



June 18, 2020 –1:00-3:00p-- Board of Directors Meeting

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Meeting ID: 963 9319 1966

Call To Order – Mark Sachen, President -- 1:00PM

Welcome/Roll Call/Proxies/Determination of Quorum/Conflict of Interest— Lisa Arndt, Office Manager, Roll Call, Quorum met. See end of minutes for attendance.

Approval of Agenda --

Lobbyist Report—Eric Goranson -**2020 End of Session Recap**

The Legislative session convened January 13, 2020 as one of 21 Republican state government trifectas. Invest in Iowa, criminal justice reform, occupational licensing reforms, and increased spending on education were all major points of the Governor's Condition of the State Address in January.

At the end of the session, the legislature's FY 21 Budget spends \$7.7785 billion. This is largely a status quo budget with a 2.3% increase in public K-12 funding (almost \$100 million) and rainy-day funds still full. The regents and a few other items in the budget were cut and ending balances were used to backfill RIF due to a lack of the usual gaming revenues that fund it.

There were many controversial bills taken up during this two-week end-of-session period that we all were told would include few policy bills that were not agreed to already. Controversial bills passed at the 11th hour include occupational licensing reform, a 24-Hour waiting period for abortions, firearms caliber "clarifications" related to hunting, and "election integrity" legislation.

Also passed during the final two weeks of the legislative session was a law that conforms Iowa law to Federal law increasing the age from 18 to 21 for tobacco and vaping purchases, online learning legislation (not altogether noncontroversial), classroom behavior management legislation, a dyslexia bill aimed at serving dyslexic students better in Iowa's public schools, and changes to the Future Ready Iowa education program.

The State Housing Trust Fund (SHTF) and REAP programs were funded at status quo levels due to the backfilling of RIF with ending balance funds and REAP was extended for 2 years, giving the next General Assembly the ability to address the Governor's Invest in Iowa Act or move in a different direction.

One of the most substantive bills to pass during the June wrap-up session was the COVID Liability Protections Bill. This bill includes broad language protecting Iowa businesses and organizations from frivolous lawsuits if they make good faith efforts to follow guidelines to mitigate COVID infections. The bill does not protect businesses or organizations that act with malice or that ignore guidelines, putting the public at unnecessary risk of infection.

Our biggest area of focus this year was on empowering counties and the cities and townships within their borders to declare EMS an **essential service**, create a plan with public input, and levy only for the amount needed to fund that plan. The final version of the bill had additional language that would have required a vote of the people on the plan and implementation at the next regularly scheduled countywide election. We supported that version of the bill and it passed the Iowa House with only one dissenting vote (a retiring member who told us before the session started he'd never vote for it) but was not afforded a vote in the Iowa Senate. We now have good working language, have smoked out some concerns, know who is working behind the scenes for an against the bill, and have a great roadmap ahead of us to work from. A special thank-you to the Iowa Hospital Association, MercyOne, and the Counties and Supervisors associations for their support of the bill and their tireless work alongside us this year. Although IEMSA is seen as the voice of the EMS profession as a whole at the Capitol, we can't get something this transformational done without great support and energy from all interested stakeholders and we appreciate their help. The Iowa Hospital Association and in particular the MercyOne lobbyists that went above and beyond the call of duty to advocate for the bill this year and we hope to be able to work with them again next session.

HF 2528 - Persons authorized to request assistance pursuant to the statewide mutual aid compact. We were registered undecided on the Senate version of the bill. Passed unanimously on June 13.

SF 2373 - This bill modifies provisions related to telecommunicators by designating them "first responders." IEMSA declared in favor of this bill and spoke in favor of it in subcommittees. It passed unanimously in both chambers.

News Articles

- [‘Unprecedented’ Ending to the 2020 Legislative Session](#)
- [Iowa Legislature Adjourns After Passing Budget That Includes New Voter ID Requirements](#)
- [Iowa Legislature Passes Bill Protecting Businesses, Nursing Homes From Coronavirus Lawsuits](#)
- [COVID-19 Liability Shield Among Business Bills Passed By Iowa Legislature](#)
- **Interesting Links / Data From Legislative Services Agency (LSA)**
- [2020 Primary Election Turnout and Absentee Ballots](#)
- [Iowa Pandemic Unemployment Insurance Program Update](#)
- [Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Program Update](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program Update](#)
- [Iowa Small Business Relief Program Update](#)
- [U.S. SBA Paycheck Protection Program \(PPP\) Update](#)
- [U.S. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Program \(EIDL\) Update](#)

Bureau of Emergency & Trauma Services Report – IDPH Rebecca Curtiss, Bureau Chief BETS –

Director Gerd Clay Baugh has submitted his resignation. Not sure who will interim or take on the department as a director.

- **Administrative Rules** – Sent an email EMSAC – rules will be adopted on August 8 and published on August 12 and then back to rules and review one more time. And be effect on September 30. It contains scope of practice. So we’re running about 3 months behind which is about the amount of time we’ve been in COVID status. Most are support. There are some voices of concern but not the majority.
- Next meeting for EMSAC was for July 8, but is being rescheduled. And it will likely be a zoom.
- COVID Response – BETS role, Steve Mercer role, Chief Curtiss wants everyone to know, every single piece of PPE has all been due to the efforts of Steve Mercer. He has managed and regulated and procured that PPE.
- Steve Vannatta and Travis Clark and they would lead strike team for COVID. Have been independent and very effective in that role.
- Brad Vande Lune, has been assigned to the Regional Medical Coordination Center. Region 1 collecting data and information. Gary Merrill did the same thing in Mason City – Region 2.
- State Emergency Operations – All Public Health leadership was relocated and were at the direction of the Governor. Three weeks ago they came back to the Lucas building in one room.
- Remainder Staff has been doing strike teamwork and other important roles. No team member on the BETS team not tapped for extraordinary serve during this pandemic time.

Approval of Minutes

- April 16, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes -- Andy Ney Motioned to approve. 2nd by Andy Gehrke. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Ney -- April + May 2020 Financials Brian Rechkemmer Motioned to approve. 2nd by Nella Seivert. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Reporting Period: April 1, 2020 through April 30,2020

Beginning Balances as of April 1, 2020, – (Bank of The West Monthly Statement)

- Checking Account: \$41,230.07
- Money Market: \$439,471.49
- **Income Notes** – ○ Total membership – \$460.00 in April 2020 compared to \$1,475.00 in April 2019.
- Other Income – \$459.78 in April 2020 compared to \$6,113.68 in April 2019. Remember we have postponed the Billing Conference so we should see increase in other income in August, September, and October.
- **Expenses Notes** – ○ Administrative – \$9,503.04 in April 2020 compared to \$3,590.98. Biggest expense this month was the Legislative expense of \$7,500.00. Other expenses are not significant.
- Annual Conference – Hotel Accommodations only expense at \$666.36.
- **Profit/Loss Notes** – ○ Net Income looks grim currently. We are sitting at a loss of \$35,772.10 for 2020 so far. At this point in time last year (2019) we were sitting at a loss of \$18,304.22. Hopefully, the Billing Conference and Annual Conference exceed expectations.

Reporting Period: May 1, 2020 through May 31,2020

Beginning Balances as of May 1, 2020, – (Bank of The West Monthly Statement)

- Checking Account: \$34,167.69
- Money Market: \$439,518.32
- **Income Notes** –
 - Total membership – \$150.00 in May 2020 compared to \$2,852.00 in May 2019.
 - Lisa has had issues with her email and hasn’t been able to keep on top of renewals. I would recommend we look at a new email platform that integrates better with our membership software.
 - Other Income – \$448.81 in May 2020 compared to \$1,401.92 in May 2019. Notable decrease, because of COVID19’s impact on conference income.

- **Expenses Notes –**
 - Administrative – \$3,127.04 in May 2020 compared to \$4,876.80 in May 2019. Decreased our expenses in this section of P&L.
 - Annual Conference – \$0.00 no activity during May 2020. Similar to May 2019.
- **Profit/Loss Notes –**
 - Net Income looks grim currently. We are sitting at a loss of \$41,846.80 for 2020 so far. At this point in time last year (2019) we were sitting at a loss of \$22,241.55. Hopefully, the Billing Conference and Annual Conference exceed expectations.

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Office Administration – L. Arndt

Board Meeting (July)	July 16th, 2020	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Teleconference
Billing/CADS Conference in DSM--Hospitality Suite	Aug 10 & 11, 2020	All day Monday & Tuesday	WDM Hilton Garden Inn
Board Meeting (August) -- No Meeting			
Board Meeting (September)	Sept 17th, 2020	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting
Leadership Academy	Next Academy in 2021	8am-5pm (2-Days)	TBD
Board Meeting (October)	October 15th, 2020	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	West Des Moines EMS Station 19
Board Meeting (November) -- No Meeting			
30th Annual IEMSA Conf & Trade Show - DSM	Nov 12-14, 2020		Iowa Event Center DSM
Board Meeting (December)	December 17th, 2020	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Zoom Meeting
Board Meeting (May) -- No Meeting			

Speaker Committee Work – Alisia Meader Reporting -- we will have a very close to 99% full brochure in June. This normally doesn't happen until the end of September issue. Credit goes to all the speaker committee members, they pulled together and worked as a team and have pulled together an amazing conference, with lots of new speaker faces.

Committee Reports –

Executive Report– Mark Sachen, President --

Sellers Dorsey Proposal – offering a program similar to GEMT for non-governmental entities. E-Board is reviewing this proposal, have some concerns about increases in lobbyist fee we'd need, and some other concerns. Eric Goranson, lobbyist for IEMSA has reviewed it and we'll have to hold off for a couple years and see where this goes.

Legislatively lots of great support in getting essential service done—he appreciates all that effort. Look forward to working on this – during the summer and hit again

Voter-Voice Software needs to get that in place before next year's legislative session.

Billing and Management Conference- L. Frederiksen

Rescheduled to August 10 & 11, 2020—Hilton Garden Inn—West Des Moines.

GEMT –J. Ewers -- MCO's are coming in pretty good. Everything is going pretty smooth.

EMS-Day-On-the Hill/Service Directors Roundtable— M. McCulloch

-- February 3rd, 2021 -- WDM Hilton Garden Inn and the Capitol Rotunda Reserved

Membership –

Membership Report As of:	
AFFILIATE Membership Report	16-Jun-20
Affiliate Membership Level 1	21
Affiliate Membership Level 2	77
Affiliate Membership Level 3	36
Affiliate Membership Level 4	19
TOTAL Affiliate Training Centers	11
TOTAL Affiliate Members	164
Individual Members	1026
Student Members	295
Retired Members	4
Total Individual Members	1325
By Corporate Level	
Platinum	3
Gold	23
Silver	0
Total Corporate Members	26
Total Members	1515

Voice – S. Solt –Issue 2/2020 due out end of June.

Adjourn – Motion to Adjourn at 2:35p --Brian Rechkemmer, 2nd Nella Sievert. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Member's Name	Area of Responsibility	Initials/Proxy
Armstrong, Spencer	North Central Region	Present by Proxy – Dawn Brus
Carl Ginapp	North Central Region	Present
Sachen, Mark	North Central Region	Present
Gehrke, Amy	Northeast Region	Present
Morgan, Rick	Northeast Region	Present
Andy Ney	Northeast Region	Present
Jorgensen, John	Northwest Region	Absent
OPEN	Northwest Region	
Foltz, Tracy	Northwest Region	Present
Coburn, Ryan	South Central Region	Absent
Thornton, Katy	South Central Region	Present
McCulloch, Mark	South Central Region	Present
Frederiksen, Linda	Southeast Region	Present by Proxy – Andy Ney
Alisa Meader	Southeast Region	Present
Summitt, Tom	Southeast Region	Present by Proxy – Mark Sachen
Solt, Sarah	Southwest Region	Present
OPEN	Southwest Region	
Seivert, Nella	Southwest Region	Present
Brus, Dawn	At-Large	Present
Ewers, Jerry	At-Large	Present by Proxy – Brian Rechkemmer
Smith, Brandon	At-Large/Treasurer	Absent
Jamie Temple	Education	Present
Rechkemmer, Brian	Education	Present
Dr. Christopher Hill	Medical Director	Absent
Guest(s): Rebecca Curtiss-Present , Eric Goranson- Present, Tom Craighton - Present		
Arndt, Lisa	Office Manager	Present