



Wisconsin EMS Association
Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES
Friday, October 17th, at 1200 - 1230

1. Call to Order – Chanse
 - a. Call to Order at: 12:01 PM
 - b. Roll Call/ Attendees: Chanse Kaczmarek, Evelyn Dax, Adam Robarge, Becky Smudde, Delaney Weiler, Jamie Stephenson, Tyler Rush, Wyatt Sacher, Jay Young, Shaunna Bryant, Ryan Huser
 - c. Additional Attendee(s): Alan DeYoung
 - d. Absentees: Ashley Carothers
2. Approval of the Agenda – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
Motion by: Shaunna Bryant
2nd by: Adam Robarge
 - b. Vote Required
Vote Outcome: All in Favor. No opposition. Passed.
3. Approval of Minutes – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
Motion by: Jay Young
2nd by: Adam Robarge
 - b. Vote Required
Vote Outcome: All in Favor. No opposition. Passed.
4. Welcome and Introductions – Chanse
 - a. Member Comments (limited to 3 minutes per member commenting not to exceed 15 minutes total)
5. Consent Agenda (**Discussion Only**)
 - a. Education – Ryan (Chair)/ Delaney (Co-Chair):
 - i. Conference registration is in full swing. Registrations are coming in. Staff and/or committee may review workshop pricing for future adjustments.
 - ii. Looking for speakers/trainers for the monthly education webinars we have been hosting. The plan is to continue hosting them into the foreseeable future.
 - b. Finance – Jay (Chair) / Chanse (Co-Chair):
 - i. Finances presented and reviewed.
 - c. Membership – Wyatt (Chair) / Evelyn (Co-Chair):
 - i. Everyone should have received outreach packages for reaching out to departments. Please work with Anette on EMS agency visits (both members and non-members).
 - d. Political Action Committee – Ashley (Chair) / Jamie (Co-Chair):
 - i. Reported on: AB198/SB182 for Emergency Medical Services Education, Tuition and Materials Costs for Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical

- Services Practitioners, Live 911 Pilot Program
 - ii. Reported on: AB199/SB183 for Medical Assistance Reimbursement for Nontransport Ambulance Services, EMS Advisory Board Report on Scope of Practice Changes, and Expenditure Restraint Incentive Program
 - iii. Reported on: Still watching bills for Levy Limit Exemptions for EMS Districts which has stalled but the author is reaching out and working to get it going again and bill relating to PTSD coverage for all EMS providers is still moving.
 - iv. Reported on: PTSD Draft and upcoming public hearing date for PTSD inclusion in worker's compensation coverage for EMS.
 - e. Annual Bylaws Committee (Ad-hoc) – (Chair) / (Co-Chair):
 - i. Met and reviewed half of the bylaws and made changes. Will be meeting again soon and will bring the bylaws to the board for review at the February meeting.
- 6. Approval of Consent Agenda – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
 - Motion by: Ryan
 - 2nd by: Becky
 - b. Vote Required
 - Vote Outcome: All in Favor. No opposition. Passed.
- 7. Operations Report – Alan
 - a. Building Update: We had one tour, but they were not interested/ didn't meet their specific needs. No other tours have been scheduled.
 - b. Grants Projects:
 - i. Haz-Mat Grant: Ended at the end of September. We can't get reimbursed for expenses until the federal government reopens and starts to process invoices.
 - ii. Data Center Grant: Project is still moving along with an end date of July 2026. A new interface has been piloted and we are working on getting it on the main servers.
 - iii. Donate Life Grant: WEMSA Foundation was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Donate Life Wisconsin and will contract with WEMSA to execute the grant project with a start date of January 1 2026. Project includes:
 - 1. EMS Quick Reference Badge Cards/ "Badge Buddies" focused on Donation Process/ Workflow and helpful information.
 - 2. Launching EMS Agency Recognition Program around Donation Education for EMS professionals. Similar Programs: Mission Life Line
 - 3. Continued and Expanded Promotion around Education. Working with the technical colleges to promote the education to their students.
 - iv. Grant Opportunities: Staff is looking at applying for a Peer Support Grant to support mental health. Staff is looking at applying for a small event grant to help with Conference Supply costs.
 - v. Wisconsin HOSA received a grant to launch Student Emergency Response Teams (SERTS). Alan has been working with them to see how WEMSA is involved in this project and what is needed of us.
 - vi. Alan replied to the Wisconsin DHS RHTP Request for Information (RFI) and met with DHS officials regarding submissions. There was a lot of interest in Community EMS/ Mobile Integrated Health Programs in EMS.
 - c. Member Support Services: Have been contacted by several departments asking for help with several projects. Developing a program to help support departments with

- consultant type assistance i.e. press releases, data gathering, contract reviews, etc.
- d. Alan would like to hold the Q2 Board Meeting in person around April 9 - 11, 2026 in the Wisconsin Dells area tied along with the HOSA State Conference. Possible board member retreat/ meet-up.
8. Old Business
9. New Business
- a. Membership Fees/Dues Resolution (Board Resolution No. 2025-10-17-01)
- i. Proposing a flat 5% percent rate increase across the board to membership fee levels.
- ii. The proposed increase will be each year going forward.
- iii. Motion to approve resolution as written:
1. Motion by: Jay Young
2. 2nd by: Wyatt Sachen
- iv. Vote Outcome: All in Favor. No opposition. Passed.
- b. Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients Resolution (Board Resolution No. 2025-10-17-02)
- i. Motion to approve resolution as written:
1. Motion By: Shaunna Bryant
2. 2nd by: Wyatt Sachen
- ii. Vote Outcome: All in Favor. No opposition. Passed.
10. President's Report – Chanse
- a. Completed Executive Director Review
11. For the good of the Association - comments and announcements
12. Adjourned at: 12:42 PM
- a. Motion Required
- Motion by: Wyatt Sachen
- 2nd by: Shaunna Bryant
- b. Vote Required
- Vote Outcome: All in Favor. No opposition. Passed.

Next Meetings

Q1: Wednesday February 4 2026 - In-Person/ Virtual; Time: 1800 - 1930; Location: WEMSA 2026, Resch Expo, Green Bay, WI

(Annual State of the Association - Town Hall 1730 - 1800 - Upper Lounge, Resch Expo)

Q2: April 11 2026 - In-Person/ Virtual; Time: TBD - Wisconsin Dells, WI (In conjunction with HOSA SLC 2026)

Q3: August 2026 - Date and Time To Be Finalized

Q4: October 2026 - Date and Time To Be Finalized