



## **IEMSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

January 31, 2007

**Hotel Fort Des Moines**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Beach-Sickels, Jan; Blazek, Cheryl; Bryant, Tom; Craighton, Thomas; Dumermuth, Jeff; Fish, Bill; Glandon, Dan; Hewitt, Cindy; Hill, John; Johnson, David; Madsen, Brad; Morgan, Rick; Petersen, Jon; Reeves, Lori; Ridge, Lee; Robinson, Rod; Russi, Chris; Scadden, Julie; Stecker, Terry; Summitt, Tom  
**Guests:** Joe Ferrell, Kirk Schmitt, Jerry Johnston, Evelyn Wolfe, Craig Keough, Rosemary Adam, Jane Morgan

**Proxies:**

**Absent:** Frederiksen, Linda; Jones, Ric; Kreider, Karen; Madson, Matt

- I. Call To Order – The January 31, 2007 IEMSA Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM. by John Hill, President.
- II. Introductions/Welcome/Determination of Quorum/Proxies – A quorum was established. Proxies were noted. No conflicts of interest were disclosed,
- III. Minutes of December 20th, 2006 Meeting – The minutes of the December 20, 2006 IEMSA Board of Directors meeting were approved as written.  
Fish/Scadden/Unanimous
- IV. Guest Presentations – none
- V. Treasurer's Report - President Hill gave the Treasure's report for Linda Fredrickson and presented the 2007 budget. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report and 2007 budget, Dumermuth/Ridge/Unanimous  
  
Conference expenses related to the cost of food were discussed. The committee will explore alternative options for food.
- VI. Medical Director Report - Dr. Chris Russi – No report
- VII. Communications Specialist – Abby Russi – Dr. Russi, reporting for Abby provided the following:
  1. Continuing education credits and the laborious process for reviewing the newsletter. Could this process be made easier and more timely by the author writing the answers with the quiz? It was decided the EMS LRC would research development of an online quiz to put on the IEMSA website that would be more automated and perhaps for the members only section.

2. Abby suggests a revised timeline for the newsletter so that the conference can be included in a more timely fashion. She proposed publication dates of March, June, September and December. Motion to approve the above timeline for future newsletter submissions, Scadden/Creighton/Unanimous

VIII. Bureau of EMS Report – Kirk Schmidt

1. The second AED RFP has been completed for a total of \$150,000.
2. The System standards committee has 27 participants; information will be forthcoming on the Bureau's website
3. The Emergency Response Interim Study Committee met on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Recommendations include 3 items:
  - Continuation of funding 11 established regional training facility projects. Funding is recommended at 3.3 – 5.3 million dollars.
  - Priority for those areas that were not specified in the original plan include priority for use of the FSTB mobile training units
  - Recommend development of a commission to study Emergency Response for Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, and Homeland Security with a target date of February 15 for assignment of commission.
4. The Bureau's budget proposal to the governor includes re-designation of an AED program. The .5 FTE funding for a medical director is not in the proposal.
5. The Bureau of EMS Status Report is now on their website.
6. EMS receives \$ 1.4 million in general appropriations plus \$740,000 in tobacco money.
7. In response to a question posed by Jeff Dumermuth from EMS Advisory Council - CECBEMS accredited internet training is approved in Iowa for formal education hours. Joe Ferrell provided this information.

IX. Executive Committee Report – John Hill

1. President Hill reports the executive committee met this morning to discuss the budget for 2007. The committee established a budget to present for the board for approval.
2. The committee also discussed contracted staff and whether IEMSA needs to hire them as employees rather than contracted labor. Decided it would be wise to contact labor attorney to advise us regarding contracts etc.

X. Committee Reports –

1. Conference – Jeff Dumermuth gave a report on the WI EMS conference he attended. Conference committee and committee chairs will be meeting today following the board meeting.
2. Legislative – no report. EMS Day on the Hill is scheduled for tomorrow morning.
3. Benchmarking – no report. This committee is meeting this evening at 7 PM
4. EMS Memorial – Jeff Dumermuth - Dedication is May 19. EMS Week is May 20. Goal is \$55,000 funds raised to date - approx \$43,000.
5. Booth - Cheryl Blazek - Reminder that people are needed to cover the booth display at upcoming conferences.

6. **Safety Sub Committee – helicopter air medical standards paramedical practice**
7. Preparedness Advisory Committee - Regional Alliance Committee was an AdHoc committee. Brad will sit on the PAC board as the IEMSA rep.
8. Survey proposal – Dumermuth - no report
9. Leadership conference – tomorrow at the Polk County Convention Center. The Spring Billing & Management Conference will be in Sioux City April 20, 2007 at St Lukes Auditorium. The Leadership Academy (Bootcamp) with John Politis has been scheduled for approx April 26 – 27.

XI. Old Business – none

XII. New Business – A Chair for a newly created Conference Sponsorship Committee is needed. Julie Scadden has agreed to chair; Thomas Creighton and Abby Russi will assist on the Committee.

XIII. Other –

1. EMS in Iowa - Jeff applauds representation for Ray's funeral.
2. State Fire and Emergency Response Council – Cindy Hewitt reports they went to Dubuque and toured the fire training facility there. Senator Hancock addressed those in the group regarding this project and urged them to look at big picture.

Motion to Adjourn at 4:15 – Russi/Dumermuth/Unanimous

**Next Meeting – March 15**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Blazek, Secretary