

FAEMSE
April 2008 Meeting



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10:30 AM
Cocoa Beach, Fl.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 10:30 PM with a welcome by President Danny Griffin. John Todaro then moved that we accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote, passed. The next order of business was FAEMSE's education awards. President Griffin reported that the deadline for nominees had passed and there were no nominations in any category. John Todaro made a motion that we extend the deadline until May 1st. The motion was seconded, and when put to a vote, approved.

Next Jane Bedford spoke. She discussed the ongoing Critical Care Curriculum. Dr. Joe Nelson asked that the clinical component be expanded and the project was referred to a committee to meet later the same afternoon. Jane then discussed the possibility of having the Brain Trauma Foundation come to a meeting and provide a class for EMS educators. She finished with a brief discussion of Nature Coast EMS's ICE Protocol for cardiac arrest, stating that their initial results were very promising.

Next, Rod McGinnes reported that FAEMSE's bank account contained \$2342.17 and that there were outstanding debts of \$600 and checks waiting to post totaling \$805.

Next Ricky Stone of the State Bureau of EMS spoke. He said that the state is continuing to work on the exam results data base. He reported that Steve McCoy, formerly of the Bureau had moved to a different position elsewhere. He introduced Vicki Grant, a new MQA employee who will be over the Certification and Testing Unit. He added that the state contract with NREMT for EMT exams would expire December 31st 2008. John Todaro then asked Mr. Stone the Bureau's stance on the upcoming requirement that all initial EMS training centers become CoAEMSP accredited by 2012. Mr. Stone stated that the bureau supported this requirement. Mr. Stone then discussed the EMS Educator instructor requirements. He stated that Bureau would not be credentialing EMS Educators. The Bureau will be checking to assure that instructors meet these criteria, and those requirements will be incorporated into the required files for documentation.

Bureau Chief Bixler arrived and asked if anyone had any questions for him and received no response.

Betsy Hinds of MQA then spoke. She stated that MQA would have an online version of the EMT and Paramedic Applications.

The discussion then turned to legislative changes. Jamie Greene stated that the Department of Health isn't allowing the Bureau of EMS to make changes to 401. He stated that we, as private citizens might propose our own changes.

Chief Bixler explained that the Department of Health last year received about 150 proposed legislative changes from its bureaus, and that the Surgeon General generally decides to pursue around ten of them.

Jamie Greene added that if "we" put a bill forward that it is sent to Chief Bixler for input about the impact of the proposed legislation.

The group discussed the recently passed 911 Emergency Dispatcher Bill. It was stated that MQA did an analysis and made Chief Bixler the lead. Legislative planning then made the decision to make MQA the lead because the bill involved certification.

Someone in the group then asked about the proposed fee changes discussed at earlier meetings. Chief Bixler said that he was instructed not to send any more fee change proposals up.

Jamie Greene stated that if we want to clean up the problems in 401 that we needed an elected official to sponsor the bill. Chief Bixler pointed out that opening chapter 401 presented some concerns, mainly that someone could make a last minute amendment that radically changed the entire chapter and that because of this possibility that legislators were reluctant to proceed.

President Griffin then began a discussion about the Bureau's proposal to decrease the number of State Advisory Council Meeting from 4 per year to 3 per year. He said the Bureau spent about \$54,000 in 2007 to conduct Advisory Council meetings. The group discussed several possible solutions, but no decision was reached.

Dr. Nerina Stepanovsky then took the floor to discuss her recent trip to Washington DC to provide input into the NEMSES project that is developing the new EMS curricula. She stated that their proposals would not change Paramedic much, but would have a significant effect on EMT and the new Advanced EMT curriculum. She stated that several of the skills now performed by EMTs will be moved to the AEMT level. She stated that version 3.0 of the Educational Guidelines was available on the NEMSES website (http://www.nemses.org/draft_standards/index.cfm) for review.

She also announced that starting December 31st, 2012 NAEMT will no longer allow student from schools that are not CoAEMSP accredited to sit for the National Exam.

John Todero asked that we consider writing a position paper on educational standards, specifically discussion the criteria for a "Certified Instructor".

Dr. Stepanovsky stated that CoAEMSP or NAEMSE will develop instructor guidelines.

Jamie Greene then stated "The King is Naked" and suggested that someone from the State of Florida needs to be placed on NAEMSE's board.

John Todero then made a motion that FAEMSE appoint a committee to create a white paper on instructional certification. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote, carried.

The meeting then turned to nominations for FAEMSE officers.

Jamie Green motioned to open the floor for additional nominees for president. The motion was accepted. There were no further nominations, and upon a motion the nomination period was closed. Mr. Greene then made similar motions for the offices of

Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer. All of these motions were closed without any further nominees being added.

Louis Mallory stated that the vote would be conducted via e-mail, and that membership would be verified by e-mail address.

Marcy Hetherington then made a motion that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer be separated after the election and that the treasurer position be made permanent. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote passed.

Louis Mallory then made a motion that the position of Treasurer be appointed by the President rather than elected. The motion was seconded, and when put to a vote, passed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1pm.

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