

IEMSA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

IEMSA's Board of Director's Meeting was called to order at 1:00- by President, Jerry Ewers at the West Des Moines EMS Station #19. The following members were present: Jan Beach-Sickels, Brad Buck, Thomas Craighton, Robert Davison, Jeff Dumermuth, Linda Frederiksen, Katy Hill, Curtis Hopper, Mark McCulloch, Rick Morgan, Rod Robinson, and Terry Stecker. Present on the phone: Mary Briones, Brandon Smith, Tom Summitt, and John Hill.

A quorum was established. No conflicts of interest. Curtis holds Brian's proxy.

Motion made by Curtis, 2nd by Rick to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brad, 2nd by Robert to approve February 12 minutes. Motion carried.

No medical directors report.

Office administration – no report.

Bureau – no report

Committee reports:

Executive Committee – Jerry reported on the interviews for the office administrator position, done this morning. Two strong candidates, doing background checks and once results are back we will have a name to report to the board on who we will offer the job to. Make sure we are using the right list when we are sending emails out to each other so every board member receives the same communication.

Speaker Committee – Tom Summitt, we have heard back from several of the national speakers. We are looking to offer hazmat during the Preconference and an AMLS 2 day course on Thursday and Friday, along with a CCP Refresher, Naemse, and a Service/Medical Directors workshop. The committee is planning on meeting next week to get the schedule hashed out.

Exhibit hall – no report

Legislative/Bylaws – Thomas – received a request from Jerry to look over the bylaws. They currently state that an audit has to be done every two years. Our CPA recommended changing that to every 5 years, and change audit to financial review. Thomas will review and send out changes.

Legislative – a flurry of emails regarding the Senate 304 Action for the training facility and training fund. We are listed as opposed to it. As a part of it we did get EMS listed as an essential function and we are at the table, so it is my recommendation that we change our opposition to it.

Senate passed the ems task force put out by senate file 346. One of the biggest opponents is Senator Chapman. He thought that it should be an MSAC responsibility. If we think that this task force is important we need to contact our house reps on that committee before the next funnel date to continue the process.

The administrative rules change that the bureau put forth in chapter 140 puts the contract with the county board of supervisors. It becomes more cumbersome to the people trying to put the grants together if it is not with a county. They want to eliminate the competitive bid process. Terry questioned – wasn't the funds everybody was getting for education, it is now being taken away? Thomas said last year we had to process the grants through system standards, but this money is for training and it needs to go out to the providers.

Brad, could senate file 346 help with the system standard development and moving that ahead. Thomas – yes that is part of what that task force would be looking at. Brad – the wording in this bill isn't right – it is not an equal seat at the table, an equal voice. Jeff D. – I worry that we are giving up our EMS voice to the firefighters. Jerry – I had this same conversation with Mike and tried to stay neutral, what's the win-win for us. Is it for us to stay opposed to this and still pushing that we should have been one of the nine on the task force? We don't want to take training out or away from the colleges. It is important for us to have access to the training facility. Mike's strategy was to give up on this a little bit, either register neutral or in support so that we can get something else for EMS. Jan – this bill does put EMS as an essential service and now the counties have to provide that. Thomas – not yet. Jeff D. that not yet is what worries me. Brad – fire departments have so much more access to the money and grants than EMS and my EMS does many more calls. Jeff D. – this is not really about the fire services and law services, the intent is what is best for EMS. Jan – what is our reason for being opposed? Jerry – we are opposed because we are not on the task force and we won't have any control. Katy – what about if we are just neutral? Jeff – this acknowledges EMS as an essential service as far as the training facility, but it doesn't recognize it for the government. Thomas – not yet, but it sets precedent. Rod – if we don't register in favor or neutral, are we shooting ourselves in the foot? Jeff – I find it very distasteful to register in favor, I might get around to neutral for strategy reasons. Jerry directed Thomas to get with Mike to discuss the ramifications of r registering neutral and please email to the board. Jeff made motion to register neutral, Katy 2nd. Discussion – Linda – we register neutral but with a caveat that we would appreciate the opportunity to be at the table to speak for EMS, why would we just allow fire to speak for ems? Jeff – yes we need to be clear that we support our sisters and brother in public safety, but we are not satisfied. Linda – I appreciate Thomas' work on this. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Brandon, pretty much been status quo, we have had expenses on the upcoming Billing and Management Conference but no income to offset that yet. There is nothing out of the ordinary on the financial statements. We have a healthy Balance Sheet. I sent an email out to the executive committee earlier today about some other revenue streams, is it time we start looking at other resources to invest a little bit of money – cds, etc.? Linda – current cds not paying much in interest. Linda – Brandon can explore some options.

Motion by Thomas to approve treasurers, 2nd by Brad. Thomas – question – overspent in leadership conference? Low turnout because of blizzard. Motion carried.

Memberships – make sure your committee reviews the membership brochures

Marketing/web – Jerry – it is everybody's responsibility on the board to look at the website and keep it updated. It sometimes takes more than one set of eyes. Just send changes to Jerry or Jan.

Ems week – Katy reported on the EMS Memorial. The committee met today. We have 3 line of duty deaths and 1 lifetime right now. We don't have our main speaker nailed down yet, get the word out for anybody in your area. Tom – we did coins a long time ago. Motion made by Thomas to purchase memorial coins, 2nd by Terry. Motion carried. Mark – line of duty flags, how about give an IEMSA flag to the family. Jerry – we will leave it up to the committee. Jerry – Katy can you send me a brief overview so we can get it out on the enews and for advertising. Life Flight is sponsoring an event that evening so you can plan to make a night of it.

Leadership academy – Jeff no report

Voice printing – Katy – we probably have not been receiving the correct type of file for our printed ads. It has to be 300 dpi files, both printers I sent sample to had significant savings over our current printer.

Enews – send anything to Tom to send out until new office manager starts.

Scholarships – no report, we budgeted money to set up something in memory of Russ. We are leaving it up to the scholarship committee to work on this.

Old business – Katy reported on the pull up banner. One with middle range quality is \$285 plus artwork. We can probably get one done for under \$400. Motion made by Thomas, 2nd by Robert. Motion carried.

New business – Thomas reported that due to the line of duty deaths, several people have approached him about having an honor guard. Jeff – we are in the process of doing it here. If we were to host a week long class, how many people would be interested? Brad and Thomas both have several people who would be interested.

Linda – Russ Piehl's Board seat is open. Beth Meyering was suggested as a possible replacement, but she doesn't think her employer can accommodate. She is honored, but wants to make sure she can give the commitment and maybe considered in the future. Thomas – I have sent it out in the region.

Motion to adjourn by Linda, 2nd by Brad. Motion carried.