



Board of Directors Meeting, March 15, 2007 – 1:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Beach-Sickels, Jan; Bryant, Tom; Craighton, Thomas; Dumermuth, Jeff; Fish, Bill; Frederiksen, Linda; Glandon, Dan; Hewitt, Cindy; Hill, John; Petersen, Jon; Reeves, Lori; Ridge, Lee; Robinson, Rod; Scadden, Julie; Stecker, Terry; Summitt, Tom.

Guests: Noland, Steve; Schmitt, Kirk; Ferrell, Joe.

Proxies: Blazek, Cheryl; Johnson, Dave; Madson, Matt, Morgan, Rick;

Absent: Jones, Ric; Kreider, Karen; Madsen, Brad; Russi, Abby; Russi, Chris

1. Call To Order – John Hill, President – President Hill called the March 15th meeting of the IEMSA Board of Directors to order at 1:03 p.m.
2. Welcome/ /Determination of Quorum/Proxies/Call for Conflicts of Interest - A quorum was determined. Proxies were noted. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.
3. Minutes of January 31, 2007 - The minutes of the January 31, 2007 meeting were approved as written.
4. Guest Presentations – Steve Noland gave an update on Homeland Security activities and distributed funding information.
5. Treasurer's Report – Linda Frederiksen gave a written and verbal report of the finances.
6. Medical Director – Dr. Chris Russi was not present. It was announced that Dr. Russi has accepted a position at Mayo Clinic and will be relocating to Rochester in June, and will resign as MD for IEMSA. Abby will stay on until she can be replaced her since she can do her work remotely. If anyone has a suggestion for a physician to serve as Medical Director, or someone to replace Abby, please let John know.
7. Administrator– Karen Kreider – Jan Beach-Sickels, reporting for Karen, reported on the following:
 - Two entities – Kirkwood College and the Central Iowa EMS Association have rented IEMSA's scanning system. Karen will provide a report on the process and experience garnered from these two events at the April board meeting.
 - Kirkwood has rented it for 2008
 - Jeff suggested the board or a committee or executive committee to design a fee structure. Lee, Jeff and Tom S. will be on the committee.
 - IEMSA has contracted with Loren Jacobsen, CPA to prepare the taxes for 2006.
 - The web site has been updated with new contact information, publications, a clean up of the home page, deletion of aged material and more. Instructions on how to access the Members Only site and then the Forums will be published in the e-news and in the next newsletter.
 - A new teleconference service company has been discovered that allows IEMSA to conduct conference calls any time at \$0.06/minute. This system has been used a couple times and the resulting cost of a 426 minute conference call was \$27.09, compared to a 214 minute conference call via AT&T for \$183.97. This system is really easy to use. Karen urges any committee who want to meet via teleconference to contact her for the process.
 - Teleconference works very well according to John, who encourages using this.
8. Communications Specialist – Abby Russi not present. Jeff reported that Abby indicated to him that no changes in newsletter dates would happen this year. She also asked him remind everyone she is available to committees for communication needs, and that continuing education submissions are needed and welcome. Administrative issues were discussed.

9. Bureau of EMS Report – Kirk Schmitt

- The first meeting of Air Medical Subcommittee March 16
- Systems Standards Committee meets March 27 in Sioux City.
- EMS Advisory Council meets April 11 at 1 p.m. – rule changes to be considered, stats of EMS in Iowa

10. Committee Reports –

- Executive – John Hill
 - Reported that staffing issues for the office have been the focus; office lease was renewed for 3 yrs.
- Conference – Jeff Dumermuth
 - Reported they good meeting this morning for speaker committee. They have confirmations for at least two primary speakers, others being looked at. The conference will have 4 tracks this year: ALS, BLS, Gen Ed, and Special Topics, plus pre conference. Changes are being looked at for various aspects of the conference, such as some classes being repeated and an alternating lunch schedule.
 - Polk County is looking at increasing conference possibilities. It was suggested that a letter from this group in support of that be sent. John will do this.
- Legislative – Ric Jones not present, but gave his report to John, reporting on the following:
 - HF457 - Peace officer bill of rights.
 - HF604 - EMS license plates and training funds.
 - SF353 - emergency communications.
 - HF457 - townships levees
 - gaming night
 - manufacturer of ambulances to also be a dealer
 - SF207 – local EMC can also be the joint communications commission
 - SF217 – changed to SF467
 - a. was proposed by Sen. Danielson Cedar Falls, subcommittee, got to senate floor – approved and now being sent to the house
 - b. one amendment
 - c. Iowa Administrative Code 147a 1.4 – Refers to CEHs for instructors, internet classes for FE, allowing all members of a particular ambulance to renew at the same time, and a basic training schedule. Discussion of this bill and the group agreed this bill is not good for EMS overall. John read information from Ric on this bill. Lee moved to have lobbyist oppose; Jon 2nd – passed. Previously, the lobbyist mistakenly favored the bill while IEMSA was neutral.
 - Brad proposed we create a membership for legislators so they will receive our newsletters and e-news to keep the IEMSA name in front of them constantly. They will be added to the mailing list. It was stressed that this doesn't minimize the need for personal contacts with them
 - Kirk – HF604 – license plate fees – currently these go to road tax fund, proposal is to go to training fund – Bureau in favor, Jeff moved the Board direct the lobbyist to support this bill, Rod 2nd, passed.
 - Jeff requested that we encourage our lobbyist to improve communications.
 - Kirk reported on another bill, HF505, which expands the Good Samaritan law to include people involved with AEDs. There is concern that if it specifies certain people or groups, others may be less protected. Jeff moved to register as neutral and encourage discussion of concerns, Julie 2nd; Lee amended to include our concerns when lobbyist talks with the legislators; passed
 - SSB1329 – interim committee for pilot projects to test regional response in districts, which includes EMS response, but regionalizes under Fire control. After discussion, Jeff motioned to have the lobbyist oppose this bill, Julie 2nd and passed.
- Membership – Individual – Dave Johnson – not present; Lori reported that they have met and are exploring many ideas.
- Membership – Affiliate – Jon Petersen – RFP is due for group buying July 1.
- Membership – Corporate – Brad Madsen – not present, no report.
- EMS Memorial – Jeff Dumermuth – still need \$7000 for the project. The dedication is scheduled for May 19 at 10 a.m. at 8055 Mills Civic Parkway in WDM. The governor will be invited, as well as others discussed by the group.

- EMS Week – Dave Johnson – Linda reported the kick-off will be the Memorial Dedication with a picnic to follow. There may be a membership drive that day, and the Board directed the committee to get an ad company to create a commercial for a PSA. The national theme, Extraordinary People Extraordinary Service, will be used, and they would like to have pictures from services.
- Booth – Cheryl Blazek – not present, no report.
- Web Page – Lee Ridge – no report.

11. Old Business

- EMS Leadership Conference – Jeff Dumermuth
- Spring Billing & Management – Jeff Dumermuth – April 20 Sioux City.

12. New Business

- Survey Proposal – Jeff Dumermuth – no report.
- RN Exception Rucker – Thomas Craighton reported that he had someone ask about a special patch. It was decided that only certification levels would be offered.
- Ex-Officio Memberships for Legislators – Brad Madsen – not present.
- Leadership Academy – Jeff Dumermuth - scheduled in April in WDM.

13. Adjournment – 1456.