

South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's

SDEMTA Executive Council Meeting Minutes
SDEMTA Conference November 3, 2011
Aberdeen, SD

1) 7 pm At this time President Kurt called the meeting to order.

Our meeting opened with those present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call: State Officers: President Kurt Klunder, V. President Gary Lembcke, Secretary Linda Georgeson, Treasurer Margaret Kuipers, Training Officer Katheryn Benton

District I: President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise; **District II:** President Tom Lines, V. President Barb Thaler; **District III** President Doug Glover VP Rick Niles; **District IV:** President Chuck Bell, V. President Dale Ringgenberg; **District V:** President Scott Larson, V. President Edna Dale; **District VI:** President Andy Binder, V. President Matt Thompson; **District VII:** President Cheryl Hogg was absent with Clint Rose as Proxy, V. President Chuck Hansen; **IC Society:** Keith Scharisky and Amy Marsh. Also present was **DPS** Danny Hayes who is also our EMS office Liaison.

3) Approval / Additions to agenda:

***Motion by Rick Niles and seconded by Gary Lembcke to approve the agenda with additions. All in favor – MC (01-11-11)

4) Approval of previous minutes of EC Council:

Motion to approve the July EC minutes as printed and published in the “Thoughts” was made by Margaret Kuipers with Edna Dale seconding that motion. All in favor – MC (02-11-11)

*** At this time the floor was given to Dave B and Amy M as they spoke to us on EMS for Children, and their plan to form a group of people who will be helping them work with EMS and Children through out our state.

***They stated they would like to have a representative from each district, be it someone appointed; a volunteer or an elected person to work on a local level to help teach children and others how to help with EMS for children; conduct surveys; help teach classes and field problems with young people.

*** Their first committee meeting is scheduled for November 17, so we do not have much time to get this in place. (This may be done as a conference call)

*** They will need to have the names of these representatives by the close of conference.

OFFICERS REPORTS

5) President's Report:

a) Appointments:

III. Webmaster Tom Lines – Tom feels we should push toward on line registration for conferences. He also informed us of the need to purchase more space on the internet for our SDEMTA site or perhaps change vendors. These items will be explored further.

IV. EMS Service of the year – Vice Presidents are in charge.

V. Sue Schurmann's Award – Training Officers are in charge.

VI. EMT of the Year –Presidents are in charge.

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VII. Nominating committee of Bill Rise and Dale Ringgenberg – reported they had no nominees at this time. VP Gary L, Treasurer Margaret K and Training Officer Katheryn B all stated at this time they would be seeking re-election.

VII. Political Committee – Chairperson Maynard Konechne reported that EMS day for 2012 will be on Monday, February 6 in Pierre.

*** Pizza will be served once again to our elected officials and that will be held in the Lewis and Clark Room. American Heart Association has stepped forward and will be helping with the cost of this appreciation reception.

***He also informed us of several issues that are being tossed around and may be brought forth to our representatives in Pierre. One would issue is that all insurance dollars requested by an ambulance for the transportation of a patient be paid directly to the Ambulance service.

***The second one is to change the wording in the law which protects the Law Officers in an assault to include EMS personnel as well as fire fighters.

***We were also reminded that DOCUMENTATION is so very important when we are out in the field. If we are to be fortunate enough to get this protection law into legislation and get it passed, it will be even more so. It could be introduced as “Interference of official duties.”

***Steve Willard and Tim Rave will be addressing these issues.

***Maynard also touched on the bill which did pass this past session which was the law which requires us to report Geriatric Abuse. Also remember, even though we are not required by law to report child abuse, our conscious should be our guide.

***We were also reminded that the districts without a political representative really need to get these people added, as they are important tools in our volunteer service.

X. NCEMSC – Joe Schnell reported there will be a meeting in Las Vegas in 2 weeks.

XII. Historian – Linda Smith informed us that she would like to step down from her appointed position as State Historian. She was questioned as to how many years she had held that position and she was not even sure. Pres. Kurt thanked her for her many years of service to EMS and also reminded us that she had won a national honor several years ago.

***Thank you, Linda for your dedication and for all you have done to help promote EMS in the state of South Dakota.

XIII. PSCC - Pres. Kurt will select a spot – possibly mid state- which will be host to a Public Safety Communication Council meeting and he will also be communicating with us when that will be held.

b) Submission of Bills – Motion to table the submission of bills until later in the meeting was made by Joe S. with a second by Doug. All in favor – MC (03-11-11)

Open discussions on the following subjects:

***There was a discussion on the mileage rate and a proposal to drop the amount paid to EC to attend meetings from the current rate to 40 cents. Margaret figured it would save us at least 500 dollars per meeting. We have been down on income for the past 3 years and with 4 meetings a year it would save us a significant amount of money.

***Discussion was also held on the possibility of having some of our meetings via conference call – Andy and Tom will look into this. Andy will set up our January meeting. There will be a number published so any general audience may listen in as well, and our call will be set up using the central time zone as our start. Costs may vary depending on number of incoming calls which will connect as well as the length of time it may take to complete this call, but it would be significantly less expensive than paying for the traveling expenses.

6) Vice President's Report:

a) Gary spoke again on the “**Thoughts**”. He informed us that we have saved approximately 3000 dollars by combining our news with the FF Magazine. We are getting much more coverage than we did with our own publication in a much more timely fashion. He reminded us once again of the deadline.

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*** Again we would like to remind you that if you are receiving duplicate copies of the Fire Fighter/EMT Thoughts, Gary requests that you would please Email him the **CORRECT, ACCURATE** address as to where you wish to receive your magazine. You may also come to the EMS Booth with your information.

b) By-law and Policy and Procedure changes

*** There have been 3 changes published in the “Thoughts” which will be voted on during this conference. They have been published and Gary will also explain these proposed changes before the general audience tomorrow morning. Voting time will be at noon on Friday, at the vendor’s social on Friday as well as Saturday at noon. He encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote.

7) Treasurer’s Report:

a) Financial Report - quarterly

*** Margaret handed out the quarterly financial report as well as the SEMTA Budget DRAFT for 2012.
*** We have \$3713.11 in our bank account. We ended the fourth quarter with 1269 total members. Of those members 1015 are paid; 31 are lifetime members and 224 are introductory members.

b) District Reports

*** Recommendation by the treasurer to change the policy to read that each District would get \$1500.00 for education funds for the year of 2012. There are still several districts that have not turned in their quarterly reports.

*** At this time Chuck made a motion to accept treasurer’s report as given. Dale made a second to that motion. All in favor – MC. (04-11-11)

Adjourn for short break at 8:10 and reconvened at 8:23

8) Secretary’s Report

a) Officer agreements

*** Linda again handed out packets to the district presidents which included the agenda as well as a hard copy of the minutes from the meeting in July.

b) Memorial Services

*** Everyone was reminded that the memorial service will be held on Sunday morning immediately following the church service. If we have any more names of deceased EMT’s our there, that need to be turned in, do so ASAP to the secretary, so we may get the paper work done and get them on the agenda for the memorial service.

*** At this time Keith S asked for the floor. He presented a Resolution to us that the conference committee would like to include in the opening ceremonies.

***Motion was made by Tom L to accept this Resolution with a second by Matt T. All in favor – MC. (05-11-11)

9) Training Officer Report

a) District Training Officer Reports

*** Katheryn reported on some of the training coming up in the near future as well as some of the classes that we will be able to attend the next few days here at SDEMTA Conference.

***She also reported that she his working on getting national course here in SD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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10) Office of EMS and DPS – Danny Hayes:

***Danny reported that we have a new secretary who we will share with the Fire Department. Her name is Aspen Joiner. He also informed us that a new State Training Officer has been hired and she is Audra Evans

11) Conference 2011 – Chairperson Lois Pletten

*** Lois gave us a brief rundown of how the pre-conference classes had gone. It was suggested that since the attendance was very good, that they continued to be offered in the years to come.

*** We were also invited to a social in the courtyard after the meeting.

Approval of bills – was tabled.

*** Discussion on several issues was needed before bills could be submitted and/or approved.

*** There was a lengthy discussion on how we could cut costs to save the association money. One of those issues was to lower our mileage rate.

*** There was a motion by Barb T to change our mileage rate with a second by Keith S. All in favor – MC. (06-11-11)

*** There was then a motion to lower our rates to 40 cents a mile and that motion was made by Scott L with a second by Bill R. All in favor – MC. (07-11-11)

*** At this time there was a motion by Joe S to approve the bills that were presented. Keith S made a second to that motion. All in favor – MC (08-11-11)

OLD BUSINESS

12) NAEMT Conference

***This was addressed by Pres. Kurt. He indicated that it was quiet an honor to see our own SD EMT, Bill Rise accept the National EMT award. Congratulations, Bill!

*** Pres. Kurt also informed us that it appears the entire nation is in the same boat as far as finances their EMS. We are all struggling for financial support as well as education of more people in the EMS field. Eventually it will become a profession, as we are seeing that in the paramedic field with more of those who are educated on that level becoming paid services rather than volunteer.

13) Addition to agenda:

*** Barb questioned the travel receipts from Kurt’s trip to NAEMT Convention. He indicated that he indeed did not have all of them turned in as of yet but would do so by end of conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Additions to agenda:

14) Barb T reminded the president and training officer that according to the Policy and Procedure Manual and by-laws they are required to visit each district sometime during their official time in office.

15) Discussion opened again on the possibility of having our January meeting on-line, as a conference call.

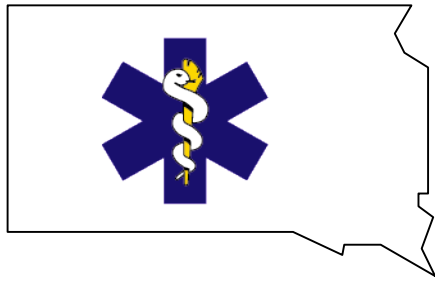
*** There was a motion made by Amy with a second by Rick Niles to put Andy B in charge of looking into the costs for on-line calls we would be able to utilize in our association for our January meeting. All in favor – MC (09-11-11)

***There being no further business to come before the board, there was a motion by Joe S to adjourn the meeting. Keith S made a second to that motion. All in favor – MC (10-11-11)

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Georgeson - SDEMTA Secretary





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8:20am At this time opening ceremonies and business meeting began.

Roll Call: State Officers: President Kurt Klunder, V. President Gary Lembcke, Secretary Linda Georgeson, Treasurer Margaret Kuipers, Training Officer Katheryn Benton

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OFFICERS REPORTS

1) President's Report

***President Kurt welcomed all in attendance. He introduced new members; executive council; district officers and past presidents.

***He encouraged all in attendance to visit the vendor's booths. They are a large part of our conference each year.

*** He explained the Scope of Practice change that EMS is going through and informed us that we have up to 4 years to transition into this new format.

*** He thanked Districts 4 and 7 and the city of Aberdeen for hosting the 2011 SDEMTA Conference.

*** Pres. Kurt also reminded everyone that Sanford will again be hosting Trauma Wars and encouraged everyone to sign up. It is fun and educational and who knows, you might win a prize!

2) Vice President's Report

***VP Gary L also thanked the hosting districts and the city of Aberdeen for their part in our conference.

*** Gary informed the audience of the dollars we have saved by combining with the FF magazine...so far over 3000 has been saved and we can save more by simply making sure we have the correct number of issues going out. So, if you have been receiving multiple copies, please see Margaret or Gary at the SDEMTA booth this weekend or drop them an email with the corrections. Margaret has done a fabulous job of screening the hundreds of names of those who are receiving this magazine. Let us all help her out, by getting the multiple issue mailings corrected.

*** He also pointed out that we are getting much better coverage – 12 issues per year compared to the 4 we were receiving when we were printing our own newsletter.... and they are done in a timely fashion. There are also many articles included that are of interest to EMS, but are printed on the fire side of the issues.

*** We are not using all of our allotted space either, so we are encouraged to submit articles of interest from our perspective ambulance services.

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*** Gary reminded us to please exercise your right to **VOTE** on the by-law changes that are being considered. These have been printed in the “THOUGHTS”. Voting will take place at noon on Friday, at the vendor’s social as well as at noon on Saturday.

*** Also, in regards to the “THOUGHTS” Pres. Kurt added the following schedule for the districts: he would like District I to put an article in the December issue; District II January and July; District III February and August; District IV would have articles in March and August; District V April and October; District VI in May and District VII in June. Please submit these articles to Gary by the 10th of the month.

3) Secretaries Report

*** Linda thanked Aberdeen and the districts involved for hosting the conference.

*** In regards to the memorial service which will be held on Sunday morning, she requested that Chaplain Kathy, any district secretaries present or a proxy; and those people who will be lighting the candles please meet in front of the podium in the auditorium immediately following the last class this evening for instructions.

*** Since some of the districts will be electing officers during their meetings here in Aberdeen, please make sure that you submit the proper paper work to the secretary before leaving on Sunday.

4) Treasurer’s Report

*** Margaret reported that we currently have 1269 members. Of those 1015 are paid; 31 are life members and 224 are introductory members. (Introductory are those who have just passed their tests)

*** She also reported that because of the financial crunch training dollars have been dropped to 1500 dollars per district.

*** We currently have 3713.11 in our checking account and 24974.71 in our investment account.

*** We have 17,442.45 in our education fund this year. This amount is from the company that does our fundraising for us.

*** She then gave us a rundown on the proposed budget for the following year.

*** TJ made a motion to accept this budget with a second by a member of the general audience. All in favor – MC – Business meeting Friday (01-11-11)

5) Training Officer Report

*** Katheryn B was very pleased with the attendance of pre-conference classes. She reported that 75 attended the available classes.

*** She also, once again, explained the need for the correct route of paper work when requesting educational dollars.

6) Nominating Committee – Bill Rise and Dale Ringgenberg

*** Committee reported that VP Gary will be seeking re-election. There were no nominations from the floor. There was a motion by TJ to re-elect Gary to the VP position with a second from a member of the general audience. All in favor – MC – Business meeting on Friday (02-11-11)

*** Committee reported that Treasurer Margaret wishes to seek re-election. There were no nominations from the floor. There was a motion to re-elect Margaret to the treasurer’s position by Merle with a second by a member of the general audience. All in favor – MC – Business meeting on Friday (03-11-11)

*** Committee reported that Katheryn also wishes to seek re-election to the position of Training Officer. There were no nominations from the floor. Maynard made a motion to re-elect Katheryn to the position of TO with a second by a member of the general audience. All in favor – MC – Friday business meeting (04-11-11)

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

*** We were informed that EMS Day in Pierre this year will be on Monday, February 6. We will again be hosting our Pizza Feed but this year we will have a co-host in the American Heart Association. This is quite an interesting event and anyone who can or is able is encouraged to attend.

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*** Pres Kurt wishes to thank Linda Smith for all her years of dedication to the SDEMTA. She has been the historian for many years and at this time wishes to step down. This is an appointed position, so if any one is interested please let Kurt know.

**AT THIS TIME WE WENT INTO RECESS UNTIL THE BANQUET
BANQUET INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:**

*** The banquet began with the social hour; the Table of Honor was presented; the meal was served which was outstanding; we heard from our guest speaker, Kurt Larson who spoke on his book of “Frontline Heroes”. We also all received a publication of his book. (Excellent reading)

*** VP Gary informed us that all 3 by-law changes passed with a total of 142 people casting ballots. Results were #1 132-10 in favor of the change; #2 137-5 in favor of the change; and #3 137-5 in favor of change. ***Chad then made a motion to destroy the ballots with a second by Tom. All in favor – MC - Banquet meeting (05-11-11)

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

*** Travis Spier from Sanford awarded the Highmore Team with first place. There were a total of 9 teams in the competition this year.

*** Dave Boer of SDEMSC awarded Sturgis 1st place for the 2011 EMS Week Award.

*** Tripp County Ambulance received SDEM Service of the year presented by Gary L.

*** Katheryn B awarded the Carthage ambulance the Sue Shuurmans Memorial Award.

*** She also awarded Doug Glover the training officer award.

*** The Freeman Ambulance awarded a very deserving Christy Hornseth with the Gary Goertz Memorial Paramedic Scholarship.

*** Pres Kurt awarded the following: Life time membership went to Margaret Kuipers. Lois Pletten was recognized for doing an outstanding job, along with the rest of her committee, on getting the 2011 conference to Aberdeen and getting all of the “behind the scenes” work done and done smoothly! Tom Lines was recognized as the recipient of the President’s Award for 2011. There was a special award for Linda Smith, now the past SDEMTA Historian for all her outstanding work over the years. Barb T was totally surprised to be awarded the coveted “EMT of the Year” award. At this time Kurt also recognized and congratulated Bill Rise (past SD EMT of the year) on his **national** award as EMT of the Year.

Nancy Klunder was awarded a plaque for the time she spent as past SDEMTA Secretary.

*****CONGRATULATIONS to all....each and every one of you is very deserving of these awards!**

*** The Table of Honor was then retired and we were dismissed until the closing business meeting which will take place on Sunday at about noon.

CLOSING MEETING – CONTINUATION OF MEETING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

***Pres Kurt explained that we will be taking a different path for some of our EC meetings due to trying to cut costs. At this point we are planning on doing both the January and April meetings via conference. Andy will be looking into cost as well as the best supplier for this service. Numbers and times will be announced. It will also be set to **central standard time**.

*** We were also reminded that any new or old political information needs to be submitted.

1)Installation of District Officers

*** There were no changes in officers for Districts I through 6.

*** District VII – changes are as follows: President Ross Mattheis; Secretary Christine Mulloy and political liaison will be Haley Nickles.

*** Katheryn B also introduced the new VP for IC Society. She is Ruth Airheart...welcome, Ruth.

2) Budget for 2012 and Approval of Financial Statement

*** Budget for 2012 and approval of financial statement was voted on and passed during the meeting on Friday.

3) District and IC Reports

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*** Each district was given the opportunity to speak on their upcoming refresher courses; mini courses or any other educational classes they have coming up in the following year. This information can also be found in the “THOUGHTS” and some districts have sites on line where you can check as well. If you have questions, you can also call your district officers.

*** Katheryn also thanked Nancy K for her help with the N95 fit testing.

*** The districts were reminded they need to get their news to Gary by the 10 of each month...schedule for when you are to submit an article is listed previous in this report.

4) Final Business

*** Secretary read a Thank You note from Gary L for the flowers on behalf of the SDEMTA which his family received when his mother passed away.

*** Linda also reminded everyone that when an EMT passes away it is necessary to get that information to her as soon as possible so she can get paper work started for the conference memorial service. It goes much smoother when it isn't received at the last minute. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone this year, but if so, that name can still be submitted and we will include them in then next service. Thanks to Gary and Chaplain Kathy for helping me with the service this year and also Danny for helping me with some of the information I was unable to locate.

*** Barb T is looking into a grant to help promote EMS in the state. Hopefully we will hear more about that when we win!? Putting a grant together is quite time consuming, so thank you in advance for what you are doing, Barb.

*** Chuck Bell gave us a quick overall look for the wrap up of conference 2011. He stated we had approximately 425 in attendance and felt it went well. Thanks again to all who helped put this together.

*** Margaret reminded the committee that they need to have their final paperwork in by January 1, 2012 for budget so it can be presented at the meeting in January.

*** We were introduced to the conference chairs for 2012 – they will be Jeremy Robertson and Bill Rise. Conference will be held in Watertown October 25-28.

*** Webmaster Tom L will put up a link for this on our web site.

*** There was a question about the web site needing to be updated...Tom will check on this, since he also needs to up date the by-laws that were voted on at conference.

*** At this time Pres Kurt appointed Nancy Klunder to the position of SDEMTA Historian.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Maynard with a second by Chuck B to adjourn. All in favor – MC – final meeting of 2011 conference Sunday, November 6.
(06-11-11)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Georgeson, SDEMTA Secretary