

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA EMS ASSOCIATION
September 22, 2006

President Mark Weber called the quarterly board meeting of the North Dakota EMS Association to order at 7:00 PM at the AmericInn, Medora, North Dakota on September 22, 2006. Information packets were handed out to Board members.

ROLL CALL: See attendance and voting record. A quorum of board members was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mark Weber received a letter from a paramedic in Winnipeg inquiring whether he would like to meet. The Board felt it would be a good idea. Mark will set it up.

Mark thanked the Board for all the work they have done in the last few years. Meetings are productive, we make good decisions, and we have quality meetings because of members who have their own opinions.

Mark passed out a sheet showing assets and fund balances in 2003. In comparing it to the current balance it is noted that we have saved over \$200,000.

A visitor, Doug Anderson from Divide County, was introduced.

READING OF MINUTES: Motion by Steve Fuglestad, second by Cheryl Flick to suspend the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. Steve Fuglestad moved they be approved as written, Mona Marquart seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Office Equipment: Dean spoke of costs of copying and printing with current equipment and suggested we trade the copier and printer in on one machine from Advanced Business Methods as they have the best price. Discussion on what the new copier would handle. Neil Frame moved Dean get the new copier shown on handout. Jeff Moberg seconded. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Data Base Update: Email System: Legislative endeavors will be hard this year and we need to enlist grass roots support. Dean suggests we add a module to the data base so that when you put in a member number and Legislative District an email that Dean wrote will go to your three Legislators with your name on it. The cost for the module would be \$2500.00 and Dean recommends we purchase it. Neil Frame moved to go forward with \$2,500.00 for the module. Janel Roshau seconded. Motion carried.

Email spam was discussed with possible remedies. Anyone who would like to use their personal email address rather than Premier Pages please let Dean know.

Arlene's Position: Insurance: Dean reminded us that when Arlene started we said we would pay her insurance. Her husband has a family policy so Arlene is wondering if we would pay an additional wage in lieu of insurance. Dean proposes we grant her request by raising her wage \$1.50 per hour which would be comparable to the Comp Choice insurance shown on the handout in our packets. The insurance is worth \$1.80 per hour. Leann Domonoske moved we increased her wages by \$1.50 per hour in lieu of insurance, Nancy Capes seconded. Discussion. Leann Domonoske and Nancy Capes rescinded their motions. Leann Domonoske moved we increase her wages by \$1.80 per hour and Nancy Capes seconded. Motion carried.

Dakota Community Bank: Dean spoke about accounts at US Bank and that we have over \$100,000.00 there which is over FDIC limit. Dean recommended we move \$100,000.00 to Dakota Community Bank. Dakota Community Bank has agreed to be a corporate sponsor at \$2,500.00 per year. US Bank said they will not be a corporate sponsor at this time. Neil Frame moved we move \$100,000.00 to Dakota Community Bank. Leann Domonoske seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NDEMSA Meeting Dates:

June 13, 2006 - Carrington

Sept. 22nd (Friday night 7:00pm mdt.) Medora (SW Regional Conference)

Feb 2nd (SE Conf. Friday 7:00pm) 3rd and 4th at the Quality Inn in Jamestown (food will be served)

April 11th (Wed. night 9:00pm) Bismarck

Rural EMS problems –Mark/Dean: The Carrington and Stanley Open Door Forums were not too well attended. The consensus from the meetings is that people need to make noise and contact legislators. Providers do not want to have first responders in back of ambulance and they do not want to lower education standards. Mark and Dean feel we need to get the Board together for 4-6 hours and do an explanation of the 18 issues. We need to educate the public and to do that we need all Board members to understand what we're doing and really need to take it to all EMT's in the state so they can answer questions. Discussion on how to get the message to all ambulance services and the legislators. Larger paid services have to be brought into this problem and bring rural services into the reimbursement problems. Larger services don't want to have to take over rural areas but the nearest ambulance law would mandate it if rural ambulances close. It was suggested we invite "champions" from each area to the meeting with the Board when they are trained to add more voices. Other suggestions included inviting Squad Leaders or one representative from each ambulance service to a meeting and putting together a PAC. Discussion on TV public service announcement, radio, billboards, PPTV. The Foundation will contact PPTV.

Mark suggested contacting a marketing firm to see how they could help us out. Discussion. The Board would still teach the providers but the marketing firm would develop a campaign and take it to public. Mark and Dean will get some information together regarding the cost of a

marketing firm and have some proposals by October. The legislative agenda will include trying to get a few million dollars to help rural ambulance services and to hire a marketing firm.

“Looming Tragedy” meeting schedule

Sept 14th (Carrington) -26

Sept 20th (Stanley) – about double

Oct 10th (Lisbon)

Oct 17th (Park River)

Oct 24th (Dickinson)

The meeting was recessed at 8:30 P.M. and re-adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

HRSA Grant – Dean Lampe: Four regional meetings were held to discuss the Regional Response Plan with 70 out of 141 squads represented. It was suggested we hire someone to send out to squads to train the plan. MCI bags, triage tags, task cards and escape hoods were distributed at the meetings. Two more escape hoods have been ordered for each squad. Sherm Syverson was contacted to develop a short DVD to get to squads to show how to use the escape hoods.

2006 Homeland Security - Dean Lampe: Dean doesn't feel we fared any better with Homeland Security money in 2006 than we did in 2005. Discussion on how ambulance services can get their fair share of the pie. In 2007 Homeland Security money will be target based.

Division of Emergency Medical Services – DEMS – Tim Myer: – DEMS is going to update the database to take photographs so they can upload photographs in individuals' records. It would be up to the Squad Leaders to get photographs to DEMS. In a couple months it should be up and running.

DEMS got approval to hire a data analyst through a federal grant through DOT. They hope to have someone in place by first of year. Hopefully they will then be able to make some data driven policy decisions.

CAT testing begins January 1, 2007.

Discussion on non-trauma certified hospitals, ambulance services who are affiliated with non-trauma certified hospitals and the requirement for ambulances to take trauma patients to a certified trauma hospital.

Membership numbers: - Handout discussed.

Other old business: The North Central buying group was discussed. Dean is having difficulty getting information back from squads. A lot of rural services have a contact person who doesn't have email. Jeremy said he will go to squads in NW Region to get the information needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance: Mike Hall handed out and explained the financial report. **Motion by Janel Roshau that the report be accepted, second by Cheryl Flick. Motion carried.** Mike will start working with Dean to have the budget ready for the February meeting. Mike feels the process is going well with everything being issued out of Bismarck.

There was discussion on raising the meal rate for Board members. Rudi Bloomquist moved we raise the meal reimbursement from \$15.00 to \$24.00 per day. Deb Backman seconded. Discussion. Motion carried.

Government & Political Action - Dean L: The committee met to develop a legislative agenda. Discussion on injecting \$3,000,000. into Tim's budget at DEMS to be used for rural ambulance operation, doing something with the trauma system and a stop gap for hospitals and ambulances having problems now. The Insurance Commissioner gave his blessing to use some of their money to solve the rural ambulance problem. Tim's office has budgeted 1.8 million dollars for training as opposed to the \$943,000.00 we got previously so hopefully that will pass.

Constitution/Resolutions – Scott Sundhagen: – Nothing to report.

Nominations/Elections- Tyrone: Proposed Election Rules were in our packets. Absentee ballots must be mailed only - not hand delivered. Discussion. **Mona Marquart moved and Tami Peterson seconded to approve changes. Motion carried.** Tyrone asked why nominations have to be sent in by Dec 31st but we take nominations from the floor. Mark will check into what we do and do not have to do as far as nominations from the floor. The nomination form is on the website now. Tyrone announced that he will run for Vice President this year. That is the only nomination he has so far.

Conference - Cheryl Flick: The decision was made not to go with Bismarck State College anymore. Subcommittee lists were emailed to all Board members. Cheryl and Curt would like to meet with chairs of the subcommittees this weekend if possible.

Publications - Deb Backman: Everything is on track and working well with the Response Times with the next deadline November 15th. Dean indicated that the cost of printing Response Times is much less due to more advertisers. Hats off to Deb for doing a wonderful job.

Dean applied for and received a non-profit mail permit for the Foundation and applied for and was refused a non-profit mail permit for NDEMSEA. The Post Office does not like it saying EMS Foundation when they know it's NDEMSEA. Dean suggests we put both logos to give equal billing. Dean will check first with a lawyer so that we don't jeopardize 501-C3 status of Foundation.

Logo - Janice Bruins: Jo Vilhauer -Nothing to report

Marketing - Tyrone: Nothing to report.

Awards - Jo Vilhauer: Nothing to report. Jo asked to be replaced as Chairman.

Test Team - Tyrone Johnson/Jerri Feldner: Tyrone reported that NDEMSEA is going to become more involved with the test team as DEMS will turn the management over to them. It will take a year (over several test sites) to complete. DEMS will oversee as the registry. One of the goals of the new test team is to be conscious of the input they've been getting from instructors that testing is not user friendly. Students go home and tell perspective students that it's the worst experience in their life. The tests will not change but how we implement them will.

EMS Advisory Committee - Cheryl Flick, Neil Frame: Nothing to report.

Service Directors Committee - Neil Frame: Nothing to report.

Historian - Mona Marquart: Mona asked if there is a camera for the historian. Each Region has a camera. Discussion. **Jim Restemeyer moved we get a camera for Mona, Cheryl Flick seconded. Motion carried.**

Foundation - Steve Fuglestad: The Dale Severson Scholarship Application is in the packet and on the website. There is approximately \$55,000. in the Foundation.

SOCIETY REPORTS:

I/C Society - Nancy Capes: They held a workshop in Bismarck Aug 22nd. CAT was discussed. Everything went well.

ALS Society - Janie Cutshaw: She was approached by an EMT-I who said she feels training is focused more on EMT-B and EMT-P. Janie is looking for a conference to do something to do for them.

Rescue Society - Al Runck: Absent - no report.

Past Presidents Society - Derek Hanson: Absent - No report.

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Northwest: Jan 27-28th Minot Grand Int. – They are considering Friday night and Saturday night sessions

Southwest - Neil Frame: Sept 23-24th Medora – 154 registered including the Board.

Northeast - Jim Restemeyer: Oct 28-29th Spirit Lake Casino (DL)

Southeast - Curt Halmrast: Feb 3rd and 4th Jamestown – They will try to do

something Saturday night and get out by 3-3:30 on Sunday.

The next Board meeting will be held Friday, February 2, 2007, at 7:00 PM in Jamestown. There will be supper at the meeting.

Motion by Mona Marquart, second by Janie Cutshaw to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy O'Connor, Secretary