serving their Employers in a Predominantly Non-Administrative Capacity
 2. One Representative of the Administration of Hospitals, Non-Trauma Center
 3. Physician, Active in the Practice of Trauma Surgery, Recommended by a Professional Association of Trauma Surgeons
- V. State Report
 - a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates: Appreciation for attendance at strategic planning meeting. Awaiting final approved budget.
 - b. SHARE Update: transition in process to AzDHS. Technical link with AzPIERS in process
 - c. The Arizona Pre-hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AzPIERS): As noted, technical link under development.
 - d. Pediatric: No additional update
 - e. State Committees: No updates.
- VI. Functional Group Review
 - a. Planning & Outreach
 - i. Education Committee
 1. 24th Annual EMS Odyssey Conference: Program finalized, and registration is open.
 2. 5th Annual EMS CE Fall Forum December 5, 2024: Virtual conference and agenda under development
 3. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: brief update.
 - ii. Outreach: reminder regarding update of contact information
 - b. Patient Management
 - i. Categorization: All questionnaires pertinent to requests for categorization are reviewed by the Categorization Committee. Subsequent recommendations from the Committee are then reviewed by the Executive Committee. Any need for further clarification/information is sought from the requesting entity prior to formal action by the Board. Questionnaires have been provided to the Board.
 1. Free-Standing Emergency Center Requests:
 - a. MOTION: Approve categorization of the Free-standing Emergency Center requests as a group.
 - b. ACTION: Passed Unanimously
 2. General Hospital Emergency Departments Requests:
 - a. MOTION: Approve categorization of the General Hospital Emergency Department requests as a group.
 - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
 3. Request for hospitals that have not yet submitted responses to questionnaire requests to complete the submission for processing and updates as needed.
 - c. Transfer of Care: No update
 - d. RED Book Update: in process
 - e. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition: group has not met since last AEMS Board meeting.
 - f. Trauma: No update
 - g. 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: 1:26pm