



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

November 9, 2006 @ 6:30 pm., Polk County Convention Complex, Des Moines, Iowa
Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Cheryl Blazek, Tom Bryant, Kirk Dighton, Jeff Dumermuth, Bill Fish, Linda Frederiksen, Cindy Hewitt, John Hill, Dave Johnson, Ric Jones, Brad Madsen, Matt Madson, Jeff Messerole, Doug Reed, Lori Reeves, Lee Ridge, Rod Robinson, Julie Scadden, Tom Summitt, Bruce Thomas

Board Members Absent: Rosemary Adam, Jon Petersen

Medical Director: Dr. Christopher Russi

Staff: Karen Kreider, Abby Russi

1. Call to Order – President Jeffery D. Dumermuth called the Annual Meeting of the IEMSA Membership to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. Determination of Quorum/Proxies/Conflicts of Interest - A roll call was conducted, a quorum was determined and no conflicts of interest were disclosed.
3. Minutes of November 10, 2005 Annual Meeting – the minutes of the November 10, 2005 Annual Meeting of the IEMSA Membership were approved as presented.
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4. Recognition – Jerry Johnston, NAEMT President – Jeff Dumermuth presented a plaque to Jerry Johnston in recognition of his past service on the IEMSA Board of Directors and in honor of his current office as President of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. Jeff noted Jerry's service to EMS in Iowa and accomplishments in the field. Jerry offered a few comments and his thanks to IEMSA and its membership.
5. Recognition – Graduates of EMS Leadership Academy – Jeff Dumermuth reviewed the goals and components of the first EMS Leadership Academy and presented a certificate of completion to the participants.
6. IEMSA Scholarship – Cheryl Blazek reviewed the details of the IEMSA Scholarship program, noting that there were many applications to consider when determining this year's recipients. The following individuals were awarded scholarships: EMT-Basic, \$250 – Megan Keplinger; EMT-Intermediate, \$150 – Gabe Lancaster; EMT-Paramedic, \$750 – Michael Bushnell; Paramedic Specialist, \$1000 – Adam Elbert. Cheryl noted that the

application for the IEMSA Scholarship can be downloaded from the IEMSA Web Site (Training Page). The deadline for the next round of awards is October 19, 2007.

7. State of the Association – Jeff Dumermuth, President – President Dumermuth reported on the highlights of the past year:
 - Spring Billing Seminar – The spring Billing and Management Conference, held in West Des Moines, was a great success. Doug Wolfberg, back by popular demand, did an outstanding job presenting topics related to Medicare billing and management issues.
 - EMS Week – Public Service Announcements for television, radio and print were developed and ran during EMS week (May 14-20). The theme of this year's EMS Week was "Serving on Healthcare's Front Line."
 - NAEMSE Instructor Course Scholarship – IEMSA provided 6 scholarships for participation in the NAEMSE Instructor course.
 - Communications Specialist – Abby Russi joined IEMSA as the Communications Specialist in May. Abby is responsible for developing and editing the newsletter, eNews and other miscellaneous communication vehicles.
 - EMS Memorial – Jeff Dumermuth – A memorial honoring deceased EMS providers was developed. The sculpture will be carved out of granite and will be approximately 12 feet tall. The people on each side of the plaque will be life size. The plaque will be bronze. The City of Des Moines has donated the plot of land where the sculpture will be displayed. It is near the new Jordan Creek Town Center. Fund raising programs have been instituted to pay for the memorial. IEMSA's goal is to have it in place by EMS Week, 2007. He envisions a formal dedication of the sculpture during that week.
 - Web Site Enhancements – The web site continues to develop. This year, a shopping cart was added (accepting MC, VISA, AMEX and Discover), as well as a "Members Only" section and a Forum. He encouraged the membership to visit the site often and provide comments on items that could be added that would benefit the membership.
 - eNews Development – The weekly eNews was developed to provide the IEMSA membership with up-to-the week information on urgent legislative issues, job opportunities, training opportunities and IEMSA-related information that couldn't wait for the quarterly newsletter. This has been a great communication vehicle.
 - IEMSA Video – The development of an IEMSA video has begun. This video will be used to educate individuals about the Association and will be shown at events such as the AED distributions, the Annual Conference and other similar events.

8. Treasurer's Report – Linda Frederiksen –
 - Linda reviewed the balance sheet, noting that IEMSA's two certificates of deposit were consolidated into one in an effort to increase earning potential. As a result, approximately \$4000 is expected in interest by the end of 2006. The money market account is still in effect and available on short notice should funds be needed before the certificate of deposit matures.
 - The Profit & Loss Statement was reviewed. Linda reported that year-to-date funds were compared annually back to 2002. She noted that conference expenses as well as revenues are not fully realized at this time. An error on the year-to-date report was identified – under Income/Conference, the amount listed for Exhibitors and the amount listed for Registration were transposed. This report will be corrected.
 - Special Projects that impacted the budget were reviewed. Linda noted that IEMSA invested in a CE scanning system, audio/visual equipment, leadership training development and the EMS Memorial

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as corrected.
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9. Reports

a. Medical Director – Christopher Russi, D.O. – Dr. Russi reviewed his background and briefly touched on his work at the University of Iowa. He reported that he was instrumental in the enhancement of the Medical Director pre-conference track, noting the importance of the interaction between services and their medical directors, and promoting evidence-based medical direction. Dr. Russi encouraged the membership to participate in the EMS Forums found on the IEMSA web site, noting that there is a forum where questions can be direct to him, and that these questions could be used in the newly established “What’s Up Doc” section of IEMSA’s newsletter, The Voice. Jeff Dumermuth offered his thanks to Dr. Russi for his outstanding service to the board and the IEMSA membership.

b. Bureau of EMS – Kirk Schmitt – Kirk reported on the following:

- In response to last year’s Bureau Assessment, the following issues have been addressed:
 - The CE Guidelines have been revised to be more user friendly
 - The language regarding formal and optional education have been rewritten for clarity
 - The web page has been restructured to be more user friendly
 - Some of the bureaucracy has been eliminated from the system registry process
 - The Bureau will continue to improve its processes.
- Future initiatives for the Bureau include a revision of the system standards; the Bureau is currently looking for a cross section of volunteer and career individuals to assist with that project. Work on this project is scheduled to start in January, 2007 with the first draft expected in July of 2007 and approval expected in October of 2007.
- The Bureau believes that the National Scope of Practice is the right direction to follow regarding the education standards. This information will be published on the Bureau’s web site.
- The Bureau is to go before the Legislative Committee on November 13 regarding its four legislative initiatives - 1) requiring counties to provide EMS, 2) establishing a patient transport fee, 3) requiring electronic data submission and 4) requiring criminal background checks on all EMS providers.

c. NAEMT – Jerry Johnston, President – Jerry reported on the following:

- NAEMT is debt free and has purchased its own office building
- Membership in NAEMT is currently 23,000; their goal this year is 50,000
- IEMSA members are offered a half-price membership of \$20; information will be available at the IEMSA booth
- State Association members have reached to 38; Jerry’s goal is to have all 50 states involved by the end of his term of office
- NAEMT’s Board of Directors provides representation on 45 national organizations related to the EMS industry
- EMS needs a national voice; NAEMT is positioned to be that voice

10. Board Reports – A printed report reviewing the individual activities of all board members was enclosed in the Annual Meeting Packet. In addition, the following reports were presented:

a. Legislative Committee – Ric Jones, Public Policy Chairman – Ric introduced IEMSA’s lobbyists – Cal Hultman and Michael Triplett. Cal and Mike each spoke briefly about the positive changes that resulted from the recent election, noting that Democratic legislators, Roger Thomas and Sue Hancock are EMS supporters who are now in the majority. Ric noted that legislative reports will be posted regularly on the e-news while

the legislature is in session. Ric presented the proposed legislative agenda which was distributed in the Meeting Packets and is also available on the home page of IEMSA's web site. A motion was made to approve the Legislative Agenda as presented. Ridge/Hill/Unanimous Ric announced that EMS Day on the Hill is scheduled for February 1st, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. at the Capitol Rotunda. He urged the membership to do their part for the EMS industry by talking regularly and knowledgably to their lawmakers.

- b. Conference Committee – Brad Madsen, Conference Chairman – Brad reported that this year's attendance has surpassed last year's in attendance and in exhibitors, noting that there are 55 individual vendors this year. He noted the highlights:
 1. Due to the large attendance, one workshop per session will be held at the Savery hotel.
 2. Much excitement has been generated by the participation of Randolph Mantooth as a speaker and exhibitor.
 3. The Honor Our Own program has been enhanced. Brad urged all everyone to attend this very moving program. He extended his thanks to Tom Summitt for developing this program that IEMSA is so proud of.
 4. Technology abounds at this year's conference. IEMSA is instituting the use of scanners to record attendance at all the workshops and workshop evaluations will be scanned into a new program that will evaluate the results. The overall conference evaluation will be available again via the internet. Brad also noted that the on-line registration process is catching on and becoming more flexible in an effort to be more user-friendly, Last, but not least, handouts for the various workshops are available on IEMSA's web site for the convenience of the attendees.

Brad extended his thanks to the Board, Committee members and staff for their assistance during the planning process and throughout the conference.

11. New Business

- a. Disposal of Ballots – Jeff Dumermuth announced the results of the election for available board seats for the next two years: North Central Region - Thomas Craighton and David Johnson; Northeast Region – Rick Morgan; Northwest Region – Terry Stecker; South Central Region – Jon Petersen; Southeast Region – Tom Summitt; Southwest Region – Bill Fish and Jan Beach-Sickels; At-Large – Dan Glandon. A motion was made to destroy the electronic and mailed ballots. Thomas/Hill/Unanimous

12. Retiring Board Member Recognition – Jeff Dumermuth recognized and presented plaques to retiring board members Kirk Dighton, Jeff Messerole, Doug Reed and Bruce Thomas. John Hill recognized Jeff Dumermuth in his last year of service to the IEMSA Board as President. A plaque was presented to Jeff by John.

13. Adjournment – A motion was made at 8:00 p.m. to adjourn this Annual Meeting of the IEMSA Membership. Ridge/Messerole/Unanimous