



June 17, 2021 –1:00-3:00p-- Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Meeting | Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85062271329>
 Or join by phone: 1 312 626 6799 | Meeting ID: 85062271329

Call To Order by Mark Sachen, President at 1:00 pm

Welcome/Roll Call/Proxies/Determination of Quorum/Conflict of Interest—Lisa Arndt, No Conflicts. Quorum Met. See roll call below.

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Katy Thornton. Seconded by Brian Rechkemmer. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Lobbyist Report—Eric Goranson, Goranson Consultants (IEMSA Lobbyist)

- The bill signing happened in Monticello at the Ambulance Service – a nice turnout and beautiful backdrop set –in front of a piece of the ground zero metal, and a flag sculpture.
 - LSA Summary of Standings Bill -- <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/NOBA/1221385.pdf>
 - SF615 EMS Essential Service Summary – full summary attached PDF --
- A HUGE debt of gratitude for the legislators and staffers in both chambers for their hard work to bridge gaps between the House and Senate on details of the bill and to our coalition partners including Mercy One, Unity Point, the Iowa Hospital Association, and the Association of Counties and Supervisors. Representative Bobby Kaufmann championed the bill in the House and we appreciate his tireless efforts on this issue as well as great support from Representatives Hein, Thompson, and Neilsen along with a number of other legislators and House staffers who worked to ensure there was a unanimous vote. Also, a gigantic thank-you to Senator Klimesh for his support and hard work to get a deal done in the Senate along with Senators Kraayenbrink, Driscoll, Dawson, Whitver, and others who spoke up for EMS this year and were part of the last-minute negotiations.

The “Standings Bill” is the last budget bill passed most years and has a number of standing appropriations and is the vehicle for last-minute budget and some policy issues that are negotiated to get the session wrapped up each year. This year’s standings bill was much smaller than usual and the issue that took up the most space in this year’s “skinny” standings bill was EMS. Our essential services bill was altered slightly to put some language in that the Senate required to secure the time on the floor to get the vote and also some language to help create some uniformity between Iowa Code chapters 357F, 357G, and 422D. Here are the highlights:

In short, this bill allows Supervisors and EMS districts to initiate a plan, stretches out the sunset to a less prohibitive amount of time, and adds options for funding that didn’t previously exist - all while creating the most **transparent** system of levying we’ve seen in Iowa Code.

- We supported **HF 761** creating a local fire protection and emergency medical providers grant program to provide fireworks safety education programs and/or equipment related to the sale of fireworks in Iowa. IEMSA President Mark Sachen attended the bill signing earlier this week.
- We supported **HF 708** which created a public safety equipment fund for the Iowa DPS. It is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- We supported a few bills that would increase the volunteer fire and EMS personal tax credit and we are pleased **SF 619** included an increase from \$100 to \$250 and is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

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

- Bureau Medical Director -- Dr. Ahmed is taking over as the Medical Director. Dr. Stilley stays
- Lost our compliance office for the Bureau -- Clark left. This position has been filled. Brad Vande Lune will move into that position. Opening a new position to fill the field staff position with the Bureau
- SF 615 – there was an amendment to Chapter 147 concerning training programs. Updates will be done, although minor. First goes to State Board of Health in July.

Medical Director Report –Dr. Christopher Hill ---

- Congratulations to IEMSA and many members to get this legislation passed. There is a growing respect for what EMS does.
- How to collaborate – as it relates to medical services direction. Physicians are trying to develop and support on the medical director level – five physicians on board. Jim Shutte is on board and is an IEMSA member, and he has been a big support.

Approval of Minutes

- April 15, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes -- Motion to Approve by Dawn Brus. Seconded by Chuck Gipson. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Treasurer’s Report – Andy Ney

- April + May 2021 Financial Reports – approve financial reports as written and submitted by Andy Ney – by Brian Rechkemmer. Seconded by Tracy Foltz. All Aye. Motion Carries.

Office Administration – L. Arndt --

| 2021 Event + Board Meeting Dates | | | |
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| Board Meeting (July) | July 15th, 2021 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting |

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| Billing/CADS Conference in DSM--Hospitality Suite | August 16 & 17, 2021 | All day Mon + Tues | In-Person- WDM Hilton Garden Inn or ONLINE |
| Board Meeting (August) -- No Meeting | | | |
| Board Meeting (September) | September 16th, 2021 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | West Des Moines EMS Station 19 |
| Public Safety Boot Camp | Sept 29 & 30, 2021- Politis | 8am-5pm (2-Days) | WDM Hilton Garden Inn |
| Board Meeting (October) | October 21, 2021 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | West Des Moines EMS Station 19 |
| Board Meeting (November) -- No Meeting | | | |
| 31st Annual IEMSA Conf & Trade Show - DSM | November 11-13, 2021 | | Iowa Event Center DSM |
| Board Meeting (December) | December 16, 2021 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting |

Committee Reports –

Executive Report– Mark Sachen, President

- Attended the Bill Signing of S615 at Monticello Ambulance Service in June. Well attended by legislators and EMS Providers.
- Next Legislative next big push is to find ways to ramp up the staffing challenges in EMS.

Billing and Management Conference- N. Seivert/C. Gipson

August 16 + 17, 2021—Holding the WDM Hilton Garden Inn -- PWW Contract Signed – Might do Virtual.
Conference Registration is open – 8 Registrants as of 6/11/2021. In-person or virtual. No doing Virtual.

Group Purchasing – Nella Seivert – renews next summer.

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

- EMS Day on the Hill – February 16, 2022 – Capitol Rotunda
- “Service Directors Roundtable” – free to members a fee for Non-Members held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and Strategy Meeting on February 15, 2022.

SE EMS Saturday --- TBD 2022 Date

Annual Conference— November 11-13, 2021 - K. Thornton

- **Speakers** – A. Meader –missing just a couple Course Description/information, and finalizing one time slot. Otherwise, we are good to go. We are working on a CCP pre-conference workshop – not a REFRESHER – just a CCP Workshop.
- **Awards** – T. Summitt – Awards for 2020 have been decided and awardees notified. We will not do 2021 Awards. We will award just the 2020 Honorees at the Lunch Awards Ceremony on November 13, 2021.
- **Entertainment** –A. Ney – Johnny Holm Band is secured for Friday Night Event. Working on Air Methods Sponsor. Thursday Night Event Was Cancelled in 2020, decision to be determined yet for 2021 on this event—neither venue nor bank are secured. No Thursday night event this year. Just a Friday night event.
- **Exhibit Hall** – A. Gehrke – Almost done contacting Corporate Members – to secure booth spaces—invite to exhibit will go out as soon as all corporate spaces are confirmed.
- **Honoring Our Own** – M. Sachen reported for T. Summitt – 2020 and 2021 Honorees will be recognized and honored. They are in full production—doing video recording. Next month they will be contacting families for use in the program. Pay attention to the time allotted it's short with getting the CE hours in.

Legislative – M. McCulloch – no report.

ByLaws – M. Sachen – no report.

EMSAC – T. Evans is looking forward to representing IEMSA. Next meeting is in July.

Membership – Indv (A. Gehrke), Aff (M. McCulloch), Corp (J. Ewers), Training Aff (B. Rechkemmer)

Membership Report As of: 6/4/2021

| AFFILIATE Membership Report | 7-Jun-16 | 19-Jun-17 | 14-Jun-18 | 10-Jun-19 | 16-Jun-20 | 4-Jun-21 | 6/20 v. 6/21 |
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| Affiliate Membership Level 1 | 17 | 22 | 24 | 30 | 21 | 35 | |
| Affiliate Membership Level 2 | 48 | 55 | 56 | 73 | 77 | 78 | |
| Affiliate Membership Level 3 | 36 | 33 | 35 | 41 | 36 | 45 | |
| Affiliate Membership Level 4 | 12 | 15 | 20 | 21 | 19 | 25 | |
| TOTAL Affiliate Training Centers | 10 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | |
| TOTAL Affiliate Members | 113 | 136 | 145 | 176 | 164 | 195 | 15.90% |
| Individual Members | 1130 | 1206 | 1169 | 1191 | 1026 | 1108 | |
| Student Members | 173 | 241 | 290 | 322 | 295 | 177 | |
| Retired Members | 4 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 6 | |
| Total Individual Members | 1307 | 1453 | 1465 | 1521 | 1325 | 1291 | -2.63% |
| Platinum | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | |
| Gold | 13 | 18 | 16 | 21 | 23 | 25 | |
| Silver | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total Corporate Members | 19 | 24 | 20 | 24 | 26 | 28 | |
| Total Members | | 1613 | 1630 | 1721 | 1515 | 1514 | -0.07% |

Marketing/Merchandise/Web – N. Seivert – updating embroidered Logo with a new vendor.

EMS Week/Memorial-- M. McCulloch &/or K. Thornton

- Names engraved and will be recognized next year

- **Next EMS Memorial will be held May 14, 2022 at WDM Station #19.**
- **2020 and 2021 IEMSA Honorees will be recognized at the 2022 Ceremony**
—all honorees’ families and sponsors have been notified.

2021 Leadership Academy Fall – J. Jorgensen – September 29 & 30, 2021, WDM Hilton Garden Inn

- Jon Politis is contracted. Hotel is reserved.
- 28 Boot Camp Attendees already registered. This is a record for this far out. It’s possible the week-day dates this year are helping this.
- 28 is the maximum number of students -- Jon Politis can teach alone.
Boot Camp Co-Chair, Tracy Foltz has agreed to assist Jon so we can add more attendees.

Scholarship – B. Rechkemmer/J. Temple

- **2020 Awardees enrollment verified**, all recipients have been notified and asked to write a brief article about “Why they chose to get involved in EMS and/or why they chose to upgrade their certificate.” This will be used to post to the Website, Facebook and an article in The VOICE #1. Checks are being sent as address is confirmed, scholarship accepted, and article is in. All colleges these students attended have been notified, as well as the applicants not chosen.
- **2021 Scholarship Applications** – we only have 1 application in to-date – application closed for 2021 on September 1, 2021. Encourage those you know that are interested in entering the EMS Field to apply as well as anyone looking to upgrade their certificate to Paramedic.

Voice – S. Solt – in the works. Agreement for an article from Career Cert is close to finalized. We’ll use one article from their library. Many ads from our Corporates are in. Conference is just waiting on a few final details. We are close to getting this out and registration open for 2021 Annual Conference. Gathering ads from Corporate Members, Scholarship Article is building.

Allied Entities:

Community Paramedicine/MHC –Terry Evans and Mike Van Niewaal—now Co-chairs, working on updates to the website.

NAEMT—Tony Sposeto

State Fire Serv./Emergency Response Council – Thomas Craighton

State Medical Examiners Advisory Council-- Tom Summitt

TSAC –Nella Seivert

Iowa Preparedness Advisory Committee (PAC) – Nick Jellison nominated.

ISICSB Board Report – Brigit Edson term is ended. She is not renewing. We need to find a new representative for this seat. It must be a female for the balance.

New Business – Meetings for IEMSA will be on Zoom until the WDM station is open to use.

Adjourn -- 1:46 motion to adjourn by Brian Rechkemmer. Seconded by Katy Thornton. All Aye. Motion Carries.

| Member's Name | Area of Responsibility | Initials/Proxy |
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| Armstrong, Spencer | North Central Region | present |
| Carl Ginapp | North Central Region | absent |
| Sachen, Mark | North Central Region | present |
| Gehrke, Amy | Northeast Region | present |
| Jellison, Nick | Northeast Region | absent |
| Andy Ney | Northeast Region | Present by Proxy C Gipson |
| Jorgensen, John | Northwest Region | Present by Proxy T. Foltz |
| Starr, Shawn | Northwest Region | Absent |
| Foltz, Tracy | Northwest Region | Present |
| Coburn, Ryan | South Central Region | Absent (No longer at Norwalk FD) |
| Thornton, Katy | South Central Region | Present |
| McCulloch, Mark | South Central Region | Present |
| Gipson, Chuck | Southeast Region | Present |
| Alisa Meader | Southeast Region | Present by Proxy – D. Brus |
| Summitt, Tom | Southeast Region | Present by Proxy – M. Sachen |
| Solt, Sarah | Southwest Region | Present |
| OPEN | Southwest Region | |
| Seivert, Nella | Southwest Region | Present by Proxy S. Solt |
| Brus, Dawn | At-Large | Present |
| Ewers, Jerry | At-Large | Present by Proxy B. Rechkemmer |
| Smith, Brandon | At-Large/Treasurer | Absent |
| Temple, Jamie | Education | Present |
| Rechkemmer, Brian | Education | Present |
| Dr. Christopher Hill | Medical Director | Present |
| Guest(s): Rebecca Curtiss-Present. Eric Goranson- Present, Guest: Terry Evans, Kevin Miller | | |
| Arndt, Lisa | Office Manager | Present |