

General Meeting Summary (DRAFT)  
for  
Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers, Inc.

**Date:** October 1, 2008

**Location:** Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, 851 Gulf Shore BLVD N, River of Grass F&I, Naples, FL

**Board Officers Present:** Donna Akin; David Duke; Allen Parrish\*; Mike Patterson\*; Ed Wilson

**Others Present:** Brian Beasley\*; John Bixler; Wayne Hodges; Jim Howard; Susan McDevitt; John Milanick; Ann Moror; Lloyd Parker; Marie Patterson; Roy Pippin; Greg Riley; Adam Steinmetz; Gwen Thomas-Howard; Andre Walker\*; Steven Zavalney

**Staff Present:** Tim Alexander; Tracy Burger

\*Indicates participating via phone.

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Call to Order	Board Meeting David Duke called the meeting to order and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.	The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am.
Introductions/Roll Call	Donna Akin took roll of Directors present.	Information
Consideration of Minutes from April 16, 2008	Minutes were reviewed and will be approved by the Board at a later time when quorum is established.	Information—Board could not vote as quorum was not established (Quorum established later in meeting.)
Expenditure Report	Tracy Burger asked for questions regarding the distributed financial report. We have a current unallocated balance of \$53,593.05.	Information
Committee Reports	A. Recruitment and Retention Committee Tracy Burger reported that this committee had not met but would do so within the next couple of weeks. Two new members to the Committee were assigned by President Patterson: Jim Billbery of Jefferson County EMS and Shane McGuffin of Gulf County EMS. Mr. Billbery and Mr. McGuffin were assigned to this Committee because, according to the Staffing Survey, Gulf and Jefferson counties had the lowest staffing percentage of respondents. B. Scholarship Committee Wayne Hodges reported that the Committee awarded three paramedic and one EMT scholarships in July. For the current round, the Committee received 16 paramedic and 6 EMT scholarship applications which will be reviewed immediately following this meeting. With the remaining funds allocated for scholarships, only between 12 and 15 scholarships of these applications can be awarded. If FAREMS is able to hold another round of scholarships, the deadline	Information

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Committee Reports (continued)	<p>will be in mid-January and, most likely, very competitive, as few scholarships can be awarded due to depletion of funds.</p> <p>C. Legislative Committee There was no report.</p>	
Staff Report	<p>Tracy Burger gave this report:</p> <p>A. FAREMS membership dues will increase for 2009 to the following: agency membership will increase to \$750/year; corporate membership will increase to \$1500/year; individual membership will remain at \$30/year. Ms. Burger noted that she has asked current agency members to recruit one corporate sponsor each. One of the Strategic Plan goals is to have membership dues provide 50% of minimum annual operating costs and if current members renew for 2009, another 10 corporate sponsors will meet this goal.</p> <p>B. Ms. Burger asked Wayne Hodges to discuss possibility of submitting State EMS matching grant for training equipment. Mr. Hodges proceeded to discuss options and potential of purchasing equipment and trailer for rural providers.</p> <p>C. Ms. Burger asked Dr. John Milanick to discuss progress with the medical director cooperative. Dr. Milanick noted that work is progressing with draft contracts and collection of protocols from rural agencies.</p> <p>D. FAREMS will submit a three-year federal Rural Health Outreach grant application for EMS-based community health services in rural counties and a Medtronic HeartRescue grant for CPR/AED training in high schools in mid October.</p> <p>E. FAREMS is working with the State Office of Rural Health on their rural health plan and urged members to return the survey recently emailed to them.</p> <p>F. FAREMS Staffing Survey results were discussed. Ms. Burger noted that staffing ranged from 100% at some responding agencies to 53% at others. Most agencies reported this was typical staffing over a year.</p> <p>G. FAREMS continues to work on the State EMSAC strategic plan objective surrounding recruitment and retention with plans to produce a video for youth recruitment.</p>	<p>Information</p> <p><b>Mike Patterson motioned and Donna Akin seconded that Wayne Hodges explore options surrounding the purchase of educational equipment for FAREMS training program. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hodges will report at January meeting.</b></p>
State Office Reports	<p>A. Bureau of EMS Ed Wilson reported that he is working on disbursement of AED funds.</p> <p>B. Office of Rural Health Ed Wilson reported that the Office continues to have funds available from their FLEX program for rural EMS.</p> <p>C. Office of Trauma Susan McDevitt updated the group on trauma initiatives related to rural areas.</p> <p>D. Bureau of EMS Chief John Bixler was recognized and noted that deployment requires national certification.</p>	<p>Information</p>

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Old Business	Medical Director Cooperative This was discussed earlier in meeting.	Information
New Business	A. Other business/comments None. B. Next meeting January 200 in Daytona Beach, FL	Information
Adjournment		The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.