

**IEMSA Association Board of Directors Meeting
December 18th, 2014 - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Teleconference
Minutes**

- Call To Order – Linda Frederiksen Frederiksen—1:00pm
- Welcome/Roll Call/Proxies/Determination of Quorum/Conflict of Interest—Quorum Established. *See Attendance Sheet on Last Page*
- Approval of Agenda- 1st Tom Summitt, 2nd Mary Briones –Motion Carries.
- Medical Director Report –Dr. Joshua Stilley—no report
- Minutes of October 16th, 2014 Meeting—One Change in the last paragraph—“Paramedic Chiefs of Canada” not of Florida – Mark McCulloch 1st, Jeff Eastman 2nd --Motion Carries.
 - Treasurer’s Report --Mark McCulloch
September Financials –Report was run wrong—aging in in balance now.
 - November 2014 Profit and Loss Budget Performance. Reviewed major income and expense items. Highlighting the large expense of the conference and income. A major feat for a small organization.
 - Some outstanding invoices from the May 1, 2014 PWW Billing Conference—will be reflected in December 14 financial statements.
 - Accounting Budget—We’ll flush out some items that have money allocated that should be in different areas.
 - Tom Summitt 1st, Cherri Lynch 2nd –Treasurer’s Report Approved.
- New Business
 - Summary of Sioux City Town Hall EMS Meeting with Sen. Danielson—J. Ewers
—55 in attendance, news media was in attendance—Jerry Ewers and Mark Sachen were there. Long drive for both—but well worth it. Sen. Danielson--talked about the 6 items he is putting in his draft of his “EMS Bill of Rights”. One is 21st Century Levy, Education and training, reports, tax credit, IDPH, government boards and commissions. 3rd week of January he will present this Bill of Rights—need to have some folks with Board Shirts present for this. We’ll watch for this date. We have a window of opportunity for now to make huge change—stems from momentum from last year—interim study has gotten legislators’ attention thinks this year is the year to see some change. EMS Essential service spooked some folks. He thinks we take a different approach. Find other funding streams—to address the issues and make sure EMS is provided for across the state especially in rural areas. Funding for townships—a way to tap into that for funding for EMS. They (Jerry who is they?) get 20 million Annual and 20 million they’re not tapping into. This will let us not have to increase taxes—and still get funding to EMS. EMS and Training—training comes from EMS bureau system development grants and through Fire Training bureau—how can they work together. Reporting cutting red tape make it easier for folks to send into to the state. He’s getting his info from Sen. Chapman—that doesn’t want to send info to state. We need to send supporting info to Danielson to help him fight this battle for us—and Volunteer Tax Credit—he’s suggesting an annuity rather than a tax credit that pays at the end of volunteering. IDPH—we understand that the bureau is more regulatory—wants more of a balance on regulatory and support for EMS. Example—he’s a FF when he goes out to inspect—he’s a regulator—but he’s also there to answer their questions and assistance too. Instead of just being the regulator. Government Boards and commissions—EMS doesn’t have a seat at the table on a lot of commissions—he’s trying to see how we can have a voice and even at the Capitol—no one has a place to go and get information. Creating a Public Safety Board or Caucus would be beneficial to sending out info to legislators about EMS. So they have a place to go to get info about EMS if they have questions. Q&A lots of discussion about the 1% surtax that’s on the books and only one county is taking advantage. He talked about how to educate counties on how to use this surtax. System Standards—Frank Prowant from Ankeny--thinks Bill of Rights should address system standards. One in attendance--Education and training doesn’t have a home either. There is a huge variance in cost from one side of the state to the other. Ret. Sen. Hancock and Danielson—any way for EMT’s and Paramedics with Old I-99’s still stay on the books without transitioning—like the others. Sen. Danielson deferred to us and questions to us. So good we were in attendance. Looking forward to task force or networking meeting before the EMS Day on the Hill.

Linda Frederiksen—some discussion with Lynzey Kenworthy and Mike Triplett on this—do our lobbyists want to weigh in on this? Jerry Ewers asked lobbyist—wants to be sure they had good conversation with Danielson—moving forward. He mentioned when his bill is introduced—we need to be represented at the table—to express our concerns and input. We don’t need to agree with all of the Bill of Rights—just need to be open. Draft talking points are not printed yet—we’re addressing 3 of his 6—can we add his bill of rights to our talking points. Just want to be sure he knows we’re supporting Danielson’s bill of rights. Lynzey Kenworthy and Mike Triplett talked to him as well. Talking points were based on his 6 points—massaged the language that we’re comfortable, with the knowledge that we will go back later and flush out the details with him. If it’s a matter of making him comfortable—lobbyist should reach out to him—share our talking points and tell him we’ll be at the table and support him in his bill of rights effort. That will be enough for Danielson. If we want legislators to know we support it—it’s a simple hand note—on it—cause once the card is printed—it’s done. Keeping it broad is advised. If there’s more to add—we can do a one page hand out with more details as a follow-up piece. Then we can tailor it to how we feel about the language develops. Mike—as details of Danielson’s Bill of Rights come out—then we can address in an add-on sheet. When bills are

drafted like this—there is a measure of credibility-when we don't have the copied language to his bill. It's respected and received as thoughtful deliberation—rather than whatever Jeff wants. Mark Sachen noted his agreement with that approach. We'll be able to sit with Sen. Danielson and help draft amendments. Lynzey will reach out and tell him to draft a shell bill and we'll be there to help him hammer out the details. This will be the best way to support him—he will feel that way too.

Rebecca Curtiss, IDPH—EMT P transition—Ret. Sen. Hancock sent a letter asking how bureau felt about this? Rebecca Curtiss responded with a lengthy email. We had one comment—from feedback. If paramedics do not transition—they will at the Advanced EMT level. To date we've had 52 complete the transition process, and 59 have submitted the application—11 that just need to take exam following the education. So, these folks are just 3% of the paramedics that need to transition. Jerry Ewers stressed that he was relaying concerns that continue to surface from the meeting. When Linda Frederiksen, Mark Sachen and Jerry Ewers met with Sen. Danielson this was also discussed. Rebecca Curtiss advised she appreciates the input, but has not heard of anyone that's got an issue with this transition. Linda Frederiksen—asked if Rebecca Curtiss forward the email—so they can get a feel for what emotions are going on with this. Asked our education chairs—perhaps they can do something to help—we all missed the comment period—but this is a very emotional issue for our volunteers out there. Suggesting we consider letting them transition out. Mary Briones, Cheri Lynch and Brian Rechkemmer is there anything in your education group—that you can get some numbers on what is left out there to transition? Transition level is so great—and is almost done. Mary Briones—offered a variety of methods to get these transition requirements. The contact of individuals—she's had two at their training center—they are given paramedic schedule and may attend classes at EICC at no charge. And when given we don't hear from them again. Brian R—had a few go through initially. He has talked to 4 or 5 that are not going to do anything with it. Marion Fire and Cedar Rapids offered some transition classes to get their people through. Cheri Lynch—some got through fire service, other gotten this done too. But she has reached out to those that have not contacted them. She feels like they SW Iowa are done. January is the deadline for transition. Can we bring some statistics—to next meeting—about how many contacted—how many have completed—how many have transitioned. We can get some data that way. Brian Rechkemmer—Rebecca Curtiss has all that. Brian—how many paramedics are left out there—and what can we do to help them transition. Does the state have this info? Most that are not doing it—it's the time commitment, it means sitting through a 1.5 year program. Also—is this just one person? If so—is it worth or time and attention? Rebecca Curtiss said they have 3 more years. If Rebecca Curtiss can get the list to our training folks—then they can follow-up. Jerry Ewers—Rebecca Curtiss can we get that letter from Hancock. So we can push back some facts to him—and address his issues.

- Office Administration— Lisa Arndt—Lots of event work going on. EMS Day on the Hill and Leadership Conference is set—email went out and there are a couple registrations in already. Need to try to get event schedules set this summer for 1st Quarter events (ie. SE EMS Saturday, EMS Day on the Hill, Pediatric Conference, Billing Conference). Otherwise it lands in the middle of Annual Conference—and doesn't get moving until way late—and we're up against the deadlines too tight. Like to be able to market for a better attendance at all these events—need to set place, schedule etc in summer to do that.
- Conferences—no report
- Voice—Mary Briones— we'll get the Voice out as soon as we can after proofing.
- Budget—no report
- Bureau of Emergency & Trauma Services Report – IDPH Staff—Rebecca Curtiss
 - National Highway Traffic and Safety —have money and dates for full state program assessment—so they will be asking us to participate to help with needs for this.
 - Hired Trauma Coordinator. Michelle Fisher—she is excellent.
 - American College of Surgeons Assessment—Linda Frederiksen will represent IEMSA as chair
 - Preparedness Program—approval preparedness funds—using hospital funds to initiate training. Leadership planning, hosting end of May Preparedness Summit—with an EMS track. Additionally providing ImageTrend training.
 - ImageTrend software—very close to pilot—Mid to end of January will ask some systems to test and pilot for them. The Image Trend office is in Minnesota—they can meet easily—they've provided some workshops and there is some confusion about what we purchased and what they are telling people they have. Giving them a quick look at products they can buy additionally—apps for phones and ipads etc. But they are not included in the department is providing. After pilots—come Feb and Mar—going statewide and training all services on Image Trend—start using on April 1.
 - Ebola—got some additional info on conference call early this week—monies app due 9/26 small amount. Larger amount in January 16. With all the math done—still counting on 1.5 and 1.2 million dollars for this. Ebola activities—worked very hard with to implement a system that provides the lowest risk to all healthcare workers. Training happening tomorrow at UIHC—to provide Ebola transport.
- Committee Reports
 - Executive – Linda Frederiksen Frederiksen—Nominations for VP 1-year term open at midnight Sunday the 21st. Two nominations so far. Ask board members to send a summary of committee activity put in their request for 2015 committees.
 - Dan Paulsen passed away—December 12, 2014. We sent flowers to his visitation/funeral. Mark McCulloch saw the flowers—they were very nice. A special thanks to West Des Moines EMS—they sent an ambulance and crew up to Pocahontas to cover any calls that might come in during the funeral so all his co-workers could attend the funeral. Also thanks to other board members that made the trip to be there for his funeral and show the IEMSA Board's respects to him and his family. Dan was a very dedicated member of IEMSA and the EMS Community. He even replied to an email to attend a meeting 9 days before his death—that he'd be there if at all possible. He was a very dedicated EMS provider and is sorely missed. And his contributions

on this board are admirable. Linda Frederiksen interviewed Dan to fill a vacant board seat—and was thoroughly impressed. We were honored had such a dedicated and committed member of our board.

- Conference – J. Dumermuth—no report
- Speakers – T. Summitt—last conference contacted by Mike Grill had him before—they are doing something different—that's going well. Request fees for airline, fees and hotel. Instead of speaking fees—ask conference to give back speaker fees to a person as a scholarship topay for their conference attendance. Other speakers that have offered this are Gary Holmoke (CT EMS Chief) Scott Boulder and Bill Justice. Look forward to discussion on this.
- Awards – B. Smith—no report
- Entertainment – K. Hill --no report
- Exhibit Hall – J. Jorgensen--no report
- Honoring Our Own – T. Summitt--no report
- Legislative/ByLaws – L. Frederiksen—

Lynzey Kenworthy, IEMSA Lobbyist – Joint Public Safety Board--attended 12/6 troopers gave us a heads up and we're one vote short of getting a seat on that board. Think that vote was the police chiefs. We get the sense this is predominantly a law enforcement group—so she introduced herself as a the daughter of a law enforcement officer with district attorney in the family too. So they understand our selection—of our lobbyist is not completely biased to EMS, but also has some background in law enforcement. Her first reaction going to this meeting—we enjoy attention at the state house that the police do not--and fire do not—based on their roles. We're the golden child—and they see that—so we need to work on some relationship. They were going to send out the summary of their goals and objectives (similar to our talking points)-- hasn't seen it yet. She will forward it out when we see that. We do not get a vote – we'll continue to work on that. We have some folks in the FF—that have great interest in having us join. They recognize the need for us. That's the one she was referring to. She will forward us the list from her notes—if she doesn't see anything from them.

AHA—met with Stacey from public affairs—they'd like to partner on a legislative initiatives—that will support EMS. A public donor—has a trust fund—millions-would like to provide the state with 12-lead ekg. If we can get 1 million from state—they will kick in 4 million to roll out this program. They are also interested in sustaining this program as well. They are asking EMS assist with the legislative ask. They are setting up meetings with legislators. Does it work into our agenda? Because it outfits rural areas—so it fits our funding for training and equipment. You're invited to their legislative –breakfast—invest in EMS is one of the bullets. This is how they want to help us. Working with the AHA on this will get us in front of both legislators and governor—that we are collaborating and partnering with others. Dig in and help or not—learn more?

Rebecca Curtiss—reminded Katy Hill about the recent survey she worked on as a part of the Helmsley trust. Initial information indicated entire project funding and w they're saying they will fund part of it; Katy advised she had received no feedback from Helmsley on our survey. Nella Seivert—noted funding for ND and NE-- but they could only fund what they could come up with. Lynzey Kenworthy-- It's not a deal breaker if we don't get 1 million—but—they want to reach for the top first. They want to see support at some level before committing to the program in Iowa. Communicated to the trust and the people—need to identify who the trust is. We were able to do that. It's Helmsley. Not sure why the secrecy from AHA except that they wanted to do a flashy. Contracted Mission Lifeline through the AHA—contracted to manage this donation for Helmsley. Lot of details to get worked out.

Two events they have set up they need to have EMS support for:

- Jan 7th, 2015 -- 2pm meeting with Gov. Branstad
- Event Date – AHA's Lobby Day on the Hill --Jan 14th 7:30-9:30 am 1st floor Rotunda. They're sending info now. One of their bullet points is – Learn about investing in EMS.

Get interest to Linda Frederiksen—Katy Hill, Mark McCulloch and John Jorgensen are already involved—anyone else interested contact Linda Frederiksen.

Kenworthy Baby on Board--12/29 C-section—the latest—unless it comes early. A few weeks of down time. Take things as it comes. Will keep Mike Triplett appraised

- EMSAC – L. Frederiksen—no report
- Membership – Individual – M. McCulloch—no report
- Membership – Affiliate – C. Hopper—no report
- Membership – Corporate – J. Ewers—no report
- Marketing/Web – **TB Assigned**
- EMS Week – K. Hill—no report
- Leadership Academy – J. Dumermuth—no report
- Voice/e-News – M. Briones—will get the Voice out as soon as we can after proofing.
- Scholarships – B. Rechkemmer—no report

- Old Business--None

Member's Name	Area of Responsibility	Initials/Proxy
Briones, Mary	Education	Present
Buck, Brad	At Large	Absent
Dumermuth, Jeff	South Central Region	Absent
Eastman, Jeff	North Central Region	Present
Ewers, Jerry	At-Large	Present
Frederiksen, Linda	Southeast Region	Present
Fuehing, Cherri	Southwest Region	Present
Hill, Katy	South Central Region	Present
Hopper, Curtis	Northeast Region	Present
Jorgensen, John	Northwest Region	Absent
Libby, Bob	Southeast Region	Absent
Marsh, Rob	Southwest Region	Present
McCulloch, Mark	South Central Region	Present
Morgan, Rick	Northeast Region	Absent
OPEN SEAT	North Central Region	
OPEN SEAT	Northwest Region	
OPEN SEAT	Northwest Region	
Rechkemmer, Brian	Education	Present
Ridge, Lee	Northeast Region	Absent
Sachen, Mark	North Central Region	Present
Seivert, Nella	Southwest Region	Present
Smith, Brandon	At-Large	Absent
Stilley, Josh	Medical Director	Present
Summitt, Tom	Southeast Region	Present
Guest(s): Rebecca Curtiss-IDPH, Lynzey Kenworthy-IEMSA Lobbyist, Mike Triplett-IEMSA Lobbyist		
Arndt, Lisa	Office Manager	Present

Meeting Adjourned: 2:55pm – Motion Tom Summit 1st, Mark McCulloch 2nd