



Wisconsin EMS Association
Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES
Friday, August 8, 2025, at 1400 - 1530

1. Call to Order – Chanse
 - a. Call to Order at: 12:02 PM
 - b. Roll Call/ Attendees: Adam Robarge, Ashley Carothers, Becky Smudde, Chanse Kaczmariski, Delaney Weiler, Jamie Stephenson, Jay Young, Ryan Huser, Tyler Rush, Wyatt Sachen, Shaunna Bryant (*late*), Evelyn Dax (*late*)
 - c. Additional Attendee(s): Alan DeYoung
 - d. Absentees:
 - e. Approval of the Agenda – Chanse
 - i. Motion Required
 1. Motion by: Ashley Carothers
 2. 2nd by: Jay Young
 - ii. Vote Required
 1. Vote Outcome: Passed.
2. Approval of Minutes – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required

Motion by: Chanse Kaczmariski
2nd by: Jay Young
 - b. Vote Required

Vote Outcome: Passed.
3. Welcome and Introductions – Chanse
 - a. Member Comments (limited to 3 minutes per member commenting not to exceed 15 minutes total): No members present.
4. Consent Agenda (***Discussion Only***)
 - a. Education – Ryan (Chair)/ Delaney (Co-Chair):
 - i. Conference planning coming along nicely. Working on reviewing and approving speakers. Had 440 submissions.
 - ii. Monthly education webinars scheduled for the entire year. CAPCE accredited.
 - b. Finance – Jay (Chair) / Chanse (Co-Chair):
 - i. WEMSA account balances presented and discussed.
 - ii. Looking for grants that we can pursue to replace grants that are ending this year or not being renewed.
 - c. Membership – Wyatt (Chair) / Evelyn Dax (Co-Chair):
 - i. Committing visiting agencies with Alan and Anette
 - ii. The La Crosse Fire Department joined at the highest membership level.
 - iii. Working on getting agencies who have left to rejoin and attracting new agencies.
 - d. Political Action Committee – Ashley (Chair) / Jamie (Co-Chair):

- i. The Political Action Committee met today. Forbes presented information related to bills supported by WEMSA.
 - ii. Talked about the EMS Education Bill moving forward.
 - iii. Workers Compensation Advisory Committee recommending the PTSD coverage of volunteer firefighters and EMS providers move forward.
 - iv. Talked about supporting the bill requiring Cardiac Emergency Response Plan in schools.
- 5. Approval of Consent Agenda – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
 - Motion by: Jay Young
 - 2nd by: Evelyn Dax
 - b. Vote Required
 - Vote Outcome: Passed
- 6. Operations Report – Alan
 - a. Cars Curing Kids Fly-In in Middleton on August 9th, 1000 - 1400 at Middleton Airport.
 - b. Hosting Haz-Mat Class at Fitch-Rona EMS District starting on August 9th, 1500 - 1700
 - c. Staff continue to visit agencies.
 - d. Grants
 - i. Donate Life Wisconsin Grant ended in June. Have submitted for another grant starting in January to continue building off the grant from this year.
 - ii. Haz-Mat Grant ends in September.
 - iii. Data Center Grant will end in June 2026. Grant did not receive an extension from the Federal Government. Working on back end software support going forward.
 - e. Membership Fees
 - i. Working on switching from Seat Based Tiers to Call Volume Tiers still in the works. The goal is to switch without losing membership.
- 7. Old Business
 - a. Annual Bylaws Ad-Hoc Review Committee - Becky, Adam
 - i. Will be having 1 or 2 meetings to review the bylaws and present changes to the entire board.
 - ii. Looking for 1 or 2 additional board members.
 - iii. Jay and Ashley volunteered to participate.
- 8. New Business
 - a. WEMSA Building
 - i. In 2020, there was discussion from the Board to sell the WEMSA building because we do not use the entire building.
 - ii. Currently it costs around \$25,000 - \$30,000 to keep the building up and running. WEMSA is only using two offices in the building at the time. Lease revenue is hard to maintain.
 - iii. Have contacted a realtor to look into leasing the entire building or selling the building.
 - 1. Motion made by Evelyn Dax to pursue the option of long term leasing of the entire building or selling the building pending board approval. Second by Ashley Carothers.
 - 2. Discussion around details.
 - 3. Motion passed

- b. Future Board Meetings/ Retreats
 - i. Have a Townhall meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 4th at 1730 after the conference closes. Quarterly board meeting to follow.
 - ii. We would like to do a board retreat and in-person board meeting in the Wisconsin Dells area around the same time as the HOSA Conference at the Kalahari April 10 - 12, 2026.
- 9. President's Report – Chanse
 - a. Chanse and Alan have met with Senator Rachel Cabral-Guevara, a couple times about EMS responding to lift assist calls at Assisted Living facilities and community paramedicine and mid-level providers and doctors responding to calls and receiving compensation. Very supportive of EMS and our concerns. Being more active reaching out to representatives.
- 10. For the good of the Association - comments and announcements
 - a. Ryan Huser - Please start thinking about an EMS based mid-level provider, Advanced Practice Paramedic (APP). Higher level skills (placing a couple stitches or prescribing broad spectrum antibiotics) that can be brought to the field without having to go to the Emergency Department.
- 11. Adjourned at: 1:08 pm
 - a. Motion Required
 - Motion by: Evelyn Dax
 - 2nd by: Jay Young
 - b. Vote Required
 - Vote Outcome: Passed.

Next Meetings

2025

Q4: October or November 2025 - Date To Be Finalized

2026

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

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