

AEMS Board of Governors Meeting

August 20, 2025

Minutes

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

Distinguished Guests: Mark Barnhart; Christopher Blach; Shari Brand, MD; Daniel Didier; Barb Elliott; Stephen Ferris; Val Gale; Dave Hanson; Jon Holmes; Bradley Hughes; Sara Latham; Aaron McKinney; Marty Murphy; Dawn Polkable, RN; Marc Puleo; Adam Rodriguez; Heather Santiago; and James Stottenberg

- I. Call to order and Introduction of Guests: 12:02pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. MOTION: Approve the Minutes as presented
 - b. ACTION: Passed without dissent
- III. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Monthly summary sent previously
 - i. Continued work on meeting coordination
 - ii. OBLS reports submitted as contracted
 - iii. Special project support including anniversary celebration
 - b. AZDHS Contract FY25 & FY26: Status update
 - i. All contracts received have been signed noting reduction in funding
- IV. Board Officers Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Financial Reports
 1. Review of trends and current status of previously unbudgeted items including income received and expenses incurred. Additional update regarding increased interest subsequent to transfer of funds to higher yield accounts.
 2. MOTION: Approve the financial reports as presented
 3. ACTION: Passed without dissent
 - ii. Membership Campaign: Update and request for members present to review the status of their various organizations and support the requests for dues payment
 - iii.
 - b. Chair's Report
 - i. Executive Committee Report
 1. Update on discussions related to funding, categorization committee status, and ongoing projects.
 2. Regional Update Report
 - i. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium:
 1. general update of scheduled meeting and guideline approvals
 - ii. ROCC: No July meeting. Upcoming meeting scheduled for next week
 1. Brief overview of State Ambulance Association meeting. Focus was on legal issues in EMS
 - iii. Rural
 1. OBLS Grant Implementation
 - a. Review of recent stakeholder meeting including status of grant continuation. Future Phase 2 planning on hold pending notification of continuation or cancellation.
 2. County Reports: No reports
 3. Arizona Fire District Association: No report
 4. Rural Summit: scheduled for 10/23 and agenda being finalized. Meeting will be virtual as in previous years.
 3. Open Forum: No comments

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- c. Board Transitions:
 - i. Vacancies
 - 1. Update to Board of status or position of Representative of a Statue Wide Fire District Association. Current member unavailable for meeting and has not responded to requests for update on intent to continue in alignment with attendance requirements. Per Bylaws, board action now required to declare position vacant.
 - 2. MOTION: Declare the position of Representative of a State-Wide Ambulance Association vacant.
 - 3. ACTION: Passed without dissent.
 - ii. Upcoming transitions:
 - 1. Terms of several positions will expire in October. Incumbents will be notified. All expiring positions will be considered open and competitive. Due diligence notices of these positions will be posted on the website with links to the application forms. Any questions regarding these positions or the process should be directed to Peggy Baker.
- V. State Report
 - a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates:
 - i. Strategic plan has been approved. No update on the Director Position
 - b. SHARE Update: Data Collection system is live. Full transition to new system is expected to be completed in September. A user group meeting is scheduled and the annual report is in process.
 - c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AZ-PIERS): No report
 - d. Pediatric: Abriana Smith has transitions to another position. Any questions should be directed to Adam Rodriguez.
 - e. State Committees (designated AEMS representatives): No reports
- VI. Functional Group Review
 - a. Planning & Outreach
 - i. Education Committee
 - 1. AEMS 50th Anniversary:
 - a. Reminder of dates, attendee process, dinner ticket costs and kudos to planning committee
 - b. General AEMS funds will not be used to support this event. All expensed will be covered by fundraising and ticket costs.
 - 2. EMS CE Fall Forum: December 11 via ZOOM. Agenda under development. If any board members have requests for topics, please notify Sandy
 - 3. Topical Focus / Lunch N Learn / Central Region Profile: brief update and requests for any topics/profiles to be sent to Sandy or Peggy.
 - ii. Outreach: please update contacts and email addresses
 - b. Patient Management
 - i. Categorization: Committee continues to work on updating categorization request form.
 - 1. Status Change form: facilities to submit the status change form for any change to previously noted capability. This assures that AEMS has received the notification from an individual authorized to provide such information.
 - ii. Transfer of Care
 - 1. Sector Reports: no reports provided
 - iii. RED Book update: No update
 - iv. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition
 - 1. Coalition meetings noted.
 - 2. Coalition representatives are now included in categorization committee roster and support ongoing dialogue and information sharing.
 - v. Trauma: No reports
 - vi. Additional Reports: None provided
- VII. Program and Committee Reports: No reports provided
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: None
- X. Call to the Public: None
- XI. Adjournment: 1:21pm

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Barry, RN