

Minutes
NORTH DAKOTA EMS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting
Chieftain Inn, Carrington ND
December 4th 2008

7:00 Call to order - Mark Weber

Announcements - Mark Weber

Mark Welcomed Mary Walz to the Board representing the SE region
Mark Welcomed Allan Hanson to the Board representing the NW region
Mark welcomed Mandy Gartner back to work.

New Committee assignments, Mark distributed the new committee assignments.

Reading of the previous minutes – Dawn Roppel distributed the minutes of the last NDEMSA Board of Director minutes.
Cheryl Flick moved to accept the minutes, Steve Thomas seconded, motion carried

Motion by Dee Menke to have Joe Lies SW Regional Response Coordinator sit with the Board, and to add him to the new business, seconded by Tammy Roehrich, motion carried.

New Business

(The right is reserved to go into executive session)

Regional Response:

Joe Lies presented to the Board the grant process for the upcoming Homeland Security Grants. The grants are to focus on Regional needs and concentrate on CBRNE response capability. There are grant dollars specifically for EMS, Fire, and Law Enforcement. Any agency can apply for the grant but each application will be weighted for regional response needs. Grants are reviewed by the Regional Advisory Committee and recommendations from that committee will determine grant awards. The Regional Advisory Committee would like the NDEMSA to recommend to appropriate Ambulance services that they apply for these grants. Interagency communication is a high priority and a radio communications grant for \$50,000 will be used develop a video training presentation to assist responding agencies in the use of P25 compliant communication equipment.

Executive Director Position:

Due to the fact that we currently do not have an Executive Director and the upcoming legislative session is rapidly approaching, the NDEMSA has to act soon to either fill the Executive Director position, or have some other plan to follow legislation through the upcoming session. Discussion was to have the Legislative Committee hire a lobbyist to follow legislation through the session and keep the NDEMSA updated on what is

happening with specific legislation. Tyrone thought that having a lobbyist for 4 months during the session would provide what the Association would need. Mandy provided the current bank balances and indicated the Association does not have the funds available to hire a new Executive Director at this time..

Steve Thomas moved that the NDEMSEA hire a lobbyist for 4 months with a budget expense of \$10,000, Janie Cutshaw seconded. Roll Call vote 17 yes.

EMS Systems:

Association President Mark Weber handed out a North Dakota EMS Systems model presentation that explained the NDEMSEA goal of providing reasonable access to Emergency Services for the citizens of North Dakota. This is the framework for the Legislative Plan.

Legislative plan:

Tyrone Johnson chairman of the Legislative committee presented the 2008 Legislative plan. There are several proposals before legislative committees that deal with adding to the existing staffing grants. There were 20 applications for the current staffing grants and 7 were funded. The 2008 Legislative plan is to increase the dollars available for that program as well as fund a mandatory Leadership training program that would be a requirement of any grant recipient. There are several additional proposals looking for sponsors, to be considered by the NDEMSEA Board. Tyrone cautioned that the NDEMSEA should be careful not to get involved in every proposal that may or may not deal with Emergency Services. The Association has to concentrate on those proposals in committee that will have the best chance of coming out of committee to the floor for consideration.

One proposal is to have a State Medical Director and 4 regional coordinators to be trained. the proposed budget for that would be \$200,000.

A motion was made by Janie Cutshaw to support the regional training grant proposal, seconded by Mona Marquart, motion carried.

Another proposal is to study the effect of mandatory ALS intercepts on both the ALS service and the BLS service. The dilution of reimbursement is the biggest problem with current ALS intercepts.

Aaron Myers moved to have the NDEMSEA support a measure to study the impact of mandatory ALS intercepts, Mona Marquart seconded, motion carried.

There is a proposal to establish a Mutual aid fund that would help services recover costs associated with mutual aid in regional responses. The decision was to keep an eye on that proposal.

The AHA has a proposal to have a Stroke response similar to the current State Trauma code. The decision of the Board was to watch that proposal.

Tyrone went into some detail about the upcoming legislative session and the critical nature of finding a Champion for EMS. There are several Legislators or others that may be willing to serve as Champions for EMS. Heidi Hietcamp was mentioned as well as Joel Heitcamp. The Board is being asked to think about people that may fill this role and to give those names to Tyrone.

Wisconsin's invitation to attend a state associations meeting held in April (23-26) in Milwaukee WI.

Discussion was held to send one representative to Wisconsin to network with other state associations and find out what some of our common problems and opportunities are.

Discussion and Removal of a Board of Director/Officer

The Board went into executive session. Motion by Steve Thomas, seconded Dee Menke.

The Board came out of executive session.

Dawn Roppel NDEMSEA Secretary / Treasurer offered her resignation to the Board and the Board accepted that resignation.

Mona Marquart moved to appoint Rudi Bloomquist as Secretary / Treasurer for the NDEMSEA, Janie Cutchaw seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

Open Forum Meetings (locations?)

No new locations at this time

Policy committee:

Policy committee report by Steve Thomas. Work is being done several items to be done on reimbursement sheets now.

- a. Expenses and reimbursement, heading changed.
- b. receipts attached for lodging direct billed.
- c. meals per diem \$8 breakfast \$10 lunch \$17 supper
- d. Signatures: director, officer
office manager, validated by treas.

Test team reimbursement: needs to be fair.

mileage IRS rate

HPP (HRSA) Grant , Eide Baily audit
nothing has been determined yet

ND Star of life ceremony:

7 stars are currently recognized for 2008 from services around ND. The ND state representative to the national star of life ceremony will be selected at the ND Spring Annual conference.

Other old business:

None

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance :

Mandy presented a proposed 2009 budget. Each committee is asked to review and recommend changes. Changes should be sent to the office by Dec. 15th.

Mark reviewed the 2009 Operating Budget Summary.

Mark asked that the individual committees try to reduce their expenses for 2009

Legislative :

Tyrone thanked the Board for its support of the 2008 Legislative Plan.

Constitution / Resolutions:

No report

Nominations / Elections:

Derek presented new rules for 2008 Elections.

The Board reviewed and made several changes. The new rules will be sent out by e-mail.

Steve Thomas moved that 2008 Election rules as changed are approved

Tammy Peterson seconded

motion carried

Conference Report:

Cheryl reported on the conference. the BOD needs to help get sponsors and information to the conference committee. The entire BOD needs to be involved. Curt handed out the proposed 2009 Spring Conference schedule and presenters, also a sheet was given to each Board member to indicate their availability to help during Conference.

Publications:

No report

Logo:

Tammy reported that the office is now in charge of the logo inventory.
All the logo items are now in Bismarck in the trailer.

Awards:

No report

Test Team:

Tammy reported that there are several small equipment items to be replaced.
Tammy will try to get someone in Bismarck to pull the trailer to the test site.

Advisory committee:

No report

Service Directors:

No report

Historian :

No report

Foundation:

No report

Division of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma:

Tim Myers discussed the software used during the legislative session to track bills that have certain key words. This is useful to target committees that are responsible sponsor, review and recommend bills.

Directors of Nursing are meeting the 10th of December to discuss the issue of EMT's working in a hospital setting. Tim will forward the e-mail to those interested.

Society Reports

I/C Society :

No report

ALS Society :

Janie Cutshaw reported they are trying to have another winter session at the UND School of Medicine similar to last year. Dates to be determined.

ND Rescue Society:

No report.

Past Presidents :
No report.

Regional Presidents Reports

Northwest - Tammy P.	Jan 16 – 18 th at the Grand International Inn, Minot
Southwest - Neil	no report
Northeast - Jim	October, no date or location set.
Southeast - Curt	Feb 21 st & 22 nd Gladstone Inn, Jamestown

Statewide/Regional concerns

NDEMSEA Meeting dates
April 1st (Wednesday 7:30) NDEMSEA EMS Rendezvous Bismarck

Tammy Peterson moved to adjourn
Mary Walz seconded

Motion carried.

Submitted by: Rudi Bloomquist NDEMSEA, Secretary / Treasurer

