

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA EMS ASSOCIATION  
April 29, 2009

President Mark Weber called the quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the North Dakota EMS Association to order on April 29, 2009 at the Spirit Lake Casino

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken Rudi Bloomquist. See attendance and voting record. A quorum of board members was present.

**READING OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Steve Fuglestad, seconded by Janie Cutshaw to suspend the reading of the minutes and that they be approved as amended. The motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

National EMS Association meeting:

Curt reported on the meeting that he and Cheryl attended in Wisconsin. There were many good ideas that are outlined in the handout presented to the Board.

AAA Stars of Life Banquet:

Mark Weber and Dee Menke will be attending the Stars of Life ceremony in Washington DC. They will meet with ND Congressional Delegation.

Public/ Membership information Officer:

Art Haskins distributed a synopsis of what the value of a public relations firm would be to the NDEMMSA.

Motion by Art Haskins to establish committee with a budget of \$10,000 to hire a PR firm (Results Unlimited) to advance the goals of the NDEMMS Association.

Seconded by Dave Hilbert.

Discussion was held on the intent of a PR campaign; concerns of the current financial situation of the Association may put this effort on hold.

Art Haskins amended the motion to establish a committee to get proposals from PR firms.

Seconded by Dave Hilbert.

Motion carried.

Discussion was held on what can be done right away to get information out to the membership. Vicki Berreth volunteered to write a NDEMSEA update on a regular basis. The list would be drawn from the e-mail list.

#### Life saver banquet

Steve Thomas went over the format of the Life Saver program. It would recognize people from any emergency service, police, fire ems, that have been nominated for recognition for a specific action taken during the year.

Steve Fuglestad moved to go ahead with the Life Saver Program.

Janie Cutshaw, seconded.

Motion carried

Mark Weber asked if there are any questions about the 501 (c) 3 status. The non-profit organization can make money but the Board or share holders cannot be paid from the profits.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark led off with a question on what the Board wants to do with our office staffing.

Mark handed out a list of Items that need to be done.

Mark also handed out an organizational chart of the NDEMSEA.

Discussion was held on the status of the strategic plan; there are many aspects of the plan that have yet to be implemented.

Mark handed out a revised 2009 Budget that would make the office staffing possible in two years.

Tyrone Johnson asked who is going to do the work on the list?

Mark will have a teleconference specifically to address the RFP for the state grant. Tim Meyer stated that the RFP will be out June 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 with contracts to be awarded by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

#### Accounting System:

Steve Thomas moved to write a letter to the ND Healthcare Association to hire them to do our accounting, Curt Halmrast seconded. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Budget and Finance: Rudi Bloomquist reported on the current operating budget and savings.

Legislative: Tyronne reported that there are approximately \$1.5 million additional funds to be used for the staffing grants and the RFP for regional assessments.

Constitution/Resolutions:

Steve Thomas passed out new conflict of interest policies and confidentiality statements.

Motion by Art Haskins to accept the conflict of interest policy with the suggested change of allowing the Executive board to review and approve any disclosure of conflict of interest.

Motion carried

Motion by Steve Fuglestad to approve the confidentiality and discipline Documentation form, seconded by Gerald Lokken.

Motion carried

Nominations/Elections:

Some changes will be coming before the next election.

Conference:

Considering all of the potential problems everybody had a very enjoyable conference. There were 744 participants with the vendors and speakers there were over 800 in attendance. The comments are posted on the web site.

Publications:

Curt Halmrast will take care of the May Response Times since most of it will concern the report on conference.

Logo:

Marketing: Nothing to report.

Awards:

An awards committee consisting of the regional presidents will be tasked with a new system of collecting the various nominations for the awards.

Tim Meyer NDEMST:

There are a lot of questions concerning the ambulance reimbursement for the flood response. This is a FEMA response and the Federal agencies will be issuing notices concerning how the reimbursements will be done.

The legislative session will be done next week and the NDEMST office will be busy creating the rules.

IC Society: Low turnout

ALS Society: Low turnout

Rescue Society: Low turnout

Northwest Region Report: Minot, January 22, 23, 24/ 2010

Northeast Region Report: Devils Lake, October 31, November 1/ 2009

Southwest Region Report: Dickinson, October 3, 4/ 2009

Southeast Region Report: Jamestown, January 15, 16, 17/ 2010

2009 meeting dates:

June 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Carrington 6:30

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, Dickinson 6:30

2010 meeting dates:

January 15<sup>th</sup> Friday, Jamestown 6:30

March 24<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Carrington 6:30

Motion to adjourn Steve Thomas, seconded Mona Marquart

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Rudi Bloomquist, Secretary/ Treasurer NDEMSA