



Wisconsin EMS Association

Board of Director's Meeting MINUTES
Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 1400 - 1530

1. Call to Order – Tony at 1400 at Wisconsin Rapids Station 1 (plus virtual)
 - a. Members Present: Becky Smudde, Jay Young, Tony Lash, Shaunna Bryant, Ryan Huser, Bob Salov (quorum present)
 - b. Absent: Katy Frey, Jody Stoker, David Gross, Stacey Zellmer, Chanse Kaczmarski, Evelyn Dax
2. Approval of the Agenda – Tony
 - a. Approval of Agenda as presented. – Jay Motion.
 - b. Second – Shaunna
 - c. All in favor. Motion Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes – Tony
 - a. Approval of Minutes as presented. – Jay Motion.
 - b. Second – Shaunna
 - c. All in favor. Motion Carried.
4. Welcome and Introductions – Tony
 - a. Member Comments (limited to 3 minutes per member commenting not to exceed 15 minutes total)
 - b. No members present.
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Education – Shaunna (Chair) – Education Committee will be meeting in on June 2nd and again on June 23rd to review speaker submissions, CAPCE application process, webinars, etc. Education Committee met on March 23rd and on April 28th reviewing conference topics, workshops, student day options, etc.
 - b. Finance – Jay (Chair) – Reports were provided to the board. Key points: we've been up higher on savings, but we had to pay a few things and are waiting for reimbursement to replenish savings. Ryan has made significant progress on the bookkeeping where we are just a few months behind but are in great shape. Overall, the conference went well financially to help build up our savings.
 - c. Foundation – Tony (Chair) – Foundation has not been able to meet yet due to Foundation Board Member scheduling conflicts. Looking for additional individuals to join the WEMSA Foundation Board of Directors. The conference silent auction raised about \$720.09 for the Foundation. The Foundation launched its annual scholarship application for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.
 - d. Membership – Becky (Chair) – Membership Committee met on March 21st and on April 24th. Next meeting is scheduled for May 31st. We are working on membership brochures for each membership option (individual, service, business) to help departments understand each of the benefits they receive as well as for new members. We've had 5 new departments join this year. We are making progress towards our WEMSA One software system.
 - e. Memorial – Ryan (Chair) / Becky (Co-Chair) – The Memorial is well-known around Wisconsin Rapids but not known across the state, including the fire side. The memorial needs help getting the word out about the Memorial, WEMSA can provide space in the publication. It continues to be promoted through the WEMSA newsletter to assist with park clean-up. WEMSA has provided the park with social media graphics assistance.
 - f. Political Action Committee – Bob (Chair) / Katy (Co-Chair) – Reviewed proposed legislation regarding policies, shared revenue, including Maintenance of Effort for shared revenue. WEMSA recommends a simpler but broader MOE provision. Waiting on the state budget to come out with more information. There has been significant progress made towards the FAP program funding, with the hopes of

increasing it from \$2 million to \$25 million per year (\$50 million total) and expanding it to EMR groups and expanding the use of funds. This is supported by most legislators as well. After the state budget is released, focus will be on the EMS Billing issue (AB 296) to solve the billing problems services are encountering with insurance providers.

g. Publications – Chanse (Chair)

i. Alan for Chanse

ii. We lost a long-term advertiser, sounds like they might be no longer focusing on EMS as a market. Working on finding more advertisers.

h. Motion to accept Consent Agenda – Ryan, 2nd Shaunna, All in favor, motion carried.

6. Operations Report – Alan

a. Building Update

i. Building is fully occupied. Some tenants are now on month-to-month due to lease ending. Building still needs some updates and we will work on those as time allows.

ii. If WEMSA staff expands due to new grant opportunities, we will look at some additional space based on needs.

b. Conference Update

i. Speaker Submission portal is still open, we have a couple hundred submissions to go through and vote on for the Education Committee. Working on a better streamlined process through our WEMSA One system for the committee and our medical director.

c. Grants Update

i. Donate Life Wisconsin Grant – Applied.

ii. ALERT Grant – Applied.

iii. OD2A Grant – Finishes in August 2023, working on finishing it out.

iv. FEMA Grant – On-going, waiting on some reimbursements. Part of the data center has been installed; over the next few months we'll be onboarding member departments for that project.

v. Working on applying for a few more grant opportunities.

d. Misc.

i. WEMSA co-host an emergency nurse's association event in south-eastern Wisconsin. We accredited some of the classes that had an EMS focus. The presenters allowed us to record their sessions so we can host them on our learning platform.

7. Old Business

a. None.

8. New Business

a. Budget Approval 2023-2024 FY

i. Annual Budget reviewed by the board, no questions, or concerns. Motion to approve by Jay, 2nd by Bob. No further discussion needed. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. PAC Action added – WEMSA to recommend simpler MOE provision as testimony to better support EMS with municipalities. Possible pushback from the league of municipalities and towns association but it pushes municipalities to spend more on EMS through shared revenue with this maintenance of effort provision. Motion by Bob to recommend simpler MOE, 2nd by Jay, all in favor, motion carried.

9. President's Report – Tony

a. Keep working forward towards our common goal. Tony is pleased with the board engagement and the make-up of board members from across the entire state, no longer southeastern Wisconsin as he moved to northwestern Wisconsin.

10. For the good of the Association - comments and announcements

a. Bob – made comments on MOE requirements and continue to serve members in whatever way we can, maybe we can do some advocacy with their municipalities. Enjoying retirement.

b. Jay – thanked everyone for helping with the park clean-up since he had scheduling conflicts.

c. Becky – thanked everyone for helping with the park clean-up too. Be safe everyone.

d. Ryan – Mid-state is hosting EMT classes over the summer and would like WEMSA to visit their classes. Explorer day in the fall at Mid-State.

- e. Shaunna – Nothing else to add. Looking forward to the next WEMSA Conference and the education we can offer. Green Bay was great.
- f. Tony – thank you for everyone's engagement in the meetings and committees. Lots of good things coming. Our next meeting is July 28th and November 17th and next in-person is in January

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn – Ryan
- b. 2nd – Shaunna
- c. All in favor. Motion carried. Adjourned at 1506

Next Meetings

- d. July 28, 2023: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference
- e. November 17, 2023: 0800-0930 hrs, video teleconference (due to holiday)
- f. January 30, 2024: Exact Time TBD, WEMSA 2024 (exact room to be determined)
- g. May 18, 2024: 1400-1530 hrs, Wisconsin Rapids, WI (Memorial Clean-up)