

**AEMS  
Board of Governors Meeting  
February 19, 2025**

**Minutes**

**Board of Governors Members in Attendance:** Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Bruce Barnhart; Marcia Barry, RN; Eileen Blackstone; Sheila Bryant, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Annie Giagni, RN; Gaby Iskander, MD; Robert Londeree, MD; Steve Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandy Nygaard; Ray Ochoa; Beth Ranney, MD; Kim Reger, RN; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Julie Smith; Casey Solem, MD; Ryan Southworth, DO; and Billy Warren

**Distinguished Guests:** Suhaid Abaza; Christopher Blach; Barb Elliott; Val Gale; Shauna Griffith; Dave Hanson; David Harden; Braddley Hughes; Dan Jarrett; Cody Jordan; Josephine Johnson; Mickey Kovach; Vince Podrybau; Cindy Rekemeyer; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago.

- I. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: 12:01pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
  - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
- III. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Monthly Activities: As noted in prepared report
    - i. Pediatric funding awards prioritization completed
    - ii. Distribution of State EMCT and Trauma award nomination processes
    - iii. Planning for fall OBLS webinar in collaboration with UConn and the Arizona Center for Rural Health.
  - b. AZDHS Contract 2024-2025 Status: no report
- IV. Board Officers' Reports
  - a. Treasurer's Report
    - i. Financial Reports:
      1. MOTION: Approve the financial reports as presented
      2. ACTION: Passed unanimously
    - ii. Membership Campaign 2025: Dues submissions being submitted as expected. All members encouraged to review with their respective agencies/facilities to assure timely submission. Individuals encouraged to submit individual donations. Additional discussion regarding expected budgeting challenges at the State level.
    - iii. Fund Committee: Review of earlier discussion about the establishment of committee to develop additional funding sources. Any interested parties should contact Peggy or Roy.
  - b. Chair's Report
    - i. Executive Committee: Overview of discussion including Categorization updates and OBLS courses.
    - ii. Regional Update Report:
      1. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium
        - a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: Overview of recommended updates
      2. ROCC: No report
      3. Rural
        - a. OBLS Grant Implementation: Initial courses completed and instructor given provisional information that they are approved to go forward with additional courses in target communities. Continued meetings with UConn research team on planning for future courses.
        - b. County Reports: Gila, Pinal, and Maricopa: no reports
        - c. Arizona fire District Association: representative at the state legislature.
        - d. Rural Summit: scheduled for 10/23/2025
    - iii. Open Forum: No requests

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- c. Board Transitions:
  - i. Elections:
    - 1. Physician Active in the Practice of Emergency Medicine and/or Pre-Hospital Administrative Medical Direction, Employed or Contracted as an Administrative Medical Director for a Pre-Hospital EMS Agency
      - a. MOTION: Close nominations as there are no nominations from the floor
      - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
      - c. ELECTED: Steve Maher, MD
    - 2. Protocols, Medications & Devices (PMD) Committee – One Central Region Representative
      - a. MOTION: Close nominations as there are no nominations from the floor
      - b. ACTION: Passed unanimously
      - c. ELECTED: Cody Jordan
  - ii. New Member Orientation scheduled for 3/19 following the March Functional Group meeting.
- V. State Report
  - a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates: General updates
  - b. SHARE Update: No report
  - c. The Arizona Pre-hospital Information and EMS Registry System (AZ-PIERS): awaiting report publications
  - d. Pediatric – as discussed, distribution prioritization completed for Central Region recipients
  - e. State Committees: No additional reports
- VI. Functional Group Review
  - a. Planning and Outreach
    - i. Education Committee
      - 1. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Odyssey Conference: Agenda being finalized for ZOOM conference.
      - 2. AEMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:
        - a. Committee reports that planning is ongoing and requesting some media presence. Venue being finalized.
      - 3. EMS CE Fall Forum: Scheduled for Dec 11, 2025 via ZOOM. Committee requests that anyone with specific topic requests to contact Sandy or Peggy.
      - 4. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: Upcoming topics reviewed and request for any members present to submit ideas for future presentations
    - ii. Outreach: reminder to update contact information
  - b. Patient Management
    - i. Categorization actions:
      - 1. Status Changes as Submitted
        - a. Abrazo Cave Creek Emergency Center (formerly Abrazo Cave Creek Hospital).
          - i. MOTION: Ratify change in status as provisionally approved by the Executive Committee.
          - ii. ACTION: Passed Unanimously
        - b. The following facilities have submitted status change forms and are being brought forward as a group:
          - i. MOTION: Approve the Categorization requests submitted by Dignity Health Chandler Regional Medical Center, HonorHealth Mountain Vista Medical Center, Honor Health Sonoran Crossing and HonorHealth Tempe Medical Center.
          - ii. ACTION: Passed unanimously
      - 2. Status Change Form: reminder that any change in status needs to be submitted via the change form to ensure accuracy and to provide the categorization committee with complete information.
      - 3. Transfer of Care:
        - a. Sector reports: None
      - 4. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition: Representatives to join Categorization Committee to facilitate timely updates to Prehospital agencies and accurate categorization.
      - 5. Trauma: No report
      - 6. 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: 1:23pm