



## **South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's Association**

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by President Danny Hayes on October 20, 2006 at 7pm at Ramkota Sioux Falls, South Dakota

**Roll Call: State Officers:** President Danny Hayes, V. President Keith Sharisky, Secretary Nancy Klunder, Treasurer Ted Ellingson, Training Officer Amy Marsh **District I:** President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise **District II:** President Mickey Merrigan, V. President Tom Lines **District III:** President Ray Parker, V. President Terri Van Roekel **District IV:** President Dale Ringgenberg, V. President Carol Stolley **District V:** President Jana Jones, V. President Linda Smith **District VI:** President Kurt Klunder, V. President Linda Cudmore – absent **District VII:** President Eric Van Dusen, V. President Chuck Hansen

**Approval of Agenda:** Keith motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Kurt  
MC (10-20-01)

**Approval of Minutes:** Mickey motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Ray  
MC (10-20-02)

#### **President's Report:**

1. Position Statement: Danny is in the process of writing a position statement to the SDEMT Association this would make one person be the spokesperson between the SDEMTA and the Department of Transportation into the Homeland Security for the funding and money that they have available. Danny will have it ready for the next Executive Council Meeting. There are several states that already have a spokesperson to represent their state.
  2. 911 Memorial in Pierre: Danny was asked to represent the SDEMTA and be the speaker for the dedication of the 911 Memorial. There is a beam in the center of the 911 Memorial that is actually from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of one of the towers. The memorial funding was raised by Student Council Activities across the state of South Dakota. The Student Council wrote a letter to the SDEMTA wanting a donation for the memorial. The Executive Council voted on allowing them to have a jar for donations at the Conference. Amy has placed a jar at the SDEMTA booth in the vendor area.
  3. EMSC: Danny has wrote a letter to the Congressman and Senators in support of EMSC. Initial letter was sent out with the possibility of loss of funding.
- Nominating Committee: Ray Parker, Linda Smith and Kurt Klunder are on the nominating committee and have talked to a few individuals that are interested in running for state offices.

#### **Vice President Report:**

1. Thoughts: Maria will be at the conference, get with her if you have anything you want in the Thoughts, the next issue will be in color.
2. Voting: In the event that Keith has an opponent(s) for the State Vice President, Bill Rise has agreed to handle the ballot box.

3. Policy & Procedures/ Bylaws: One constitution of Bylaw change will be for the change of the name in the Bylaws to Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Services. Policy and procedure updates: Keith is proposing to change the Workshop Guidelines to clarify the monies distributed for workshops. After discussion Bill motioned to accept the changes, seconded by Linda. **MC (10-20-03)** Technology and Training Equipment Policy and Procedure at the July Executive Council meeting the Executive Council voted to purchase insurance for the training equipment. Ted wanted permission to pay for that insurance. The premium will be divided up between the Districts. Discussion Amy motioned to accept the policy as stated, Bill seconded **MC (10-20-04)** Due to the high cost of rental of projection screens used for general session at conference, Keith checked into purchasing screens for SDEMTA, he called and discussed with several executive council members on the feasibility of him purchasing 4 projection screens. In order to get the screens in time for conference Keith purchased the screens. After lengthy explanation Keith made a motion to be reimbursed for the projection screens, Tom seconded

**MC (10-20-05)**

**Treasurer's Report:**

1. Ted handed out district reports; at the end of September 2005 total paid members are 1229 compared to September 2004 paid membership was 1166.
2. Total bank accounts: \$23,939.19. Total Assets Accounts: \$18,764.15. Total Investment Accounts: \$20,000.00 Overall total: \$62,769.41
3. Ted went over the proposed budget and expense budget for 2006 after lengthy Discussion, Ted will make a few changes to the expense budget. Mickey motioned to accept the expense budget and for Ted to make changes by Sunday, seconded by Bill. **MC (10-20-06)**
4. Ted went over the new SDEMTA Merchandise. Ted will change the prices to include the tax. The schedule was handed out for the SDEMTA booth.

**Secretary's Report:**

Nancy has been checking into highway bulletin boards to advertise for the SDEMTA. The prices were higher than what was anticipated were from \$900.00 to \$1200.00 a month depending on how big you wanted. Plus the set up fee (printing); depending on the size of the sign could be up to \$1200.00. If anyone has ideas for advertising or public relations let Nancy know by email.

**Training Officer Report:**

1. District II is having a refresher on January 27, 28, and 29 2005.
  2. Approved agreement with the Highway Safety for speaker and fees for conference this year that will total \$2800.00.
  3. License Plates: Amy reports the license plate was approved by the Dept of Transportation. Applicant must apply for the specialty license plate and purchased for \$10.00. The SDEMTA decal for the plate are .43 cents and must order 100 at a time. Kurt made a motion that the person asking for the decal must be a current member of SDEMTA, the decal will be provided to them free of charge Mickey seconded. Discussion Kurt amended the motion to add the Districts will have stickers to distribute, it is up to the district to check if current member of SDEMTA, seconded by Keith **MC (10-20-07)**
- Danny called for submission of bills at this time.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Services**

Nothing to report at this time.

**Website:** Brenda from Grapevine notified him that the pictures of the EMS on the website were copyrighted infringements, was advised to change the immediately and Brenda did make that change to the website.

**Legislative Day:** Kim Lyon has graciously accepted to be our Political Chairman for SDEMTA in Pierre.

**Conference 2005:** Nothing to report until Sunday at noon.

**Joint Council:** Mickey received a letter for a Joint Council meeting in November. Keith motioned to pay Kurt and Mickey to go to Pierre for the SD Firefighter Association Meeting seconded by Tom **MC (10-20-08)**

**Approval of Bills:** Mickey motioned to accept the approval of bills seconded Kurt. **MC (10-20-09)**

**Public Safety Service:** Fundraiser so far has made the SDEMTA, \$26,642.34. There still is one more year left on the contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Belt Buckles:** Ted showed the belt buckle they will be sold at the SDEMTA booth.

**Lifetime Memberships:** There are no nominations for lifetime memberships.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New District Officers:**

District II: Margaret Kuipers- Treasurers District VI: Gary Lembke-Vice President

District VII: Diane Van Dusen-Secretary all other districts have not been elected at this time.

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

*District I:* Had a Mini Conference which 25 attended and are planning for a refresher in January dates to be announced. *District II:* EMT class is finishing up in December, and is planning to do a refresher in January. *District III:* EMT Appreciation will be November 10 which will include dinner with a speaker. *District IV:* Basic-Intermediate-Paramedic Refresher Class coming up second weekend in January. And also a EMT Basic Refresher first weekend in February. *District V:* Nothing at this time. *District VI:* Paramedic Refresher Jan 20, 21 and 22 and Feb 3, 4, and 5 and also EMT Refresher January 27, 28 and 29; Mini Conference in February 11 and 12. *District VII:* Had a refresher class two weeks ago. Started a EMT-I class in Lemmon, and also a EMT-I class starting the first part of next year. Also a new Explorer Post has started in Mobridge. Good Job Eric!!!!

**Announcements:**

1. Amy reported there will be a worship praise service in Amphitheater II on Sunday morning with live music.

2. Mickey reported the Rural Metro Explorers will be at the conference helping with stamping of the books. Please greet them, and feel free to talk to them.

Motion to recess meeting until October 20 by Tom and seconded by Mickey.

**MC (10-20-10)**

**BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005**

TJ Sanborn welcomed all to the 30 Conference of the SDEMT Association. Color Guard was presented from Sioux Falls Fire Department. Mayor Munson as welcomed everyone to Sioux Falls. Secretary Dravland spoke a few words about EMS. TJ also showed to video clips from Congressman Tim Johnson and Representative Stephanie Herseth thanking the EMT's throughout South Dakota.

*"Dedication and Sacrifice so that others may live"*

President Danny Hayes welcomed everyone to the conference and opened the business meeting.

**Presidents Report:** Danny reported his activities over the past year. Those activities include attending some mini conferences, sent letters supporting EMSC to Congressman Tim Johnson, Representative Stephanie Herseth and Congressman John Thune. Danny also attended the 911 Memorial as a speaker representing the SDEMT Association. He also attended the NAEMT Conference in New Orleans.

**Vice President Report:** Keith reported he didn't do sh—for the association... Keith made a motion to change the name in the Policy and Procedures to Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Services. TJ Sanborn motioned to accept that motion, seconded by Maynard Koeneche MC (10-21-01)

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy reported that she has been trying to get more public relations throughout the state. She has researched into Highway billboards for advertisement, but proved to be too expensive. Anyone has any ideas please email or call Nancy.

**Treasurers Report:** Ted presented the proposed 2006 budget as well as the annual financial statement. Ted explained the deviation from the budget due to the purchase of equipment for the Executive Council. Total bank accounts: \$23,939.19 Total Assets Accounts: \$18,764.15 Total Investment Accounts: \$20,000.00 Overall total: \$62,769.41.

**Training Officers Report:** Amy reported of several refresher classes and mini conferences have gone on through out the year as well as scheduled in the future. Amy was unable to attend the NAEMT Conference this year, but knew that Danny was going.

**Nominations Committee:** Election of officers

The nomination committee reported that Keith Sharisky will be running for Vice President. Ray Parker opened up nominations on the floor. No nominations on the floor. Maynard Koeneche motioned to cease the nominations seconded by Brian Hambeck. Barry .. motioned to make the unanimous ballot for Keith as State Vice President, seconded by Brian Hambeck MC (10-21-02) Congrats Keith!!

Ray reported that Ted will be running for State Treasurer. Ray opened up nominations on the floor. Nomination from Mickey Merrigan for Amy Marsh as Treasurer. Lloyd Siemonsma motioned that nomination cease and accept the nominations of Ted and Amy for State Treasurer, seconded by Brian Hambeck. MC (10-21-03)

The Nomination Committee opened up the floor for nominations of State Training Officer. Nomination from Mickey Merrigan for Stacy Grace, Stacy accepted the nomination.

Mickey Merrigan motioned nominations cease, seconded by Brian Hambeck. MC (10-21-04) TJ Sanborn motioned to make the unanimous ballot for Stacy as State Training Officer, seconded by Brian Hambeck MC (10-21-05) Stacy gave a brief acceptance speech. Congrats Stacy!! Location and times for voting were announced by Keith.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Organizational License Plate was explained by Amy. The decals for the license plate are being printed. With the purchase of the license plate the decal is free, please see you District Officers for the decal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business at this time.

Danny recessed meeting at 8:28am on October 21, 2005

***AWARD BANQUET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005***

Keith Sharisky welcomed everyone to the banquet, Keith announced the results of the voting. Keith reported --- voted for State Treasurer. Ted received ---/ Amy received---. Amy Marsh is the new State Treasurer. Congrats Amy!! Keith motioned to destroy the votes seconded by Kurt Klunder. **MC (10-23-01)**

**Awards:** People Saving People Award-Faith Ambulance and the individual award went to Joe Schnell; EMSC EMS Week Contest Winner-Bowdle Ambulance; Special Awards-Stacy Grace from District II for her ----; Gary Gertz Award- John Christensen; Trauma Wars-Mobridge Ambulance #1; NAEMT EMT of the Year- Joe Schnell; EMT of the Year-Chuck Willey; Sue Schuurman's Award- Mellette County Ambulance Service; EMS Service of the Year-Mobridge Regional Hospital; President's Award-Dick Johnson. President Hayes called the meeting in recess until Sunday 12:00pm.

***CLOSING BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005***

Danny called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

**Installation of District Officers:** District I-Trina Burghardt for Secretary, Brad Ruden for Training Officer; District II- Margaret Kuipers for Treasurer; District III- District IV- Chuck Bell for Secretary; District V: Stacy White for Secretary; District VI: Gary Lembke for Vice President. District VII: no changes.

**Budget for 2006 & Approval of Financial Statement:** Ted asked to entertain a motion to approve the budget as proposed at the Thursday night meeting and also the Friday morning meeting. Bill Rise motioned for accept the budget as stated, seconded by Dale Ringgenberg **MC (10-23-02)** Linda Smith motioned to accept the Financial Statement, seconded by Brian Hambeck **MC (10-23-03)**

**Final Business Items:**

1. Anyone interested in SDEMTA merchandise can be ordered through Ted at anytime.
2. Maynard asked for dates of the Conference 2006 Oct 27, 28 and 29 at the Ramkota in Rapid City. Maynard asked that the conference information for the next year be placed in the conference booklet.
3. Memorial Committee had a meeting, there were two names brought forward of individuals lost in the line of duty. Both individuals accidents happened out of the state of South Dakota. After lengthy discussion the committee will send a letter to the family to decline the individual on the memorial at this time. Meanwhile TJ Sanborn will contact the Dept of EMS in Nebraska to find out if they have a memorial. If Nebraska does not have a memorial the names will be reconsidered. Also in the committee meeting the members felt that they should be in charge of the conference memorial service. The committee is also asking for a Chaplain to be on the Memorial Committee. TJ Sanborn motioned to have the Memorial Service on Friday morning, seconded by Ray Parker. Discussion. At the time of a name needing to be recognized at the Memorial Service should be sent to the Memorial Committee immediately. **MC (10-23-04)**

**Executive Council Meeting for 2006** are January 28, 2006; April 22, 2006; July 22, 2006 and Conference 2006.

Motion by TJ Sanborn to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maynard Koenche.