

**FAEMSE
January 2010
Meeting**



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10:30 AM
Daytona, Florida**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 10:30 PM with a welcome by President Danny Griffin. Mr. Griffin began by updating the group on the events discussed in the bureau of EMS's meeting prior to this meeting. He stated that the strategic plan will be voted on Friday, that discipline issues addressed by the bureau will be reviewed for using a standard, rather than on a case by case basis. He stated those interested in keeping track of changes to 64J or Ch. 401 F.S. can sign up to be notified of impending changes at <https://www.flrules.org/subscriber/signup.asp>.

Next R.C. Pippin of the Bureau of EMS (BEMS) spoke. He stated that the travel budget for BEMS has been restricted, but that if there was a specific need BEMS would address it. An audience member asked Mr. Pippin why the EMS exam fee had been increased recently by separating the exam fee from the administrative fee in order to circumvent the statutory limit on the cost of the exam. Mr. Pippin stated that this was done by MQA, not BEMS, and he did not know what the process had been. Mr. Griffin then asked about the possibility of using NREMT as the initial certification, followed by state certification.

Next Mr. Griffin presented awards to Layne Hendrickson and Felix Marquez for their assistance with the National Association of EMS Educators Conference.

Mr. Griffin then briefly discussed the board meeting held in Orlando in December. He stated that the board worked to develop a beta test of the instructor material for the upcoming instructor certification class. He stated that the class will likely be held in Orlando in April.

Mr. Griffin then briefly discussed the list-serv issues that have come up recently. He stated that there have been some questions about using the list-serv to advertise classes. He pointed out that part of our mission is to network with each other and that using the list serv connects those of us who provide continuing education with those of us that need it. He stated that the idea of having two separate list-serves had been discussed, but that he believed the best course would be to create an "Upcoming Events" section on the web site for these opportunities. Check out the calendar at <http://www.faemse.org/events.html>

A member then asked about an issue involving open records. She stated that her college would pay for membership in an organization only if it had "open records". Louis Mallory stated that Florida Law prohibits disclosing personal information for firefighters, so it wasn't possible for the records to be completely open. John Todaro stated that NAEMSE had "open records" that included their financial information, but not individual member information, and that this was sufficient. The discussion ended with a request for more information about what Ms. Turner's organization defined as open records.

Rob Holborn then discussed the upcoming instructor certification training. He stated that there will be a meeting on April 22rd and 23th at Disney to work out the flaws in the class, and that there will be a train the trainer class at Clin-con in July. There was a question regarding whether a practical component was required. He added that there is requirement in state rule 64J, and that the additional portion of the class will be an internet component. A member asked if there will be a fee for the beta class, and who could attend. Dr. Holborn replied that there would not be a fee, and that the beta was open to program directors who met the exemptions.

John Todaro then asked about the possibility of hosting a national instructor certification exam. He added that 25 states now require the national instructor certification for candidates interested in being EMS instructors.

An audience member asked if the course was 40 hours. Dr. Holborn replied that it is 40 hours, and that approximately 15 hours of that is face to face training. Patty Maher asked about the cost of the program, and about renewal. Dr. Holborn stated that the cost would be minimal, and that the cost would be associated with covering the web delivery component. He stated there was no renewal process because there was no requirement in 64 J.

Next BEMS Chief John Bixler asked the gathering if there were any questions. An audience member pointed out that the new instructor requirements as written required any EMS instructor hired after January first to have completed an instructor course that does not yet exist. Chief Bixler stated that they would “work with” training centers on this matter, and that they weren’t going to penalize a training center for not sending an instructor to a class that doesn’t exist. Next an audience member expressed his concerns about the process by which the EMT exam fees were increased. Chief Bixler stated that the process had been reviewed by the general counsel’s office and found not to be in conflict with the statute. He stated that the previous arrangement had cost more than \$600,000, because the exam fee was lower than the actual cost of the exam, and that he felt the process was “square”, and did not apologize for it. He then left the room.

Next Dr. Joe Nelson was given a chance to comment. A member asked how the critical care curriculum was coming. Dr. Nelson stated that this had been put on the back burner while the instructor curriculum was being formed, but that they were now looking at state statutes to support the project.

Mr. Griffin then discussed the upcoming election. He stated that three positions would be open for the next election. He stated that there had been some suggestion that there be a succession process in place to avoid changing over half the board at one time. Jaime Greene made a motion to “Direct the executive director to draft the language to create the position of president elect and develop an electronic means to distribute the proposed language”. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Ken Moorehouse then made a motion that “a committee be created to review the bylaws for the election of board officers under the direction of the executive director”. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote, passed.

Mr. Griffin then stated that nominees needed to be in at least 20 days before the next meeting, and asked that **members make sure their e-mail addresses were up to date for voting.** He then mentioned awards and asked that everyone please make an effort to nominate instructors for awards.

Jaime Green then made a motion that the secretary leave a page of the minutes blank in honor of Chad Reed, a lifelong leader in EMS, and former Emergency Services Director for Dixie County, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on January 14th, 2010. The motion was seconded, and when put to a vote passed unanimously and immediately. Minutes continue after the this page.



Chad Allen Reed, Sr., 33, of Cross City, Florida

Mr. Griffin reminded members of the upcoming education subcommittee meeting at 3pm. A motion was made to adjourn; the motion was seconded, and when put to a vote, passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM.

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