

Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association Board Meeting : April 18th, 2013
West Des Moines EMS Station #19

Call to Order: Linda Frederiksen

Roll-Call: Jan Beach-Sickels (SW)-by Proxy-Terry Stecker; Mary Briones (Education)-Present; Brad Buck (At Large) by Proxy Katy Hill; Thomas Craighton, Present; Robert Davison (NC)-Present; Jeff Dumermuth (NC) Present; Jerry Ewers (At-Large) by Proxy Linda Frederiksen; Linda Frederiksen (SE) Present, John Hill (NW) absent; Katherine Hill (SC) Present; Curtis Hopper (NE)-absent; John Jorgensen (NW) Present; Bob Libby (SE) Absent; Robert Marsh (Education) Absent; Lee Ridge (NE) Absent; Rod Robinson (SW) Present; Terry Stecker (NW) Present; Brandon Smith (At-Large) by Proxy Rod Robinson; Summitt, Tom (SE) by Proxy Thomas Craighton. Staff Present: Office Manager Lisa Arndt. Meeting called to order: 1:03pm. Quorum Established. No Conflicts.

Motion by Brian R. to Approve Agenda: 2nd by Jan. Agenda Approved: Katy Hill 1st, Mark M. 2nd.

Motion by Brandon, 2nd by Jan to Approve Minutes from March Meeting. Thomas 1st and Mary B 2nd to approve minutes.

Quorum Established: Rod 1st, Mary 2nd.

Treasurer's Report Approved : Rob M 1st, Rob 2nd.

Brandon Not here today for Treasurers Report – Linda read his report. Financials are in good order. Need to apply rent to the April financials is all.. Billing Management is off by \$150 (to be fixed) and \$160,000 in checking account is up from last year this time. Accounts Receivable is low—but is expected being not during conference time. Working on Budget Spreadsheet for each chair.

Medical Director Report --No report from Dr. Forslund

Administration Report: Lisa Arndt

--Office Lease: Current Lease expired 7/31/13. Presented two proposals-one from Regus in West Glen and the other from West Towers. The lowest bid was from Regus—and it is the safest for the trailer is Regus. Motion to move office location to Regus at West Glen Town Center made and by Thomas, Rod 2nd. Approved.

Lisa to send Notice Letter to Mike Jones at Jones Property Management (after Jerry's approval of the letter) : Thomas 1st, Rod 2nd Approved.

Bureau of EMS Report – Gerd : Applications for RFP's – slowing process down—but addressing, working with EMAC to try to get training money out to all 99 counties. First round of apps 39 met requirements. Board of Health audits to ask no administrative cost be taken out of those monies for audit that is required. If approved will go into effect July 3rd. Use Sharepoint—to simplify process for grants etc. Mid to late May—putting out training of the new process. Awards made by September 1.

Federal Programs come to EMS Bureau in New Budget—reduction in funds \$45,000, grant from EMS for Children reduced \$20,000. Bureau heavily dependent on Federal programs. Sequestration is effecting funding for program.

Re-bid EMS and Trauma registry programs—to combine the data. In doing so—there will be training about new submission process—so it's easier faster and simpler. State regulations have slowed the bid process down a little. Originally intended to launch 1/1/2014 but it looks more like 1/1/2015.

Coverall Stroke Program: Jerry at IEMSA and Rebecca Swift of Bureau will be back in touch with volunteers.

EMSAC – Review Chapter 132 governs services licensing etc. Been through the senate dies in the house. If the task force in legislature now gets approved—perhaps get Chapter 132 reviewed by them.

Executive Report:

DSM Register-EMSAC only fielded calls through Wednesday after the Sunday paper article. Fall out—after much support on all fronts from Senator Danielson to the EMS across the state is generally positive. IEMSA response letter published in Des Moines Register in the Opinion Section—and a copy of the article was distributed at this meeting. We know we have work to do—and this is giving us momentum to possibly get some of that work done.

Exhibit Hall Report—John Jorgensen: Met with the Event Center Staff (Matt McDougal and Ben Eisenberg from Freeman (The Drayage Contractor) this morning. Possibly expand exhibit hall by at least 10 spaces, less room for aisles. Talked about low traffic flow in exhibit hall—and how to fix that for this year. Ben to do a floor plan for us so we can get the exhibit applications out in May yet.

Speakers Report—no report.

By-laws: Retired vs. Honorary (should be non-dues paying member). Approve to activate and have membership ratify at annual meeting. By-law changes—Brad motion to approve with changes with the adding an honorary member clause before the Annual Member vote. John J second. Honorary and Retired add to brochure once we re-do the brochures at the new location. Current suggested language—presented reads:

“A resident of the State of Iowa and/or an individual who is no longer actively providing emergency medical care within the State of Iowa and who pays 50% annual dues as shall be determined by the Board of directors, shall become a “retired active” Member of the Association. Only Active Members may be elected to the Board of Directors. A Retired Active member will receive IEMSA publications, but shall not be entitled to make motions, vote or hold office. However, they shall have the right of the floor at meeting upon the requests of one Director and may serve as members of the Association’s committees. Retired Active also will not receive AD&D insurance.

Legislation: Making headway—getting more aquatinted with legislators. Mike Tripplett sent an e-mail on SF446—fyi—a senator asked to see what it would cost \$226,000 increase if added. But Healthy Iowa

is a concern. EMS covered under both programs at the Medicaid level. If they increase at the Medicaid level—then also increase the levels in Healthy Iowa program. If passes it would be in effect July 1 or 15th.

DSM Register—Legislative responding and open to discussing. Fire is supported but not EMS. Training they took funding OUT—added to task force—but no funding.--Working on that. Systems Standards—should IEMSA do something to push? Essential Services—we need to educate general public about what that means. Most general public don't know what that really means. EMS doesn't have to be provided—but we do it because we want to.

Committee Meeting—Legislators don't understand the new 911 technology, nor the expense to dispatch out EMS, FIRE etc.

System Standards Group—they want to have a partnership with us. Have a standing committee report to us—and we would sit with that group. Lost representation by retirement—and because the standards are out there no need to meet and work. But we need to Pulling Agencies together to work to meet Standards. Help people understand the agencies are not going to survive if they don't start working together. Not out of the Bureau—do not identify with Bureau—because they don't want it to appear they are stuffing it down their throats. Need a letter from them to IEMSA and we'd love to get involved. Can we do a 4 hour pre-conference and 50 minutes in the regular conference for System Standards group?

Membership Individual—Mark McCullough – draft a “description” for retired active member and look into.

EMS Week/IEMSA Memorial Ceremony – Katy Hill – Have lots of sponsors that allowed money for coins—Sponsor for up to \$600 for coins and to make the new cast/die. We'll cover overage--\$200. Ceremony is at 10 am on the 18th—Speakers will be Gerd from the Bureau, President of Med Trans Fred Petrel e, Freshman State Senator Sneider, a helicopter for the fly over is planned. Bag-piper—Mark has it taken care of. Slide show is in the works. Police honor guard-they have connections in Newton—they will provide Baggers.

New Business:

Motion by Curtis Hopper to add Lisa Arndt, New IEMSA Office Manager as signer on Checking Account and Credit Card Account: Curtis 1st , Mary 2nd Approved

Motion to approve new Office Mgr. , Lisa Arndt– Thomas 1st , Rod 2nd

Billing and Management Conference Update—Katy and Linda to email to EMS Directors and Hospital Administrators to try to get numbers up.

Membership: Mark McCullough – Suggestion to do a commercial/video to promote IEMSA- use at training facilities—on website, all state directors. Suggestions were to include memorial piece in there- get it done to kick off at conference—then ready for EMS Day on the Hill. Mark M. will get some numbers together.

Katy Hill presented and distributed a Central Iowa IPOST 7 letter from a group chairing a committee to find where to go with it. ACO Director—from Unity Point and other groups are involved.

Adjourn Rod Terry 3:24