

FAEMSE
April 2007 Meeting



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9:00 AM
Cocoa Beach, Fl.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 9:10 AM with a welcome by President Danny Griffin.

Mr. Griffin began with announcements:

1. Jim Broslow would be giving a presentation of his color based system for pediatrics immediately following the meeting.
2. Dr. Greg Margolis would be meeting with the EMS Educator's advisory council along with representatives from MQA and the State Bureau of EMS to discuss testing issues in the afternoon.
3. Rod McGinnes and Jeff Lindsey will be presenters at the upcoming National Association of EMS educator's (NAEMSE) conference, and that Nerina Stepanovsky is on the diversity taskforce.
4. Two FAEMSE members are running for NAEMSE offices. They are Jeff Lindsay and John Todaro

Dr. Jeff Lindsay spoke briefly about a recent NAEMSE audit, saying that the results were due soon, that they were very positive and that the major issue identified was the way the board communicated with the members. He also introduced the group to the Fire and Emergency Service Higher Education (FESHE) which offers AS and Bachelor's degrees related to management.

Mr. Griffin then continued with a short introduction to the NAEMSE conference for new members.

Rod McGinnes then gave the finance report. There is approximately \$2518 in the FAEMSE account. The increase over last meeting was due to an influx of membership dues.

Louis Mallory then discussed several issues. First, he is working diligently on a new web site to replace our current, antiquated site. The site will be posted on a new ISP and will include a member's only area where members can view a list of other members. Mr. Mallory also made a suggestion that the membership structure be changed from its configuration to a new model that makes it easier to track memberships. Currently there are two types of memberships, an individual membership and an institutional membership. Institutional memberships allow up to five members to be listed under one institution. Under the new proposal there would be a primary membership, and an associate membership, with the associate membership necessarily being attached to a primary membership.

Danny Griffin introduced the topic of FAEMSE awards by pointing out that over the previous year there were only two nominations for five available awards. He then introduced Jane Bedford to further discuss the awards program.

Jane Bedford discussed the awards. She said that award winners will receive, among other things payment of their registration fees for Clincon 2007 or one of several other conferences. She explained that the nomination paperwork is available on the FAEMSE website, and that the process requires a letter from the nominee's medical director, his or her supervisor and a resume. She went on to say that we have several sponsors for awards, and there is one sponsorship opportunity open. The awards are in the following categories.

- EMT instructor of the year
- Paramedic instructor of the year
- Continuing education instructor of the year
- Preceptor of the year and
- Program Director of the year

The nominations are open from now until June 15th , 2007

Ricky Stone of the State Bureau of EMS then spoke about the recently published state licensing exam results. He stated that the overall pass rate for EMT and Paramedic exams for the first quarter of 2007 were 78% and 67% respectively. He further stated that individual student scores were being made available to program directors, that test scores for EMT candidates broken down by module were no longer available from NREMT, and that the overall scores by school would soon be published on the web. He concluded with two items. First, there is to be a workshop in Tampa on Monday May 7th, 2007 about the training center application. Second, the equipment list developed in a cooperative effort between FAEMSE and the Bureau will be entered into rule soon.

Danny Griffin then thanked Ricky Stone and Betsy Hines for being in attendance to help solve problems.

The meeting then moved on to old business.

First, testing issues were deferred to the afternoon meeting.

Second, Dr. Rob Holborn discussed the EMS instructor qualifications project. He stated that the final draft of the packet is now available on the FAEMSE site, and that two beta test classes would be conducted over the summer. The classes will be June 1st at Seminole Community College in Sanford and June 31st at St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg. He stated that these classes will count toward the requirement, and that he can be reached at robholborn@cfl.rr.com with any questions.

A member of the audience asked if Dr. Holborn had heard from rural providers about this issue. He replied that it would be available to rural providers. A large portion will be available online.

Danny Griffin interjected with some background information. He stated that the state approached FAEMSE to ask for a recommended minimum number of hours for instructor training and that FAEMSE had developed the curriculum discussed above in response to their inquiry. He added that Nerina Stepanovsky, Marcie Fisher and Richard Prentice had been instrumental in developing the curriculum.

Rick Stone then stated that the Bureau will be adopting instructor qualifications. Danny Griffin stated that FAEMSE members will teach the course in rural areas, and that the idea behind the course is that the information will be continually updated.

An audience member asked if there was any standardization in the instructor levels in the proposal. Dr. Holborn responded that the levels were based on the recommendations in the national guidelines set up by NAEMSE.

Dr. Linda Swisher asked what mechanism would be in place to enforce the new instructor requirements. Ricky Stone stated that the State Bureau of EMS would assure compliance. Dr. Swisher asked what would happen if someone did not comply and suggested that the group make recommendations to the bureau for compliance.

Dr. Marge Bowers then presented a review of national trends.

She stated that NHTSA is addressing EMS education on a national level based on their Agenda for the Future, and that they are currently working on educational standards that are due to be completed in 2008. She stated that these new standards would be released in the near future and that members should review them and make comments. She added that the plan includes a national certification test and national program accreditation, and that federal monies will be tied to these requirements.

An audience member asked about the time line and Dr. Bowers responded that the new standards would roll out in the fall of 2008.

A member of the audience asked if there were any plans to accredit EMT education. Someone else suggested that the Council on Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP) was looking in to it.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.

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