



## Florida Association of EMS Educators, Inc.

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### **FAEMSE Quarterly Meeting Minutes October 1, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by President Danny Griffin

Danny welcomed everyone and announced that invoices for dues will be sent next month by Louis Mallory for those who paid after June 2007.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Dr. Nelson led a discussion on the Critical Care Project. The Education subcommittee will present it to the Advisory Council on Friday and will recommend that it go to the legislative committee. Rickey Stone asked Dr. Nelson what the intent of the project was. It was stated: "To establish a minimum knowledge base, that can be validated, so that a Medical Director may designate a Florida certified paramedic as a critical care or specialty care paramedic.

### **Treasurer's Report: Danny Griffin for Louis Mallory**

As of September 26, 2008 there was a balance of \$4857.62 from dues. Funds will be subtracted for the purchase of a printer.

Danny announced that Louis has been working on the Web site design and a revamp of the home page. Instructors can place their booklist on their website and students can order through the bookstore on our web site. FAEMSE will earn a small amount on the purchase and students should see much lower prices than the college bookstores. They can receive their books in about 48 hours.

### **State Office Report:**

The State Office and MQA worked on an invitation to negotiate for the EMT exam— two vendors responded – PSI and NREMT. NREMT was awarded the bid and it has been challenged by PSI. Bidding was started over and there was a protest from SMT stating that it was too specific and only NREMT could meet the specs. There will have to be a rewrite and bidding again.

Rickey also stated that if a college changes its name you have 30 days to report that to the Bureau. Also need to send copies of your new completion certificates.

Dr. Nelson asked for Dr. Hatch from COAEMSP to present at the January meeting to help all Florida schools meet the COAEMSPS standards. Rickey stated that Dr. Hatch needs a full day and that COAEMSP will pay all expenses. It was suggested that we may need to move to another date as the Traumatic Brain Injury Instructor course is already scheduled for January.

Chief Bixler advised that we look at what NHTSA and FEMA are requiring as to accreditation. FEMA is requiring that anyone who responds out of state to an incident has to be a graduate of a COAEMSP accredited program. It will boil down to deployment and reimbursement in 5-6 years if not sooner. He stated that we need to make accreditation a law. Discussion followed on how to accomplish this, would it have to be in 401 or can it be in 64-E? It was suggested that FAEMSE sponsor an education only legislative package to deal with this, we will take this to the legislative committee and look for sponsors it need be. But the legislature still may not pass it. Putting it in rule would be the best solution.

#### **Old Business:**

Equipment list discussion was tabled as Rod McGinnis not able to attend.

#### **New Business:**

John Todaro announced that he is the program chair for the NAEMSE Education committee and is working on the August 2009 symposium in Orlando. It will be August 18-24 at the Disney Coronado Resort. The host state provides volunteers for each session and they have been using paramedic students who can then attend the conference for free. He is asking for two schools to volunteer for each day, 15 total are needed each day. Also, the RFP opened last week for presentations. The deadline is October 29<sup>th</sup>. John is begging for Florida people to turn in proposals. Send proposals to NAEMSE and then email John that you submitted and the topic. The conference will not be back in Florida for about 10 years. Plan to attend. There will also be a COAEMPS workshop offered.

THE EMSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pediatric Prehospital Symposium will be held Nov 11 and 12 2008 at the Rosen Centre. The only one day roll-out for instructors of the Emergency Pediatric Care Course will be held on Nov 13, anyone who is an instructor in another peds course can attend this course. The full course will be 3 days for future classes. EMSC has scholarships available, two per institution, email [Patricia\\_Kenyon@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Patricia_Kenyon@doh.state.fl.us). If you get two scholarships you can pay for a 3<sup>rd</sup> person at the group rate.

A report was given on a recent COAEMSP site visit. Information available on request.

Rickey stated that the EMS instruction qualification proposal has been sent to the legislative committee, they should address it at this meeting and then will go to rule workshop.

Chief Bixler has asked for suggestions as to the October 2009 meeting location. It was suggested to link it with another meeting, such as the EMSC symposium. It is scheduled for November and that is only two months from the January meeting. We will discuss it on the list serve.

It was stated that there is a lot of discussion nationwide on the intubation issue for paramedic students. The Laerdal Air Man was discussed as a difficult airway manikin. It was recommended that schools meet with the anesthesia groups ahead of clinicals and limit the number of instructors who precept at intubation facilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:36pm.

Respectively submitted by: Marcie Heatherington