

**South Dakota Emergency Medical Services Association
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting: Executive Council Special Meeting - State Bills
Location: Online via gotowebinar.com
Date & Time: January 7th, 2015 - 19:00 Central Time



Informal Meeting Notes Only - Pending inclusion as report to the EC.

I. Call to order

- A. President Eric Van Dusen called to order this Special Informal Executive Council meeting of the SDEMSA at 19:07 central time on January 7th, 2015 via www.gotowebinar.com online meeting platform.

II. Roll call

- A. Executive Committee: President - Eric Van Dusen, Vice-President - Gary Lembcke, Secretary - Andrew Binder, Treasurer - Margaret Kuipers
- B. District & Society Officers: District II Vice-President - Kurtis Nelson, District IV Vice-President - Keith Sharisky, District V President - Scott Larson, District VI President - Matt Thompson, District VII Vice-President - Chuck Hanson, IC Society Vice-President - Ruth Airheart
- C. Non-Executive Council: SDEMSA Political Committee: Maynard Konechne, SDEMSA District VI Political Committee Representative: Mike Steffen
- D. Note: Non-quorum informal meeting only

III. Special Meeting New business

- A. Introductions by President Van Dusen focusing on
 - 1. Notes from other related meetings
 - 2. Short overview of the greater goals of both the "ALS" and "BLS" proposed draft bills
 - 3. The need for all of EMS to both stand as one and be heard with one voice
 - 4. The need to keep Maynard updated and on the same page as the EC and Greater Association to ensure further propagation of the idea of "one voice."
 - 5. Mention was made of the pending possible move of the SD Office of EMS from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Health. Pending official announcements next week (first week of the 2015 Legislator).
- B. Discussion regarding the draft "BLS Bill" pending introduction during the 2015 South Dakota legislative session. Discussion focused on
 - 1. The pros & cons of the presented draft bill
 - 2. Hardship needs and concerns
 - 3. Continuing education requirements and lapsed certification reinstatement limitations
 - 4. Population requirements of the hardship clauses
 - 5. Concerns regarding how full-time [paid] services and volunteer services may be able to use the hardship clauses to function with minimal staffing
 - 6. Background check requirements
 - 7. Notes regarding the legislation vs administrative rule sections of the draft bill and how the administrative rule sections may be more easily changed moving forward
- C. A general consensus vote of those in attendance was held (12 present)
 - 1. 9 of 12 in favor of the SDEMSA supporting the BLS Bill during the 2015 legislative season
 - 2. 2 of 12 not in favor of the SDEMSA supporting the BLS bill during the 2015 legislative season

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3. Preside Van Dusen noted that the SDEMSA will be in support of the BLS bill being passed pending introduction during the 2015 legislative season and any further discussion during the full January Executive Council Meeting.
- D. Discussion regarding the draft “ALS Bill” pending introduction during the 2015 South Dakota legislative session. Discussion focused on
1. Review of the SD Department of Health’s scope of work relating directly to licensing and not relating to any other sections of the law (including scope of practice related items)
 2. Notes on the SD DoH’s willingness to work with the EMS community to ensure that the best options are put forward
 3. Notes on the discussion and comments regarding the “ALS bill” during the December 2014 Special Meeting of the South Dakota Ambulance Association.
 4. Statement that none present have seen the post edit/update “ALS draft bill” since the first shared update. Until this is seen the SDEMSA is unwilling to commit a for or against statement but will continue to watch this bill.
- E. Maynard reported that SB14 was just posted today as a presented bill of interest to the SDEMSA. SB14 “provide for the possession and administration of opioid antagonists by first responders for the treatment of drug overdoses.”
1. President Van Dusen noted that the SDEMSA will continue to monitor this bill and include it in discussion during the regular January meeting of Executive Council

IV. Adjournment

- A. President Eric Van Dusen adjourned the meeting at 19:04 central time

Minutes submitted by: Andrew M. Binder, MS, NRP - SDEMSA State Secretary.

Minutes approved by: