



South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's Association

Meeting was called to order at 8:00am July 25, 2009 in Pierre, SD at the Governor's Inn by President Kurt Klunder

Roll Call: State Officers: President Kurt Klunder, V. President Gary Lembcke, Secretary Nancy Klunder, Treasurer Margaret Kuipers proxy Amy Marsh, Training Officer Stacy Grace proxy Chad Skiles. **District I:** President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise. **District II:** President Tom Lines, V. President Barb Thaler. **District III:** President Doug Glover, V. President Rick Niles. **District IV:** President Chuck Bell, V. President Dale Ringgenberg, V. **District V:** President Carol Stolley, V. President Edna Dale. **District VI:** President Steven Klock -absent, V. President Danny Hayes. **District VII:** President Eric Van Dusen, V. President Chuck Hanson.

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda: American Income Life, Lifetime Membership. A motion by Doug to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Eric. (MC 01-07-09)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: One correction to the April Executive Council Meeting Minutes, proxy for Barb Thaler was Chad Skiles not Mary Lines. Doug motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Tom (MC 02-07-09)

President's Report:

Memorial committee: The committee will be comprised of the State Secretary to Chair and each District Secretary as part of the committee. This committee will be responsible for coordinating the Memorial Service in July at Pierre and at the state conference.

Political Committee: Kurt referred to the importance of this committee and it is an appointed position from the District Presidents. Please forward the nomination to Maynard so he can coordinate with the upcoming legislation session.

Medicaid: Representative Tim Rave from Sioux Falls has formed a committee to look into the Medicaid reimbursement from the Federal Government.

Heartland Coalition: This committee has been in existence for a number of years. T.J. Sandborn, Chad Skiles, and Stacy Grace our on the committee and they are planning to meet with the other members at conference in October.

NCEMSC: Joe Schnell reported they just met on Friday in St Cloud, MN. He reported that there are several services are still not using the service the Executive Council subscribes to. He did state we have already reimbursement for the dues. Joe suggested that a representative from NCEMSC present at conference to outline benefits or place an ad in the conference booklet. He also reported that NCEMSC is starting a National Buying Cooperative and more information to come.

EMT of the Year: the presidents met on Friday night and select the EMT of the Year. We only received 2 nominations for the award. Kurt encouraged all officers to start promoting awards for 2010 .

EMS Advisory Committee: Amy Marsh reported that the next meeting is next week July 29, 2009. They are discussing obtaining a Medical Director for the group. The committee has been researching to certify Medical First Responders. At this time the first responders are not in the state statue so the EMS Department cannot regulate their certifications. They are also looking into standardizing the EMS levels within South Dakota there are no recommendation at this time. They have been working on standardizing BLS and ALS protocols statewide. They are also researching into the King Airway and are in agreement that they would need a Medical Director before they can continue pursuing the airway. There has been discussion about requiring agencies to provide information for infectious diseases between hospitals and ambulance transport services.

Web Master: Communications between members, Executive Council members etc. need to improve, Kurt advised he has had problems with email. Suggestion was to create a FaceBook page. Tom Lines advised he would create and come back with other recommendations at the next EC meeting.

Training Officers Meeting: Kurt met with the training officers and discussed increasing the training offered to our members. As part of the discussion Kurt asked the training officers to come up with a plan for the I/C Society and the Training Officers to select speaker and training at the state EMS conference starting in 2010. A steering committee was developed by the Department of Health to furnish training simulators

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(iStan) throughout South Dakota. The committee is called Partnership for Emergency Patient Care(PEPC). They are in the process of purchasing 4 iStan patient simulators to be strategically placed throughout SD. One will be placed at Avera/McKenna, one at Sanford Health, one at St Mary's in Pierre and one at Rapid City Regional Hospital. The agreements with those facilities are to provide trauma education in their area. The goal is to have all 4 purchased and to demonstrate at this year's EMT conference. The next meeting for the PEPC Committee will be at conference. The committee also looked into incorporating the PHTLS Course within future EMT classes. There will be a EMTB class starting to do a trial run.

Nomination Committee: This year elections are State VP, Treasurer, and Training Officer. Any nominations please forward to the committee.

Joint Council: The committee has nothing to report since there has been no new meeting since the Legislation Session.

Public Safety Communication Council: Danny Hayes and Kurt reported the council met in Rapid City last week to discuss the radio system within South Dakota. The committee was formed by the Governor with the task of upgrading the current system. They reported that they have received bids to upgrade, the first stage and will cost \$6.5 million, and the final stage will be \$14 million. Once the upgrade is finished, the system will be P-25. There are several organizations that are represented and they have been in negotiations to have the counties that received federal money for upgrade to transfer the money to the state and upgrade at one time. The next meeting will be in January in Sioux Falls.

Submission of bills

First Responders: Kurt asked the District Presidents to check into their districts on providing a list of those responders so we can compile a list for the EMS office and the State Fire Marshal. Amy reported she sent a list the EMSC used when they issued the Triage Bags to Tom Lines, only a partial list was received by Kurt. Amy will resend.

Seatbelt Survey: Kurt reported the survey was complete and the data was being processed. A letter was sent to James Carpenter, Director of Highway Safety, to complete the contract and payment was received. This year motorcycles were added for statistics on helmet use.

Vice President's Report:

1. Please make sure to get the articles are into Misty on time, it is taking approximately 7-10 days for print.
2. Last meeting Gary and Margaret were tasked with fixing or purchasing the Treasurers computer. The computer was able to fix by purchasing a new hard drive for \$95.34.
3. On Friday night the Vice President's met for a meeting. The EMS Service of the Year was selected. The vice presidents asked for another award to be created for the First Responder/Rescue Squad of the Year. Currently there are no rescue squads submitting for the EMS Service of the Year. Some feel the criteria may detour squads from do so.

American Income Life, Karyn Schubert presented the ability for SDEMTA to offer its members a \$2500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance at no cost the organization. More information will be coming out in The Thoughts and my mail to the membership. Discussion, Eric motioned for the contract between AIL (American Income Life) and SDEMTA to be signed, seconded by Chuck Bell (**MC03-07-09**).

Treasurer's Report:

1. Total bank accounts: \$39,934.42 . Total Assets Accounts: \$12,784.28. The assets are depreciated at the federal rate each year. The investment increased by \$1,985.82.
Total Investment Accounts: \$20,387.55 Total memberships at the end of the third quarter are 1064 members, 25 Lifetime, 145 complimentary (new EMT's), and 106 honorary (includes state legislators) for at total of 1340 members. Education took in \$4,604.94 income for this quarter, and \$14,512.22 from the fundraiser so far this year.
2. Six out of the seven districts were represented at the Treasurers Meeting on Friday night. District books were reviewed. All quarterly reports were received except for district seven. The treasurers did have a few recommendations: The state books should be reviewed every two years, and in the policy and procedures a sentence needs added that the state books be reviewed by an accounting firm. The district books should have a "change form" for new treasurers and should be kept with the Officer Agreements. They would also like to see in the 2010 Budget the education money going to the district to be decreased by \$500.00, from \$2,500 to \$2,000, due to the education fund slowly decreasing.

Secretary's Report:

1. Memorial Service was performed at the EMS Memorial right before the Executive Council Meeting in Pierre. Good attendance, thank you to the Honor Guard- Tom Line, representing EMS, Gary Lembcke, representing Fire Service, Tony Klunder, representing Law Enforcement, and Eric Van Dusen, representing

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military. Danny Hayes spoke about the History of EMS and Kurt Klunder spoke a few words and read the names on the monument.

2. Make sure to get any new Officer Agreements in for any new officers.
3. There were no outside applicants for the EMS Camp, Brian Hambek from Spearfish Ambulance held camp for his Explorers there were approximately 8 attendees.
4. The EMS Memorial will be done again July EC Meeting 2010. Nancy will work with the district secretaries to plan the event.

Training Officer Report:

1. Stacey has submitted the EMT and Service of the Year for South Dakota to NAEMT.
2. Five out of seven districts were represented at the Friday night meeting hosted by Chad Skiles. The Sue Schurmann Award was selected. Kurt visited the Training Officers Meeting to talk about some ideas that he had for upcoming training opportunities. Kurt suggested for the EMS Camp to be taken over by the training officers, and to come back with a plan in October.
3. Stacey is unable to attend the National EMT Conference in Atlanta Georgia. Kurt has asked Chad Skiles to represent SDEMTA in Stacey's absence. Chad has submitted a budget of \$2,000.00 for lodging, airline ticket, \$30.00 per diem, and transportation to and from airport. Chuck Bell motioned to accept Chad representing SDEMTA of the NAEMT Conference, seconded by Eric. (MC 04-07-09), Doug motioned to approve the budget of \$2,000.00, seconded by Chuck Hansen. Amended motion by Tom to increase the per diem to \$40.00 a day, seconded by Eric. (MC 05-07-09).

Kurt called for submission of bills.

Committee Reports:

EMS Office:

1. Education Guidelines from NITSA has been approved the potential implementation date of July of 2011. Gap analysis has been done, for anyone interested in viewing the results go to www.NASEMSO.org. There are additional skills needed for the bridge over of the Advanced EMT. It is still in discussion on what will be required for the I-85 to bridge for the Advanced EMT, there definitely will be retesting for those individuals. The new curriculum will come via refresher training. The new levels will be taken to Legislation in 2011. Any classes starting July 2011 will have to teach the new curriculum.
2. The new ambulance trip reporting software is up and running. Not all of the services are using the software at this time. Bob will send out a list of services that are not currently using the software, so if there is any service that needs help implementing the software the district officers may be able to help. Rapid City and Sioux Falls are currently working with their software vendor in order to crossover the information over to Dept of EMS.
3. The new simulators are being purchased from Dept of Health Partnership for Emergency Patient Care(PEPC). Anyone interested in using one of the simulators will be able to contact one of the following hospitals, Avera, Sanford, Rapid City, Pierre. The simulator will be delivered by a representative of the hospital to explain the simulator. Partnership for Emergency Patient Care (PEPC) is hoping to have the simulators on display at the SDEMTA Conference in October.
4. Bob will be retiring; his last day will be December 8, 2009.
5. In order to certify the first responders there would have to be a law change at the state level.

Conference 2009:

1. Budget for the conference has not changed, and the entertainment has been selected. There will be online registration only, currently the vendors, instructors, or any individuals not attending the conference are able to register. The individual EMTs that will be attending the conference will be able to after the conference fee is determined. By registering online you are able to pay by voucher, purchase order, cash, check, or credit card. There will be instructions coming out in The Thoughts. Tom motioned to raise the price of the conference from \$115.00 to \$125.00 due to the increase in food charges, and the charges for the use of the credit cards online, seconded by Doug (MC 06-07-09). The conference committee is asking in lieu of a free gift from the Executive Council to provide a boxed lunch on Friday of the conference. Discussion, Joe motioned for the Executive Council to provide the lunch in lieu of the giveaways, seconded by Doug. (MC 07-07-09). Discussion on the day of the luncheon, question called by Doug roll call voted 12 No continue discussing the day the lunch will be held – 5 Yes to say with the original motion. Discussion, Joe motioned to amended the original motion to read: Joe motioned for the Executive Council to provide the lunch on Friday in lieu of the giveaways, seconded by Doug. (MC 08-07-09) The conference giveaway has been decided.
2. Sanford is sponsoring a hanger party, buses for transportation are being provided. When registering for the conference make sure to mark if you will be attending the hanger party or not.

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3. Room reservations for the Executive Council will be made; Amy will contact each EC member with a confirmation number at that time you must call with a credit card to hold the room.
4. Speakers are done, there will be breakout on Friday and Saturday, with five options per breakout. There are several national speakers to include Randolph Mantooth. EMSC, NAEMT, and NITSA are sponsoring speakers for the conference. Pre-conference agenda is still in the works.
5. Make sure to get the memorials into the memorial committee along with the picture of that individual.
6. Banquet menu has not been determined at this time.
7. "Save the Date" Flyers for Randolph Mantooth has gone out to all EMTs.

I/C Society: Has already been discussed.

Kurt called for approval of bills, Doug motioned for the approval of bills, seconded by Chuck Bell, (MC 09-07-09).

Joint Council. There has been no meeting as of this time.

Old Business:

1. At the April EC meeting Kurt had asked Eric to draft a letter to Secretary Dravland asking for a position in the selection for Bob position with the Dept of EMS. Eric has submitted the draft, with a few corrections Tom motioned for the letter to go out to Secretary Dravland from SDEMTA, seconded by Doug (MC 10-07-09).
2. Also at the April meeting Eric had volunteered to look into the honor guard criteria for SDEMTA. Eric has brought back extensive information on the honor guard. If there is anyone that is interested in being on the honor guards please contact Eric.

New Business:

1. Four names were submitted for Lifetime Membership, application were reviewed. The following names were submitted and approved for Lifetime Membership: Janna Jones, Sally Ehlers, Amy Marsh, and Tom Lines.
 2. A motion from Tom for the EMT of the Year and Vic Stephen Award to be a once in a lifetime award, seconded by Rick. (MC 11-07-09)
 3. A motion from Gary to create a First Responder Rescue Squad of The Year, seconded by Doug. Lengthy discussion. A motion from Barb to table the discussion on the floor, seconded by Eric. (MC12-07-09)
- District Reports: District I: EMT Class in Howard Sept 1, early planning stages for mini conference.
District II: Conference planning, EMT Class starting mid August, 24 Refresher in January. District III: Training in Kimball August 15. District IV: EMT Class at Avera St Lukes possibly starting in the fall.
District V: PHTLS coming up in White River, EMT Class going on in Midland. District VI: GEMS Class coming up in Sept. District VII: New President Cheryl Hogge was voted in at the last meeting, Water Rescue Class in the planning stage.

Motion to Adjourn by Doug, seconded by Eric at 12:55pm

**Next meeting October 23, 2009
Sheridan Convention Center
Room to be Announced**

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