

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA EMS ASSOCIATION
June 8, 2008

President Mark Weber called the quarterly Board of Directors meeting of the North Dakota EMS Association to order on June 8, 2008 at 9:00 am at Ft. Stevenson State Park, Garrison, ND.

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken by Tammy Roehrich. See attendance and voting record. There is **not** a quorum of directors present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

READING OF MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. We could not vote to approve the minutes due to a lack of a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan: On June 7, 2008, Mark Weber, Tyrone Johnson, Neil Frame, Doug Anderson, Sherm Syverson, Cheryl Flick, Jeff Moberg, Rudi Bloomquist, Tammy Roehrich and Executive Director Peg Haug, met to update the NDEMSEA strategic plan. Peg explained the strategic planning process. The working group updated the NDEMSEA mission statement and the vision statement. A SWOT analysis was used to update our Strategic Plan. Peg will send out a final version to all the board members. Mark explained that through this process the need for a Marketing/Community Relations person to promote ND EMS. Duties could include: generating long term funding for the association and the foundation, developing marketing plans, selling advertisements, press releases, etc. Board took a short recess to contact 2 board members to explain this to them. **Jeff Moberg made the motion to hire a Marketing/Community Relations person, seconded by LeAnn. The motion was voted on and carried. See voting record.**

ND Legislative Council: DHS (Tim Meyer) has been tasked to define reasonable EMS response. NDEMSEA has been asked to look at creating EMS systems. Mark gave a presentation that he will be giving to Legislative Council on EMS systems this month.

ND Star of Life: Mark and Peg discussed having a ND Star of Life program. Squads could nominate as many as they would like. It will be held on **January 8th, 2009** during the legislative session. Star of Life recipients could meet with legislators and be treated to a banquet.

Open Forum Meetings/Locations: Mark would like to do 2 open forum meetings in each region. Communities interested in holding the meetings so far are: Wilton, Tioga, Hettinger and Fessenden.

Reimbursement Rates: Neil reported that beginning August 1, 2008, reimbursement rates for BC/BS will be cut by 2%. BC/BS reimbursement rates are already anywhere from 6%-40% below actual costs. Neil requested that Peg write a letter to BC/BS to request the EMS services be allowed to add a fuel surcharge.

OLD BUSINESS:

HRSA Grant : Peg reported that the administrative portion of the grant has decreased from 90% to 50%. Tasks for the HRSA grant include: Evacuation/Shelter Plans, Decontamination Plans, Long Term Care Plans and Trauma Plans. Peg also reported that all the anchor cities equipment needs are almost complete. Sub-anchor cities equipment is now coming in and being placed.

Leadership Training: Doug Anderson identified 4-6 areas of concern for ambulance services. He feels leadership training in those areas would benefit services. Peg has visited with the Wisconsin EMS Association and they would be willing to come to ND to visit with us on different issues. Peg will set up dates for them to come to ND.

Membership fees: Discussed having a Service Membership, Corporate Membership and a Student Membership. Jeff Moberg, Tammy Roehrich and Peg will work on this.

Regional Conferences/Elections: Mark asked the regional presidents to work on an election process so elections in each region are the same.

Regional Conference dates/locations:

NW- January 16-18, 2009- Minot

NE- October 18-19, 2008- Spirit Lake

SW-October 4 & 5, 2008- Medora

SE- January 31-February1, 2008- Jamestown

Star of Life Ceremony-Washington, DC: Mark and Peg gave a report on their trip to Washington, DC to attend the Star of Life Ceremony.

Other Old Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance: Mandy reported that the audit is not yet completed. We are waiting on the auditor. Mandy answered questions regarding the budget.

Legislative: Peg handed out a packet that included Legislative deadlines, talking points for legislators and county commissioners/city officials, Legislative Initiatives, and congressional/statewide candidates on the ballot. A reminder that the NDEMMSA cannot endorse a candidate. Peg also reported on the bill that will be introduced by Rep. Todd Porter regarding stroke centers.

Constitution/Resolutions: Discussed the need to make changes to the by-laws regarding BoD absences. Also discussed was the board structure/chain of command. Mark explained how the board should be an advisory board and that our Executive Director should be able to make day to day decisions without needing the vote of the board.

Nominations/Elections- No report

Conference: Cheryl passed out a conference report that included all the evals. The conference committee is requesting that regional conferences have only 1 national speaker and to coordinate with the conference committee so we don't overlap speakers.

Publications: No Report

Logo: No Report

Awards: LeAnn will be mailing out the awards nomination forms to the squads.

Test Team: Tyrone updated the board on the Test Team. Tyrone took over as Test Team Coordinator and implemented changes that have benefited the student and the entire process. Tyrone feels that the Test Team is running smoothly and is now going to step down as Coordinator to focus on legislative issues. Tami Peterson will now be the new Coordinator. Tyrone was thanked for his time and dedication to the testing process and for implementing positive changes.

Advisory Committee: Neil reported that they will be meeting in July.

Historian: No Report

Foundation: No Report

DEMS: The DEMS office may be moving to the DES office.

Society Reports

Rescue Society: Steve Fugelstad reported that they do not have any training scheduled at this time. Steve is applying for a Bremer grant for the Rescue Society for equipment.

IC Society: No Report

ALS Society: No Report

Past Presidents: No Report

Statewide /Regional Concens:

NDEMSA Important Dates:

October 3-5, 2008
SW Regional Conference- Medora

October 18 & 19, 2008
NE Regional Conference- Spirit Lake
**** Friday, October 17, 2008 BoD Meeting-6:30 pm**

January 8, 2009- Star of Life- Bismarck

January 16-18, 2009
NW Regional Conference-Minot
**** Friday, January 16, 2009- BoD Meeting 6:30pm**

January 30-February 1, 2009
SE Regional Conference- Jamestown
**** Friday, January 30, 2009- BoD Meeting 6:30pm**

April 1st, 2009 BoD Meeting- Wednesday 7:30
NDEMSA Rendezvous- Bismarck

With no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Roehrich
Acting Secretary