



Wisconsin EMS Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 23th, at 1200 to 1330

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86992945356?jst=2>

1. Call to Order – Chanse
 - a. Call to Order at: 1204
 - b. Roll Call/ Attendees: Chanse Kaczmariski, Evelyn Dax, Jay Young, Adam Robarge, Ryan Huser, Delayne Weiler, Wyatt Sachen, Ashley Carothers, Becky Smudde, Jamie Stephenson, Tyler Rush
 - c. Additional Attendee(s): Alan DeYoung, Anette Wisniewski, Breana Rinker
 - d. Absentees: Shaunna Bryant
2. Approval of the Agenda – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
Motion by: Wyatt Sachen,
2nd by: Ashley Carothers
 - b. Vote Required
Vote Outcome: Motion Passed.
3. Approval of Minutes - 04-08-2026 Meeting – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
 - i. Motion by: Ashley Carothers
 - ii. 2nd by: Evelyn Dax
 - b. Vote Required
 - i. Vote Outcome: Motion 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 (**Report Only**)
 - a. Education – Ryan (Chair)/ Delaney (Co-Chair):
 - i. Have been taking in abstracts for speakers for the conference. Working through the list to rate the abstracts.
 - ii. Reviewing surveys and comments from the membership.
 - iii. Continuing the monthly online training and reviewing feedback.
 - iv. Educational needs assessment will be going out.
 - b. Finance – Jay (Chair) / Chanse (Co-Chair):
 - i. Financial information for the organization shared by Alan DeYoung.
 - ii. Purchased a 2026 Ford Maverick to replace the Ford Explorer.
 - c. Membership – Wyatt (Chair) / Evelyn (Co-Chair):
 - i. Have been streamlining some work Anette has been doing with membership.
 - ii. Have had some services downgrade their membership levels
 - d. Political Action Committee – Ashley (Chair) / Jamie (Co-Chair):

- i. The legislative session has adjourned so the committee has not met recently. Will meet in the fall to prepare for the next legislative sessions.
 - e. Annual Bylaws Committee (Ad-hoc) – Ashley (Chair) / Jay (Co-Chair): **See New Business Item**
 - i. Completed a review and updates of the bylaws for membership to review and take action on. Changes were sent out for member review.
- 6. Approval of Consent Agenda – Chanse
 - a. Motion Required
 - Motion by: Ryan Huser
 - 2nd by: Becky Smudde
 - b. Vote Required
 - Vote Outcome: Motion passed.
- 7. Operations Report – Alan
 - a. Grant Updates
 - i. Data Center Grant - Coming to a close at the end of the month. Finishing documentation to close that out.
 - ii. Donate Life Grant -
 - iii. Wisconsin HOSA Student Response Grant - Contracted on this grant to assist with their training which is coming up.
 - iv. Applied for a Community Impact Grant through UW Health in April.
 - v. Looking into other grant opportunities.
 - b. Program Updates
 - i. Building - Have not received any interest in the building. Have lowered the listing price.
 - ii. Community EMS Visit Reimbursements
 - c. Staff Travel / Membership Visits
 - i. Have attended a couple symposiums and have made a few department visits.
 - ii. Have other department visits coming up.
 - iii. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers game is on July 17th
- 8. Old Business
- 9. New Business
 - a. Approval of Bylaw Changes
 - i. Motion: Motion to approve the Bylaw Committee's recommended changes of the Bylaws subject to legal counsel's review of final changes.
 - ii. Motion by: Jay Young
 - iii. 2nd by: Wyatt Sachen
 - iv. Vote Outcome: Motion passed.
 - b. Approval of the Board Term Transition Record
 - i. Motion: Motion to approve Board Term Transition Record
 - ii. Motion by: Jamie Stephenson
 - iii. 2nd by: Ryan Huser
 - iv. Vote Outcome: Motion passed.
 - c. Lobbyist Discussion & Operational Initiatives Review
 - i. Discussion: Forbes reached out and notified Alan that he is looking at decreasing the number of clients he handles approaching his retirement and WEMSA is one of those clients.
 - ii. Options:

1. Hire a new contract lobbyist. Minimum cost is around \$3,000 a month. With our current budget, we do not have the funds to hire a contract lobbyist.
 2. In-House lobbyist.
 3. Combination of contract lobbyist and in-house lobbyist.
 - iii. Motion: Motion to have the Advocacy Committee search and present a slate of candidates to the WEMSA Board of Directors to review and approve an in-house lobbyist.
 - iv. Motion by: Becky Smudde
 - v. 2nd by: Ashley Carothers
 - vi. Vote Outcome: Motion passed.
10. President's Report – Chane
11. For the good of the Association - comments and announcements
12. Adjourned at: 1250
- a. Motion Required
Motion by: Ashley Carothers
2nd by: Wyatt Sachen
 - b. Vote Required
Vote Outcome: Motion Passed.

Next Board of Directors Meetings

Q3: July 2026 - July 27th 4:15 PM CT

Q4: October 2026 - October 24th 12:00 PM CT

Q1: January 2027 - Date and Time To Be Finalized

Q2: April 2027 - Date and Time To Be Finalized