



Wisconsin EMS Association
Board of Director's Meeting MINUTES
Friday, June 25, 2021 at 0800-0930

1. Call to Order – Brian
2. Approval of the Agenda – Brian
3. Approval of Minutes – Aimee
 - a. Brian asks for motion to approve Minutes, Tony moves and seconded by Jamie, motion carries.
 - b. Brian asks for motion to approve today's agenda, Tony moves and seconded by Jay, motion carries.
4. Welcome and Introductions – Brian
 - a. Introduction of Chanse Kaczmarek to the Board of Directors.
 - b. Member Comments (limited to 3 minutes per member commenting not to exceed 15 minutes total) No members in attendance.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Advocacy – Brian
 - i. Nothing is moving forward quickly on some of the issues right now. There is however, movement on the Medicaid increase in the state which would be very welcomed. Brian encourages the board to reach out to their legislators and the governors office regarding the importance of this increase for our industry. They didn't take up the roadside safety bill, it won't be voted and debated on until this fall. The subsequent bill for EMS being added to PTSD hasn't moved forward yet. There is also a proposal to increase FAP funding within the budget. Alan hasn't seen anything further regarding the NREMT removal yet. It's been passed by committee and been sitting. The interfacility transports is also just sitting, no votes yet. Forbes has done an excellent job on keep the Advocacy Committee updated this year. Kirk asks that we get one-pager talking points for our legislative initiatives from Forbes Office to give to our members. Alan needs to contact Forbes for talking points for our members on the active bills. Get additional information out to membership.
 - b. Education – Aimee
 - i. Ops21 is coming up August 13th and 21st. Ops21 is the same location we are holding our conference is in late October. We are planning on offering a fully virtual Ops for those who don't want to attend in person as well. Board members please sign up for Ops21. Webinar and/or podcast opportunities are coming up within the next couple of weeks. July 7th we are hosting the Memorial Fundraising webinar to kick off fundraising. It will be live on Facebook; the event has been created and will take place at 1:00 pm. We will be sending out an email with more information soon. We're working on a few others, but nothing is set in stone yet.
 - c. Finance – Jay
 - i. Tony will present because Jay is traveling. We are still monitoring our bills weekly. Ryan has been actively working on the reconciliation. Reconciliation may get easier with 2021 because we were recording payment directly in QuickBooks at the start of this year. We are making progress. We are in a better position of knowing where we're at financially. We have a realistic budget that's achievable with our priorities. Now we understand what we've got in front of us where we didn't in recent history. Ryan and Alan are doing an excellent job on the reconciliation. Anette is doing great with the membership collections.
 - d. Foundation – Tony

members. Tony suggests a possible cost sharing option for those members/ services using the LM system. Kirk opposes the idea of offering EMS refresher courses on the LM because we cannot be everything to everyone. There are already a lot of options out there for refresher courses, just because WEMSA has an LM system doesn't mean it's going to fix the refresher issues in rural Wisconsin. WEMSA should stick to leadership and HIPAA training stuff and not get into the refresher course business. Bob asks if WEMSA has done a needs assessment on our membership to see if there is a need out there for an LM system. WEMSA has done a membership survey, but it didn't drill down to the details of what types of education. Alan confirms online education was identified on the survey but no details of the level of education was confirmed in the survey. Perhaps producing the content and partnering with ORH or a technical college would be beneficial? Jamie also thinks that we should stay out of the refresher business and stick to the specialized courses.

7. Old Business

a. 2021 – 2022 Fiscal Budget Approval

- i. Tony makes a motion to bring the budget discussion back on the table as an active item up for discussion, seconded by Kirk and motion carries.
- ii. The Budget was brought back on the table for discussion. The Finance Committee, Brian, staff and Alan have worked the budget through. There have been some tweaks to it in certain lines. It is a conservative budget and very attainable. This budget shows our priorities. No questions from the Board. Tony moves to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Jamie, motion carries.

b. Other Old Business – no other old business

8. New Business

a. Board Members

- i. Outgoing – Aimee Krause, Mel Jorgenson and Kirk Gunderson will be departing after June 2021. Brian thanks Kirk for his leadership as a Past President and presents him with a plaque. Brian thanks Mel and Aimee for their support and leadership throughout their tenure on the board.
- ii. Incoming – Chansse Kaczmarek and Becky Smudde will be joining the board on the next call because their term doesn't officially start until July 1, 2021. Brian and Jamie will stay on for another 3-year term.
- iii. Vacancy - Brian asks the board to help identify potential candidates for the last vacant board position and come to the July meeting with those suggestions.

b. REPLICA Discussion

- i. Brian, Jamie, Tony and Kirk remain in favor of REPLICA. Iowa used REPLICA to advance EMS in their advocacy efforts successfully. Anything we can do to make licensing in Wisconsin easier is good for us. It keeps us as a National Registry state and opens opportunities for services on the borders. This can become an advocacy item going forward. Alan will talk to Forbes about getting it on the list of priorities.

c. FAP Application Process

- i. FAP funds are tied to one license per service, we need to keep this in mind as services consolidate. The board believes that services shouldn't be punished if they work together to cover an area. WEMSA should provide the state with better ideas on funding going forward, maybe it looks more like a population-based funding? We should send funding ideas to the state and start that discussion with DHS. We need to research other states to see what formulas they are using to award grant money.

d. Other New Business

9. President's Report – Brian

10. For the good of the Association - comments and announcements

11. Adjourn

Next Meetings

- a. July 23, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
- b. August 20, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, Ops21 Leadership Event, Rothschild, WI (will have virtual option)
- c. September 24, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference

- d. October 29, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, WEMSA 2021 Conference (will have virtual option)
- e. November 19, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference (due to holiday)
- f. December 17, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference (due to holiday)
- g. January 28, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
- h. February 25, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
- i. March 25, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
- j. April 22, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference