

FAEMSE – Minutes from the Annual Meeting on July 8th, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 by President Danny Griffin.

Annual Achievement Awards were given out for Preceptor, EMS Continuing Education Instructor, Program Director and Paramedic Instructor of the year.

President Danny Griffin announced that he had appointed Louis Mallory to the position of Treasurer. The membership approved a proposal to separate positions of Secretary and Treasurer at the last meeting. Rod McGinnis continues as the Secretary. Jamie Green and Marcie Heatherington will work on a by-laws change.

Chief Bixler introduced Rebecca Cash who has taken Steve McCoy's position in the state office. She has 17 years in EMS and served as the EMS program director at North Florida Community College for 4 years. He also announced that the rules workshop would begin at 1pm today. Review of the EMT exam and application will be first followed by neonatal transport review at 2pm and EMS Instructor requirements at 3:15. He also stated that the state Surgeon General had appointed Chuck Kearns as the next chair of the EMS Advisory Council.

Treasurer's report: Louis Mallory

The data base is up and running with 90 paid members and 127 on the list. He is working on revising the web site. The mailing address for the organization is now in Gainesville as well as the new bank account. As of 6/30/08 there is a balance of \$4836.17 in our account.

President Danny Griffin announced that the President and Secretary now have signature authority on the account.

Jane Bedford, Vice President, announced that we had sponsors for awards who have donated certificates for a conference from the EMLRC or a Mosby-Jems conference. Also, the critical Care course project has gone to Dr. Nelson for final review. She is working on a project to bring the TBI course here along with a train-the-trainer session at future meeting. Desi is working on a room for this at the January meeting in Daytona Beach. This will change the way we teach brain injuries. John Todaro added that this course is much more condensed and much clearer than the course 5 years ago. Their web site is www.TBI.org and there is a CESBEMS approved 4 hour course for \$15 on the web site. Ricky added that it is not necessarily approved by the state. John said he would have them fill out the paperwork and get it to Ricky for state approval.

State Bureau Report: Rickey Stone

1. The EMT exam contract with NREMT is up in December. There have been no responses to date for requests for a new vendor, not even NREMT. They are working with MQA on the proposal.
2. Rickey stated that Paramedic Field Internships must be on a permitted ALS ambulance that is transport capable. A 911 transport unit is required. Point of clarification was asked: If a department has an ALS ambulance that does not transport would that count? Rickey said that

reading the definition of an ambulance that it does have to transport. COAEMSP requires a transport unit.

A discussion of the need to rewrite 401 ensued ending with the need to do the rewrite first and then have the bureau approve it, after which, the association would need to recruit sponsors and co-sponsors. The EMS Agenda for the Future was also discussed as to the implications it will have on the testing issue.

Jane Bedford, VP. , made the following motion: Move that FAEMSE form a legislative committee to work with the EMS Advisory Council legislative committee to develop rules that align with national initiatives.

Second by John Todaro. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Linda Swisher asked if FAEMSE had a representative on the Advisory Council legislative committee. The answer being no, she stated that someone should be.

Danny appointed the following members to the FAEMSE legislative committee:

Jamie Greene – Chair

John Todaro

Sherri Turner

Marge Bowers

Chad McIntyre

Felix Marquez

Anthony Belo

John Todaro announced that NAEMSE will be looking onto a transition course to the Nation Registry.

Dr. Nelson discussed the fact state that the State has representatives on many national committees and all constituency groups need to work to get Florida represented in all national organizations.

Jamie Greene made the following motion: That FAEMSE recommend to the A.C. that the state adopt, for initial certification, the National Registry for EMT and Paramedic effective January 1, 2009.

Second by Chad McIntyre

Discussion followed as to the practical exam portion being why NREMT for paramedic was stopped before. Shari Turner stated that today's NREMT may be very different from what national certification will look like in the future. This motion would not eliminate the state application process and the state still must do a RFP. Dr. Nelson stated that the NREMT is a business and that they want Florida's business. Other states have issues and we need to get a Florida rep on the NREMT.

Motion failed.

MQA report: Betsey discussed test issues and delay in approving applicants. She said it takes 3-4 weeks to get each application processed after it is received, not after it is mailed. MQA has no additional staff to handle the higher volume of applications submitted at the end of terms. A NREMT customer service issue was addressed – students are being told that they haven't paid – Betsey said just because their check has cleared doesn't mean that the state has paid NREMT. Danny said he would call Greg Margolis with the issues. Betsey also stressed that the students need to be careful to make sure the social security numbers that they enter for the NREMT application match what they send to the state. If not there is no approval. Also, students need to copy the front and back of their CPR cards. Please send students to the MQA operator and not directly to Betsey. The online application is on hold for now.

Goals and strategic plan:

Danny announced that FAEMSE will be working on the following:

3.1 Testing

3.3 Critical Care

3.9 All training programs will apply for COAEMSP accreditation for 2010 due to possible NHTSA changes

3.5 Remove the 2 hour HIV/AIDS update required for recertification, leave recertification hours required at 32

3.6 Con Ed for recertification must contain information from the each of the 7 modules described in the NHTSA Continuing Education Guidelines.

Old Business:

Equipment list – This issue was tabled because Rod McGinnis was not in attendance.

New Business:

Terry Schenk from the Florida Dept of Health assessed triage statewide and looked at the educational component. High turnover and a lot of people without triage experience was found. Geoff Miller at the University of Miami's Gordon Center is working on a web based education module for triage that uses Start triage as its basis. Virtual Hero's is a company also putting together scenarios. These will be available free of charge and CEU's are being investigated. People are needed to assess the draft coming out in a few weeks. Posters will also be coming in the mail.

Corporate Partners:

Three major publishers were invited to speak after today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

(Submitted by Marcie Heatherington and Danny Griffin)