



## SDEMTA Executive Council Minutes

The Executive Council of the SDEMTA held its third quarter meeting at the Pierre FD Station #1 in Pierre, SD on Saturday, 28 July 2012. President Kurt Klunder called the meeting to order at 09:00.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mary Lines, substituting for the State Secretary Linda Georgeson, called the role. A quorum was present.

It was noted that Danny Hayes has retired as the State EMS Director. His replacement has not been chosen. Danny was in attendance.

The following to were added to the Agenda under New Business:

- Resolution from District I - Tom Lines
- Laptops - Barb Thaler
- EMT Hybrid Course - Chuck Bell
- 10AM as the time to accept bids for Conference 2017 - Kurt Klunder

Andy Binder moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Matt Thompson. MC

### **President's Report:**

- President Kurt Klunder introduced Doug Adams from Screening America who gave a talk on what they do and asked for the Association's endorsement so that, when asked, members of the association would recommend their services to the members of the community.
- Kurt brought up the fact that he had not received the last EC minutes. A few others agreed. Kurt will contact Linda Georgeson. However, the minutes were published in the *EMT Thoughts*. A motion was made by Joe Schnell, seconded by Andy Binder, to approve the minutes of the April EC meeting. MC
- Joe Schnell gave a report on NCEMS. \$1508.<sup>61</sup> returned this quarter. \$2205.<sup>00</sup> for membership paid for the year. So far this year, \$6490.<sup>00</sup> returned.
- Noted that Nancy Klunder is the State Historian, not Linda as shown in the agenda.
- Kurt talked about the state radio system. Noted that the current system is inadequate and the thing holding up replacement is money. It was reported that the current system has been crashing on almost a daily basis due in part to 'rubbernecking'. A plea is out to stay off the western channels as much as possible. State radio has the capability to 'turn you off' so your radio is useless.
- EMSC - no info.
- Submission of bills.
- NAEMT Rep. - Katheryn Benton has submitted an article for the *EMT Thoughts* about what she has learned. She also named a couple of national speakers lined up for Conference 2012. She intends on attending the national conference in New Orleans. Also, Kurt has decided not to attend this year.
- Reminder that the President and Secretary positions are up for election this year. Kurt announced his intention to run for President again.
- Kurt reporting on talks with the associations in neighboring states. North Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota,



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Nebraska & Montana.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Report on *EMT Thoughts*. The material available has been bleak. We rarely use the space available. Please send articles and/or pictures to your District VP or the State VP. The District VP's were reminded that they are all responsible for the *EMT Thoughts*.
- The current Constitution and Bylaws are on the web as is the current Policy and Procedure Manual.
- The VP's met on Friday night. From the meeting:
  - There were only 2 nominations for EMS Service of the Year.
  - There will be a couple of proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws on the ballot this year mainly cleaning up some language. Also did some cleanup of language in the P and P Manual. Andy Binder mentioned that he and the Presidents are putting together a comprehensive Conference Guide as a supplement to the P & P Manual.
  - As there were only 2 entries for EMS Service of the year, discussion by the EC ensued on what sort of incentives could improve that. It was brought up that we already have an incentive of paying for the conference for 3 members of a winning service for the next year. Margaret reported that no one has ever been awarded the incentive. It was suggested that we change the award to a monetary one, giving the money to the winning service immediately. Should we go back to 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and reimburse the winners? No decision was made.
  - It was suggested that the conference committee no longer reserve rooms for the past presidents as they got hung with 3 rooms last year. Much discussion by the EC ensued with the result being that rooms will be made available but it will be up to the individual past president to call in to hold the room with their credit card. After a certain date, the room will be released. This is exactly how the rooms are handled for the EC members.
- Remember to get any updates of district officers' name, address or any contact info to the State Secretary, State VP and the State Webmaster.

As the time was 10:00, the agenda was suspended for the bidding for Conference 2017. The following presented:

1. Aberdeen
2. Sioux Falls Sheridan/Convention Center
3. Spearfish Holiday Inn
4. Rapid City Ramkota
5. Sioux Falls Ramkota
6. Pierre Ramkota

Bill Rise moved, seconded by Chuck Bell, to accept the bid from Aberdeen. MF.

Dale Riggerberg moved, seconded by Doug Glover, to accept the Rapid City Ramkota bid. MF



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Meeting recessed at 12:05 to attend a memorial at the EMS Memorial site.

Meeting resumed at 13:10.

Motion by Joe Schnell, seconded by Barb Thaler, to pay the memorial trumpeter \$100.<sup>00</sup>. MC

Motion by Barb Thaler, seconded by Joe Schnell, to review, then vote by secret ballot to select the bid for Conference 2017 and then vote on the top 2 unless there would be a majority on the secret ballot. MC

The results of the vote:

- i. Spearfish Holiday Inn - 8
- ii. Rapid City Ramkota - 6
- iii. Aberdeen - 5
- iv. Sioux Falls Ramkota - 1

As there was no majority, a vote by show of hands for the top 2. Spearfish was selected 12 to 7.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Solicitation sent to J. Bluebird of Box Elder, who sent in \$40 and inquired if a membership for non-EMT's existed. He was a former EMT. He has been added to the *EMT Thoughts* mailing list and made an Honorary member.
- Membership: 894 paid, 31 LT and 1 Honorary.
- Total Bank Account \$22,530.<sup>17</sup>
  - Education Fund \$10,407.<sup>05</sup> ( \$3,088.<sup>80</sup> this quarter )
  - Business Assets \$10,784.<sup>28</sup>
  - Investment Fund \$28,157.<sup>90</sup>
- 2012 Budget

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual thru 6/30/2012</b>
Conference	\$25,000.00	\$21,410.98
Membership	\$24,000.00	\$1,7795.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$1.42
Sales	\$1,000.00	\$1,580.00
Misc	\$3,000.00	\$4,981.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,000.00</b>	<b>\$45,768.83</b>



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<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual thru 6/30/2012</b>
Conference	\$7,000.00	\$4,744.82
Membership	\$8,000.00	\$4,401.56
Newsletter	\$7,000.00	\$5,249.97
Admin	\$9,000.00	\$9,560.09
Travel	\$19,000.00	\$3,002.80
Merchandise	\$1,000.00	\$110.70
Other	\$2,000.00	\$1,541.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$53,000.00</b>	<b>\$28,610.97</b>

● **2012 Education Budget**

Income	\$16,000.00	\$10,407.05
Expenses		
Training	\$10,500.00	\$6,291.00
Equipment	\$500.00	
Speaker for Conference	\$5,000.00	

- Will continue to use GoToMeeting and will continue to pay the approx \$1000.<sup>00</sup> per year. Last year travel costs thru June were \$13,452, this year, \$3002 with the majority for the October meeting. Will plan on doing the January meeting only remotely. It is the feeling that while GoToMeeting saves money, face to face meetings are superior. Some discussion about the pro's and con's.
- From Treasurer's meeting Wednesday night:
  - Meeting held via GoToMeeting.
  - Change the budget to use 1000 member base instead of 1200.
  - Proposed budget:
    - Income:
      - Conference \$22,000
      - Membership \$20,000



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- Sales                 \$1,000
- Misc                 \$3,000
- Total                \$46,000
- Expenses
  - Conference         \$7,000
  - Membership        \$7,000
  - Newsletter         \$8,000
  - Admin              \$11,000
  - Travel             \$10,000
  - Sales                \$1,000
  - Other               \$2,000
  - Total               \$46,000
- Proposed Education Budget
  - Income             \$13,200
  - Expenses
    - Training            \$7,700 (\$1,100 per District)
    - Equipment          \$500
    - Speaker             \$5,000

A thank you was received from District II Vice President Barb Thaler and her family following the death of her husband on June 4, 2012.

Motion by Danny Glover, seconded by Dale Riggerberg, to accept the Treasurer's report. MC

### **Secretary's Report:**

As the elected secretary was absent, no report was given.

### **Training Officer's Report:**

- Coop training between Districts is acceptable and up to the Districts.
- Report given on what each district has received from the education fund so far this year. Katheryn reminded everyone that monies are available to offset costs but must be OK'd 30 days in advance.
- Katheryn reported on which districts she has visited. Mentioned her visit to Lemmon.
- She has received a call from the state office about some patches they found. The patches had been collected from various agencies and they were wondering if we wanted them. Katheryn told them yes.
- Discussion about T-shirts. Nothing decided.
- Pins at conference, kind of a scavenger hunt from the Presidents and Vice Presidents. More to follow.

### **Dept of Public Safety, Office of EMS:**

- No representative present as the new director has not been selected.



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### Conference 2012:

Bill Rise and Jeremy Robertson from District I gave the report.

- The committee is asking to have the price of a full conference set at \$115.<sup>00</sup>.
- Classes are scheduled for 50 min with 1 break in the morning and 1 break in the afternoon. This will result in 20 hours of credit. Also planned is a “test” where participants answer a series of questions at selected vendors. Passing the “test” will get you 2 additional credit hours.
- Banquet and Entertainment on track.
- Registration will be available online and in the *EMT Thoughts*. Conference and Pre-Conference. Register by 10<sup>th</sup> of October for a chance at a drawing.
- Issues have arisen with rooms, as a result, some will be staying at the Country Inn & Suites across town.
- A choice of gifts was shown, a bag @ \$5.<sup>62</sup> or a water bottle @ \$4.<sup>95</sup>. A count of 600 will be used. The EC has paid for 1 conference gift in the past. Gary Lembcke moved, seconded by Chuck Bell, for the EC to supply the bag. MC
- Motion by Jeremy Robertson, seconded by Doug Glover, to set the price of the full conference to \$115.<sup>00</sup> (\$135.<sup>00</sup> w/dues). MC
- Katheryn asked why the Conference Committee no longer did T-shirts. In the past, various entities have done T-shirts.
- Andy Binder briefed the council on the Conference webpage. <http://conference.sdemta.org/>
- Andy Binder has been working with the Conference Committee and the Treasurer to setup online registration. We will be using Paypal and their Triangle service which will allow payment by CC either online or in person. Square was considered but Paypal is less expensive.
- Speaker biographies will be in the September *EMT Thoughts*.

Meeting recessed for lunch @ 13:35.

Meeting back in session @ 14:05.

Motion by Doug Glover, seconded by Barb Thaler, to pay the bills. MC

### IC Society Report:

- Katheryn and several others attended the National Association of EMS Educators class in Sioux Falls.
  - Test tentatively set for November in Sioux Falls.
  - Plan to offer the same national class every other year. It will not replace the South Dakota class.
- Seat belt survey may cost the Society \$2000.<sup>00</sup>. This was mainly due to the requirement that all surveyors attend a 4 hour class in Pierre or Aberdeen and the Society paid mileage. Things changed quite a bit this year. Several new surveyors were needed. Also the Society paid the auditors. Many questions of why survey a street under construction or in the ‘middle of nowhere’. Obviously, the managing entity was not familiar with South Dakota.



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### Old Business:

- Projectors and Scanners:
  - Kurt directed the Districts to have sturdy containers for their equipment. It was noted that one of the projectors arrived at Aberdeen still in the original cardboard box and that the box was in bad shape. Also, mark the equipment with the District number.
  - Andy reported that projector replacement cost is approx \$468 and \$160 for the scanner. The motion was made last meeting for the replacement.
- Barb Thaler gave a short report on the Tradition of Caring grant from KELO TV. She handed out CD's of the PSA to be given to the people that appeared in it. There has been some comments that viewers did not realize the people in the video were there because of a save.

### New Business:

- Kurt has been contacted by the Discovery Channel. They are looking to talk to anyone who has been declared dead, put in a body bag and then recovered. Way too many privacy concerns.
- Tom Lines presented the following resolution:

**TITLE:** Resolution to Consider Changing the Name of Our Association

**AUTHOR:** Tom Lines for SDEMTA District II

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**Whereas**, the current name of our organization is the South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician's Association; and

**Whereas**, our Association has members from all levels of prehospital skills and certifications; and

**Whereas**, not all the names of the skill levels are associated with the term Emergency Medical Technician and have been changed to Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic; now therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Executive Council of the SDEMTA give the members of our Association the chance, over the next year, to consider changing the name of our Association to something more encompassing; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Executive Council of the SDEMTA instruct each District President to take



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this idea back to their district for consideration; and be it further

**Resolved**, that at the conference in 2013, a proposition be on the ballot to change the name of our Association to the South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association.

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Motion by Tom Lines, seconded by Andy Binder, to adopt the resolution. MC

- Discussion of the State Certification patch. It was noted that Chad Skiles of District II at one point, had suggested a new patch be designed in keeping with the new levels of training. After much discussion, Barb Thaler moved, seconded by Chuck Hanson, that a contest be held to design a new state patch with the designs to be voted on during the Conference 2012 by attendees and that the winner be awarded a cash prize of \$100.<sup>00</sup> with the Association to own the design. MC  
Kurt appointed Joe Schnell, Edna Dale and Katheryn Benton as an ad-hoc committee to get the info out to the membership.
- Laptops - Barb Thaler brought up the question of whether or not there was a plan to replace the laptop computers owned by the Association. After some discussion, Kurt asked Andy to take on the project of setting up a replacement rotation plan.
- Chuck Bell started a discussion on hybrid EMT Basic courses (online and in person). After some discussion, Kurt asked Chuck and Andy to research this and give a detailed report next meeting.

### **District Reports:**

1. Concentrating on conference.
2. Have not met since May, banquet will be on August 18 in Lennox.
3. Nothing to report.
4. Second weekend in February in Aberdeen - ALS refresher.
5. Meetings held for conference. Last Sunday meeting, training was on self defense and Syms.
6. Work has started on 2013 conferences. Working on speakers and budget.
7. Meeting held the previous weekend. EMT class starting Aug 1. Gayle Kludt from Gettysburg is the new president.

Motion by Doug Glover, seconded by Gary Lembcke, to adjourn. MC

Adjourned @ 15:10.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mary K Lines proxy for State Secretary Linda Georgeson