

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sheraton Gateway
Los Angeles, Ca.
March 22, 2005

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Darlene Isbell-Gidley convened the meeting at 10:10 with round table introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as presented.

4. Budget Report

Art Lathrop reviewed the budget and transactions for the year. Motion to receive and file. m/Leventon s/meyer, carried.

5. New Members

Art Lathrop reported that there are no new members

6. Old Business

a. Proposed EMSAAC By Laws (Action)

Following a brief presentation by the President and confirmation of the necessary attendance for a legal vote, a vote on the proposed bylaws was taken by paper ballot. 21 votes were in favor of the bylaws, 3 against, so the bylaws passed, effective July 1, 2005.

7. EMDAC/EMSAAC Joint Session

Richard Watson introduced a representative from the National Registry who spoke about the Registry move to computerized testing. Dan Smiley spoke about proposals at the national level for scope of practice, categories of personnel, and the implications of these issues on the EMT-II regulation process in California.

8. EMS Commission Items

The EMS Commission meeting was relatively "light". Several items of interest were reviewed for Chuck Baucom to address at the meeting tomorrow.

9. Old Business (contd.)

- a. Nomination Committee. Nancy LaPolla reported out the slate of officers for 2005/2006:

Barry Fisher	President
Carol Meyer	President-Elect
Art Lathrop	Treasurer
Michael Frenn	President
- b. 2005 Conference. Barry Fisher reported that everything is in place for the Annual Conference and that members should call early for their reservations.
- c. EMT-II Regulations. Discussion on the progress of the EMT-II Regulation development committee. In particular, discussions about efforts at the national level to standardize personnel categories, including scope of practice, and the impacts this would have on the California EMT-II.

10. New Business

- a. Elimination of 2010 Funding. Sample letters have gone out to all constituent groups for contacting their federal representatives to get 2010 funding replaced.
- b. Longer Combination Vehicles (LCV) letter campaign. EMSAAC solicited again to oppose these in California. Previously we had taken a position to oppose. However, after discussion it was agreed that more information would be obtained to help us make an informed decision. Michael Frenn will work with Carol Meyer on this issue.
- c. EMSAAC Committee Assignments – Andriese
Steve Andriese has been working with Darlene in updating the EMSAAC Committee assignment list. A draft of the updated document had been sent to all members for review. After some discussion and a few minor amendments, the Committee assignment list was approved as amended.
- d. Paramedic Training Standards – Becker, Ogar
No report on this item.
- e. HRSA/Disaster Update/RDMHC legislation – Rubin
Jeff Rubin of the State EMS Authority reported out on changes coming regarding HRSA and other funding streams. Much consolidation of dollars will be occurring as compared to previous years. RDHMC legislation is moving forward.

f. **CHEMPAK**

General discussion on the development of CHEMPAK, especially in Southern California. No action required.

11. Committee Reports

a. **Legislation – LaPolla**

Nancy LaPolla presented an update on legislation and leg committee activities.

b. **CCLHO – LaPolla**

c. **HRSA – Murrin**

d. **EMT-II Task Force – Martignoni**

Bonnie Martignoni reported out on efforts of the EMT-II task force. Unclear which direction the task force should go given efforts at the national level to standardize personnel and scope of practice.

e. **Hospital Closure Task Force**

f. **California Ambulance Association Meeting - Frenn**

Michael Frenn attended the last CCA meeting in Sacramento as EMSAAC liaison. No action, but consider closer coordinated legislation review.

g. **Advanced Registration of Voluntary Health Care Personnel (ESAR-VHP) Osur**

h. **CDHS Flu/Vaccine Conference Calls - Osur**

i. **EMSAAC Policy Development – Gidley, Andriese**

Steve Andriese presented a general format for EMSAAC Policies, EMSAAC LEMSA Policy Templates, and other EMSAAC formation documents such as Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Mission Statements, etc. Identification and development of specific policies was a second phase of this project that could not be undertaken until the bylaws were officially revised. Since the revised Bylaws have now been adopted, Darlene Gidley stated she will attempt to identify the specific policies needed, consistent with the new bylaws, at the next meeting.

j. **Statewide Communications - Lee**

Bruce Lee has requested someone else take this issue. Doug Buchanan will assume the role, he has vast experience and knowledge with this issue.

k. Prevention and Public Information – Williams, Ogar, Lathrop

l. Firescope - Gidley

m. EMSAAC Website – Andriese

Steve Andriese stated that he had reviewed the Website and found most of the pages to be accurate and up-to-date. He stated that it is probably time to do a complete redesign of the website. If anyone has problems with the website or identifies documents that need updating to please contact Doug Buchanan.

n. System Evaluation and Improvement - Andriese

12. Other

13. Adjourn