

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2005 – 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Kirk Dighton, Jeff Dumermuth, Roger Heglund, Cindy Hewitt, John Hill, Ric Jones, Brad Madsen, Jeff Messerole, Doug Reed, Lee Ridge, Rod Robinson, Melissa Sally-Mueller, Tammy Snow, Tom Summitt

Medical Director: Chad Torstenson

Guests: William Cline, Ray Jones, Steve Noland

Proxies: Linda Frederiksen, Evan Bensley, John Copper, Cheryl Blazek, Lori Reeves, Doug Reed, Marianne Willenborg

Absent: Karen Kreider, Bruce Thomas

1. Call To Order – Jeff Dumermuth, President – The March 17, 2005 meeting of the Iowa EMS Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Dumermuth at 1303.
2. Determination of Quorum/Proxies/Call for Conflicts of Interest – A quorum was determined. Proxies were noted. No Conflicts of Interest were disclosed
3. Minutes of February 17, 2005 - The minutes of the February 17, 2005 IEMSA Board of Directors were approved as written. Messerole/Summitt/Unanimous
4. Treasurer's Report – Bruce Thomas - One correction was made to the treasurer's report that had been previously distributed - the \$50,000 CD is for a term of 6 months, not 3 months as shown.
5. Medical Director – Chad Torstenson- No report.
6. Office Administrator's Report – Lee Ridge reported for Karen on the following:
 - The following "Accounts Receivables" are still outstanding: Albert City (\$140), Fremont County EMS Association (\$1270), Little Sioux Fire Department (\$115), Mason City Fire Department (\$105), MD Medical Equipment (\$325), Vicki Frederick (\$140 – moved, left no forwarding address), Jeff Mitchell (\$24), Tim Springsteen (\$25) and Janeen Justice (\$25). After a brief discussion, it was suggested to bill individuals of departments if possible and send a final notice from our attorney to MD Medical Equipment. It was also suggested that we pursue revoking any earned CEHs for individuals whose accounts do not get paid. We will check with the state and training institutions to determine if this is a possibility.
 - IEMSA's Federal Tax Return has been completed and will be submitted pending a review by Bruce Thomas.
1. Bureau of EMS Report – Ray Jones reported on the following:
 - Federal funding may be eliminated (PHHS Block Grants). This would effect 8 positions in the Bureau - specifically EMSC and Trauma funding.
 - This is also the final year of the Rural AED grant.
 - The new administrative rules went into effect on March 9th.
 - The Bureau will be moving towards requiring all data to be reported electronically. TSAC and SEQIC have already done so.
 - The National Registry will be moving to computerized testing beginning in 2007. An informational meeting will be later this spring or summer.
 - Trauma Coordinator, Kris Baerenwald, has resigned her position with the Bureau.
 - The 2nd draft of the National Scope of Practice will be released for comment in April.

1. Committee Reports - Working Committees

- i. Legislative – Ric reported that most of our legislative items failed to survive the funneling process. There are concerns over the federal budget cuts and funding. The license plate failed because everyone else wanted to keep their money, also. The IPERS equity issue is still alive in committee. Ric also reported that a new group was formed to coordinate children's issues and make the best use of available resources.
- ii. Public Information and Education –None
 1. Newsletter – Rosemary Adam – The deadline for submitting articles for the next newsletter is May 2nd for a May 20th mailing.
 2. Booth – Melissa Sally-Mueller – IEMSA's merchandise and membership brochures have been at several conferences and sales have been good.
 3. Web Page – Lee Ridge- Software here. Lee and Karen will get together and start to learn.
- i. Membership – John shared the membership statistics, noting that there are slight changes in numbers. Kyle is working on a PSA for EMS Week. We are also looking at a possible AAA discount for members.
- ii. Annual Conference – Brad Madsen -Several items were discussed. The concerns with the Marriott were discussed with them and they related that Pitchers is no longer a public space. We will be able to have it for a private party on Thursday night. Jeff announced that an anonymous sponsor for the entertainment on Friday night has been secured. As soon as information can be released, the entertainment committee will meet with the sponsor for arrangements.
- iii. Service Directors/Providers – Roger Heglund – Roger reported that registrations are coming in very slowly. We need to spread the word!
- iv. Homeland Security-Steve Noland reported on all the funding areas and amounts for the upcoming year. Questions were discussed as to the sustainability of these funds in the future.

1. Old Business

- Scanner Proposal/Update – Linda Frederiksen - No updates.
- AED Grant Update – Jeff Dumermuth - The AED Committee will meet following the board meeting.

1. New Business

- EMS State Data Collection – This entity continues to meet. A motion was made to continue supporting Melissa Sally-Mueller and Jeff Messerole in their work with this group.
Ridge/Torstenson/Unanimous

1. Adjournment at 1416.