

IEMSA Board of Directors Meeting  
March 18, 2004

ATTENDEES

**Board Members:** Evan Bensley, Cheryl Blazek, John Copper, Jeff Dumermuth, Roger Heglund, Cindy Hewitt, John Hill, Brian Jacobsen, Ric Jones, Kay Lucas, Brad Madsen, Lee Ridge, Rod Robinson, Melissa Sally-Mueller

**Staff:** Gary Ireland

**Guests:** Ray Jones

**Proxies:** Rosemary Adams, Jeff Messerole, Tom Summitt

**Absent:** Kirk Dighton, Bill Fish, Fred Hansen, Karen Kreider, Lori Reeves, Judy Rurup, Bruce Thomas

- I Call to Order: Jeff Dumermuth, President called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM
- II Determination of Quorum/Proxies: A quorum was determined. Proxies were presented.
- III Minutes of February 26, 2004 - Motion made by Jones, seconded by Heglund to approve the minutes of the meeting as written. Unanimous approval.
- IV Treasure's Report – Bruce Thomas was absent from the meeting but provided the P & L statements in the Board packets. Motion made by Hewitt, seconded by Hill to accept the Treasure's Report. Unanimous approval.
- V Executive Director's Report:
  - EMS Provider Clinical Application Form: Gary Ireland reported that an agenda has been developed and sent to the Iowa Hospital Association for uniform application for current EMS providers to do clinical time in hospital areas. Rosemary Adam is helping with this project; other interested individuals need to let Gary know.
  - Iowa Practical Exam Process: Nothing new to report on this. Still waiting for RFP from the Bureau of EMS
  - Hospital Locator Booklet Project – Co-sponsor with North Central Iowa Region: Gary plans on attending the next meeting, which will be in either May or June.
  - Insurance Surcharge: Gary and Cal are continuing to meet with WellMark to develop a potential surcharge for insurance users when visiting the ER. This would be funding for EMS training in the 135 account.
  - Gary also advised that all Board members be aware of the current email viruses that are prevalent.
- VI Medical Director Report: Jeff Dumermuth presented information about a potential Pre-conference workshop at the IEMSA conference for physicians that

would be different than the current Medical Director Training, but would still offer CMEs. Dr Hansen is working on this issue. Suggestions for other physicians to assist with this are welcome.

- VII Administrative Assistant's Report: In the absence of Karen Kreider, Jeff Dumermuth read Karen's prepared report to the group.
- \* Continuing to process membership correspondence;
  - \* Continuing to work on the 2003 AED data collection;
  - \* 2003 tax preparation in the hands of our accountant – due to IRS by mid July – no issues expected;
  - \* Accidental Death/Dismemberment beneficiary form should be up on the web site soon; certificate of insurance still in process – should be up on web some time next week;
  - \* Letter to Postal service disputing extra charge to mail newsletter due to insurance article has been received by post office – pending response.
  - \* Great response to latest newsletter and “Affiliate Member Profile” section – already have 2 services who want to be highlighted in the next newsletter (Muscatine and Davenport Fire), as well as a corporate entity (Mercy School of EMS).
  - \* Seeing an increase in response to the “final notification” of membership renewals; could be interest in insurance policy, great reviews on the conference, more professional newsletter or a combination of all.
  - \* Numerous schools are sending student memberships in; particularly Indian Hills Community College and Mercy School of EMS.
- Jeff also reported that IEMSA is negotiating for a larger office in the same building. More to come on that issue.
- VIII Bureau of EMS Report: Given by Ray Jones
- Budget – Staff: Barb Christiansen, Steve Mercer and Lisa Roth have resigned their positions with the Bureau of EMS
  - Iowa Practical Exam RFP: The goal is to have the RFP out July 1, 2004
  - System Development RFP: Part B RFP will be sent out on March 22, due back on June 1, and grants awarded July 1. The actual amount of grant money is still unknown due to the 2.5% budget cut. Part A application is a one page application within 25 pages of the RFP.
  - Out of State Students: still waiting for language of the waiver from the AG. The Bureau of EMS may develop its own waiver due to the delay.
  - The AED Letter of Intent was sent out March 5, 2004. It is due back to the Bureau of EMS by April 1 for next years grant.
  - A question was raised regarding EMS Certification testing with Steve Mercer leaving the Bureau of EMS. Ray reported that there would not be a problem conducting testing since there are several other individuals within the Bureau of EMS that can conduct these tests.
- IX Committee Reports

- Legislative: Ric Jones reported that there currently are no bills that negatively affect EMS. Continued work will need to be done to find a funding source for EMS.
  - HF 2073 the bill that proposed to provide a tax cut for volunteers did not proceed. It will be presented again next year.
- IPERS/Pension - Ric reported there are a lot of closed-door discussions regarding this.
- 911 Bill is proceeding and looks like it is going to pass.
- All Iowa specialty license plates surcharges will go into an Iowa Department of Transportation account. The surcharge for the EMS plate is \$10 for initial purchase and a \$10 dollar renewal. There was discussion on how this money would then go to EMS training and how it would affect the Love Our Kids Plates.
- EMS Day on the Hill - 2005 Ric reported that they may try to combine this event with the leadership conference to boost attendance. They also may try to move it out of a room and into the rotunda.
- There was no national legislative report
- Public Information & Education (PIE) - No report
  - Newsletter: April 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for articles for a May 20<sup>th</sup> mailing. If you can get them in sooner it is appreciated as the newsletter graphic designer is due for a baby around that time.
  - Booth: Good sales at both CIEMSA conference and the Sioux City conference
  - Website: Karen is continually submitting changes. It was suggested that directions to the Nature Lodge be posted on the web or included in the emails for the next meeting.
- Membership: John Hill reported that the beneficiary page for the insurance benefit will be on the website. It was suggested that this be sent out with renewal notices so people can fill it out and return with their renewal.
- John reported that they are looking at doing a resource CD for affiliate members to include policies, protocols, paperwork etc.
- A suggestion was made for IEMSA to offer travel packages; the committee agreed to look in to this.
- The committee is investigating the potential to offer group purchasing to affiliate members.
- It was suggested that the excel spreadsheet of IEMSA members by county needs to include what percent of EMS providers are represented in each county
- Conference: No report; to meet this afternoon
- Service Directors/Providers: Conference set for June 5<sup>th</sup> at Mercy Education Center. Doug Wolfberg confirmed to speak. Discussion about price to attend. Mercy has offered to include information about this conference in

a mass mailing that they are going to send out.

- HAN: No report
- State Fire Service and Emergency Response Council: Next meeting April 1

X Old Business

- AED: Jeff Dumermuth and Lee Ridge reported that Medtronic Physiocontrol is the vendor for this year's AED grant. The CR+ AED, including training equipment and accessories will be purchased for \$1400 per unit. IEMSA hopes to place 180 non-age specific AEDS with this year's grant funds – this will be 30 AED's per EMS region. Affiliate members will be able to purchase the CR+ for the same price. During the AED process, IEMSA received 4 new corporate memberships.
- AED Distribution – tentative dates are April 30, May 1, May 7, and May 8. Board members need to be present for the distribution in their region. More information on times and places to come. Training for the new AEDs will occur on these dates also. The Bureau of EMS makes the decision on the AED recipients. The decision is based on if they have an AED and the age of the AED.
- Conference Scanner: Brian Jacobsen reported that there are many options on how IEMSA could proceed with this. The vendors have not been very quick at returning calls for information. The price could be anywhere from \$600 to \$1000 per scanner. Discussion on potential benefits and the possibility of other conferences utilizing this equipment. The board recommended that Jacobsen continue to gather data and report back at the next meeting.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- HRSA Appointments: Joe Ferrill requested that the IEMSA Board evaluates who is attending these meetings and make sure that the commitment is there. There are three regions that need another person; these are HRSA regions 1, 5, and 6. If interested or have suggestions please let Dumermuth know.
- Bio-emergencies IEMSA Representative: Request for EMS person to look at training, equipment, and funding for EMS from this committee. Brad Madsen volunteered and Brian Jacobsen knows another person who may be interested.
- National Fire Academy: The National Fire Academy is offering an injury prevention course for EMS, it is the second week in September. It is listed on the website FEMA.Gov – then National Fire Academy.
- Upcoming Meetings:

Advisory	April 14
Scope of Practice	April 14
IEMSA	April 15
EMS Training Programs	April 13

XII. Adjournment – A motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting.