



**Wisconsin EMS Association**  
Board of Director's Meeting MINUTES  
Friday November 19, 2021 at 8:00 am

1. Call to Order – Brian
  - a. Members Present: Jamie, Chance, Tony, Jay, Brian, Stacey, Bob, Evelyn, Becky, Pam, Katy,
  - b. Others Present: Alan
  - c. Absent: Jody
2. Approval of the Agenda – Brian - Motion-Pam, Second Stacey to approve Agenda. Motion Carried
3. Approval of Minutes – Tony – Motion Jay. Second Jamie to approve Minutes. Motion Carried
4. Welcome and Introductions – Brian
  - a. Member Comments (limited to 3 minutes per member commenting not to exceed 15 minutes total)
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Advocacy – Bob
  - b. Education – Jamie
  - c. Finance – Jay – End of year will depend on Concessions that Alan is requesting from Meeting Expectations
  - d. Foundation – Tony – Approx. \$4300 made from Kick-off event.
  - e. Membership – Becky – 6250 Goal met! Working on a drive for Students, Retirees and Agencies. Looking at bylaw issues that deal with membership levels. Code Green Program – Emotional support for providers
  - f. Publications – Pam is Chair
  - g. Memorial – Brian – Good Kick Off Event. Looking at another event in Wisconsin Rapids.
    - i. Mailing going out to all EMS providers in state, Including PAAW and WEMSA members
    - ii. Memorial group is always looking for help with cleaning and maintenance. We should plan on EMS taking some time in the spring.Motion Tony, Second Pam to accept consent agenda.
6. Operations Report – Alan
  - a. Office Space – good tenants now looking to fill last two offices
  - b. Conference:
    - i. Meeting Expectations – Alan working to secure \$30,000 in concessions for problems with work on conference
    - ii. Final billings being received – Reviewing and looking for additional concessions here as well
    - iii. CEU's – Working on getting the transcripts complete and accurate.
    - iv. Conference numbers – 150 Full Conference, 81 Daily, 29 Expo, and 8 for the Director Social.
  - c. Mental Health Monthly – information is on website, Registrations to open soon
  - d. Continue to work on articles for the magazine. If you have ideas or suggested content experts, let the committee know.
  - e. EMS Portal is operational with first customer.

- f. Opioid Grant – Extended into 2023 with an additional 80k available. Possible new grant for Rural Opioid Crisis. Alan has details and will send to board. Application process in early 2022.
      - i. Discussion on Opioid Issues around the state.
    - g. FEMA Grant – for data center. Alan working on this.
  - 7. Old Business None
  - 8. New Business
    - a. Future WEMSA Conference
      - i. Alan presented basic options as starting point for discussion
        - 1. Option A - Standard conference in Early 23
        - 2. Option B Expo only 2-day awards and EXPO
        - 3. Option C Expo and awards and virtual conference.
        - 4. Option D
          - a. EXPO
          - b. Virtual
          - c. Regional Cobranded
        - 5. Option D - Virtual only conference
      - ii. Good discussions about options – Decision needs to be made sooner than later. We need to have the discussion now, with decision at December meeting
      - iii. Consensus on option B and F. Information at December Meeting for specific info on each of these options to get to a final decision.
9. President's Report – Brian
  - a. Staffing Issues. Make EMS attractive as a career. Increase Retention.
10. For the good of the Association - comments and announcements
  - a. Congratulations to Staff on Membership goals met!
  - b. Thanks for your engagement as a board
  - c. Licence Reciprocity issues – make it easier to transfer to or from another state.
  - d. EMS as Healthcare not just Transportation
  - e. PTSD Legislation – appears to only cover full time firefighters, not volunteer providers
11. Adjourn
12. Next Meetings
  - a. December 17, 2021: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference (due to holiday)
  - b. January 28, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
  - c. February 25, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
  - d. March 25, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
  - e. April 22, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
  - f. May 27, 2022: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference