

**FAEMSE**  
**April 2009 Meeting**



**4/1/2009**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Pinellas Park, FL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

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

Mr. Griffin began with an overview of the Rules Development Workshop that was conducted the previous day. He added that the final product should be available for review on the list-serve shortly.

Louis Mallory gave the financial report. He stated that our income from January 1, 2009 to April 1, 2009 was approximately \$3000, and that our expenses were approximately \$1700, mostly associated with a speaker brought in for the previous meeting. Additionally there were \$195 in returned checks since the first of the year, and that as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 our account balance was \$6078.

Danny Griffin then spoke about the intent of the organization to support the Emergency Medicine Learning & Resource Center (EMLRC) and Florida's Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) who are joining forces to present the 19th Annual Excellence in EMS Awards to honor Florida's real life heroes during an awards ceremony conducted during the Clin-Con conference. He also stated that FAEMSE's award recipients might be recognized at the awards dinner.

Louis Mallory next spoke about membership. FAEMSE now has 92 paid members and four corporate sponsors. He also noted that the terms of the three at large board members will be expiring in July. A call for nominations will be sent out soon, and again on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Voting will be conducted during the first two-weeks of June and the new board members will be seated at the July meeting. The voting will be restricted to current members. That meeting will be held on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Rosen Center in Orlando.

Danny Griffin told the group that the State Bureau of EMS was not able to attend this meeting due to budget constraints. He then talked about pending legislation pertinent to the group.

The bill put forward by Narina Stepanovsky of St. Petersburg College related to redefining what kinds of emergency vehicles may be used for field internships was passed out of the committee.

Dr. Nelson gave the group an overview of the STEMI bill currently in the Florida legislature. He stated that the bill was sponsored by the American Heart Association and that its aims were to require EMS systems to have written protocols relating to the transportation of STEMI patients to appropriate facilities and to require hospitals to

provide feedback to EMS agencies regarding these patients. He stated the content of the bill was changing daily, and that he was not sure it would reach completion this year.

John Todaro of EMLRC discussed some education pieces that were being funded by the state using HRSA money. He stated these pieces included several “train the trainer” classes that will be offered online and that the classes would probably part of the “red card” system.

Mr. Griffin briefly discussed the EMS training center minimum equipment list that was finalized in the previous day’s rule development workshop. He stated that the rules regarding equipment would probably be put into effect in approximately six months.

Jamie Green opened a discussion about a proposed bylaw change. He stated that Louis Mallory is due to come off the board in July, and added that his position has become more in the nature of an executive director than treasurer. He proposed that the position of Executive Director be created by a change in the bylaws, and that board of FAEMSE would appoint this individual. Mr. Greene said that the proposed language for the bylaw change would be available for 30 days prior to a vote of the general membership.

There was a brief discussion regarding compensation for the new position, but no conclusion was reached. A page would be posted on the web for members to comment and then be put out for a vote.

Jamie Green opened a discussion about the possibility of putting together a legislative package to address upcoming changes in the structure of EMS based on the “EMS Agenda for the Future”. Dr. Nelson voiced his support for the idea.

Danny Griffin stated that there were several “non-controversial” changes to Florida Statute 401 that represented a good starting point for a legislative package. Dr. Nelson suggested that we develop a list of goals. Jamie Green added that the package should have no economic impact.

Danny Griffin started a discussion about the upcoming changes proposed by NHTSA. He stated he believed that there was a transition course planned to upgrade Paramedics, similar to the one used for EMT’s in 1994 transition from the EMT A to the EMT B curriculum. He stated that Florida’s training already exceeds the new training standards. He said that a bridge course would be developed to transition from the 1998 Paramedic Curriculum to the new standard. John Todero stated that NHTSA’s plan is that after a certain date everyone would have to be NREMT certified. He noted that NREMT has not yet agreed to this. Jamie Green indicated the State of Kentucky transitioned from state certification to National Registry certification and that they had developed a process with NREMT to make the transition. There was then open discussion about the complications and time tables for NREMT certification that did not reach any conclusions. Mr. Griffin suggested that FAEMSE work proactively on this issue.

Danny Griffin began a discussion about the upcoming instructor courses for the new Instructor Certification requirements. He stated that we should try to provide the first level one course in either October or January.

John Todaro briefly discussed the upcoming National Association of EMS educators (NAEMSE) conference. He discussed the selection process for presenters. He also asked for volunteers to scan badges during the conference. He added that the available days could be divided between different schools.

Danny Griffin discussed the “Field Internship Bill” currently moving through the Florida Legislature. He stated that under the current language a portion of the field internship might be satisfied with time on non-transport ALS vehicles. The bill was in the higher education committee, and added that once a statute was in place that a rule would need to be developed.

Mr. Griffin then moved to the strategic plan. He acknowledged that the plan called for the stated test to meet national standards. Section 3.3 related to scope of practice needed a curriculum for critical care and specialty care added, and that section 3.5 needed to have the HIV education requirements updated. Christy Clemens suggested that the subject of the mandatory education be changed every two years, according to rule, to reflect an important topic, such as STEMI, Stroke, Pediatric emergencies, etc.

Absent further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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