

**FAEMSE  
January 2008  
Meeting**



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10:30 AM  
Jacksonville, Fl.**

## **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting began at 10:30 AM with a welcome by President Danny Griffin. Mr. Griffin asked that everyone review their information on the list serv to make sure it is accurate. He then entered a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote, approved.

Jane Bedford then discussed the Critical Care Paramedic project. She and her team completed the development of a framework for Critical Care Paramedic training. She added that the provider survey data that was collected will be posted on the FAEMSE web site.

Rod McGinnes then gave the financial report. As of the date of the meeting FAEMSE had \$2715.87 in the bank with a \$300 debt outstanding to the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

Ricky Stone of the Florida Bureau of EMS then spoke about the pass-fail data that had been released earlier in the month. He said there were some errors in those numbers due to some problems with their database. He said that the Bureau is working with MQA to correct any problems.

Betsy Hines of MQA then spoke. She reiterated Mr. Stone's commitment that the database would be cleaned up. She also stated that the EMS portion of MQA was next in line for online applications and status updates. She stated that students will also be able to go online to check the status of their applications. They will be given a password and username and the students will be able to change their passwords online. She believes that these changes will take place in June or July of 2008 and added that students will be able to pay online as well.

Ms. Hines was asked how program directors could get individual results. Steve McCoy answered, saying that he would be able to separate out the individual program's results and send them to program directors.

Mr. Griffin then took the floor and announced that the state was considering reducing the number of Advisory council meetings to three per year. He asked members for suggestions on how to reduce the cost of the meetings so that we could keep having four meetings per year.

Mr. Griffin then discussed the upcoming nomination deadline for Bureau of EMS awards. The awards under consideration are:  
Educator of the Year

EMT of the Year  
Paramedic of the Year  
EMS Provider of the year  
and Hall of Fame recipient

There are also categories for black and white and color photography.

There are also several EMS Advisory Council positions that will need to be filled. Details are available on the Bureau of EMS website.

May 18<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> is EMS week, and the theme this year is “Your life is our mission.” Mr. Griffin added that the people from NEMSIS were at the meeting and wanted to know what kind of reports we would like to see. Nemsis currently collects 400 data points. There have been over \$400,000 in grants awarded in the last year for projects dealing with data collection.

He then stated that there is a self study coming out from the National EMS State Officer’s Group. He stated that the federal government created this self study for the states to complete and that it was over 90 pages long.

Louis Mallory then took the floor to discuss the proposed change in the bylaws. He stated that the proposal involved removing the institutional memberships. He stated that these changes had been posted on the website and a survey had been taken that indicated a 93% approval rating from members. He then made a motion that the institutional membership be removed from the bylaws. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote, approved.

As soon as the motion was approved Mr. Mallory announced that membership renewals would be going out in the mail very soon. He also stated that a new look for the web site was coming soon, and that there will be a members only section where members will have access to a directory of other members.

Rob Holburn then took the floor to discuss the instructor curriculum. He stated that it would go to the EMS Advisory Council on Friday and if approved it would be in rule in 6 to 9 months, and then in place in approximately two years.

Ricky Stone asked that we now come up with a method of enforcement and innumerate some penalties.

Mr. Griffin took the floor and asked Rod McGinnes to report on the minimum equipment list. Mr. McGinnes reported that the committee had been reviewing the list and were meeting later in the day to discuss a first draft.

Discussion then moved to the paramedic shortage position paper developed by Chief Bingham, due to be presented to the full EMS Advisory Council for approval on Friday. He stated that this report was generated with very little input or support from outside the committee. John Bixler, Chief of the Bureau of EMS, stated that the paper would be discussed at the advisory council meeting.

John Todaro stated that there was not, in point of fact, a shortage of paramedics in Florida, that there were five times more paramedics per capita in Florida than in other states. He stated that the problem was a geographic shortage, not a statewide shortage.

Chief Bixler stated that Chief Bingham had been asked by Dr. Shatz to produce this paper.

Jaime Green then put forth a motion that the FAEMSE neither endorse or support this document and that we request during the advisory council meeting that our name be removed from the document. The motion was seconded and when put to a vote, carried.

Rob Holburn asked what colleges think about shortened programs, and suggested that we work on this issue.

Danny Griffin then took the floor to announce that elections for board members were coming up. Specifically the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer were up for election. Nominations will be collected via e-mail. He also stated that in addition to the awards given by the State Bureau of EMS that FAEMSE would also be giving five awards. The categories are: Preceptor of the Year, EMT Instructor of the Year, Paramedic Instructor of the Year and Program Director of the Year. Nominations can be sent to Louis Mallory and are due by the April meeting.

The floor was then opened. Brian Dunmire stated that he was looking for a new lead EMS instructor in Tallahassee.

Narina Stephanovski asked for a clarification on the qualification to be in paramedic school and was told that the student needed to have applied for State EMT certification to be admitted, and that the student could not be allowed to continue past phase one of the paramedic program without being State certified as an EMT.

Scott Schein asked why nationally registered EMTs couldn't be allowed to enter paramedic programs. Ricky Stone replied that this was a requirement enumerated in Florida Statute 401.

Mr. Schein then asked why students without social security numbers were being prevented from applying for state licensure. Ms. Hines replied that this was due to federal regulations.

Absent further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM.

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