



SDEMTA
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
Conference Meeting October 25, 2012
Watertown, SD

1) 7:04 pm President Kurt called the meeting to order.

2) Roll Call:

- **State Officers:** Pres. Kurt Klunder, V. President Gary Lembcke, Secretary Linda Georgeson, Treasurer Margaret Kuipers, Training Officer Katheryn Benton
- **District I:** President Joe Schnell, V. President Bill Rise;
- **District II:** President Tom Lines, V. President Barb Thaler;
- **District III:** President Doug Glover, VP Rick Niles;
- **District IV:** President Chuck bell; V. President Dale Ringgenberg;
- **District V:** Pres. Scott Larson, V. President Edna Dale;
- **District VI:** President Andy Binder, Margaret Farrel as Proxy for VP Matt Thompson;
- **District VII:** V. President Chuck Hansen;
- **IC Society:** Amy Marsh as proxy for Katheryn and Ruth Airheart.

Also present was Dept or Public Safety, Marilyn Rutz and Audra Evans.

President Kurt then welcomed all visitors.

3) Approval / Additions to agenda:

Old business: KELO Grant – Barb Thaler

New business: Invitation to National EMS Association to be held in Oklahoma.

***Motion by Margaret and seconded by Gary Lembcke to approve the agenda with additions. All in favor – MC (01-10-12)

Jeremy Robertson then spoke on behalf of the 2012 conference committee, thanking everyone for their help. Special thanks go out to Andy Binder and Margaret Kuipers for their extra work in helping make this conference come together.

4) Approval of previous minutes of EC Council:

Motion to approve the July EC minutes as printed and published in the “Thoughts” was made by Bill Rise with a second by Barb T. All in favor – MC (02-10-12)

OFFICERS REPORTS

5) President’s Report:

a) Appointments:

VI. EMT of the Year –Presidents are in charge.

*** Pres. Kurt reminded us that this year American Family Life is sponsoring the EMT of the year.

VII. Nominating committee of Bill Rise and Dale Ringgenberg – At this time it was reported that our current president, Kurt Klunder will be running for re-election and he will be joined by Eric VanDusen and Joe Schnell in a run off election.

Also up for election this year is the office of secretary. At this time the nominating committee only has one commitment; that being the present secretary, Linda Georgeson. They stated they are waiting for answers from several other interested parties.

VII. Political Committee – Chairperson Maynard Konechne reported that EMS day for 2013 will be on Monday, February 4 in Pierre. He also stated that the American Heart Association will once again partner with EMS to sponsor the social hour which will be held from 5:30 to 8pm. He encouraged anyone who

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could possible attend to come to Pierre and enjoy the day. It is fun and very educational.

XII. EMS-C Advisory – Margaret Kuipers informed us the next meeting will be December 5.

XIII. Historian – Nancy Klunder requests more items be sent to her for the history books as she has received very few in the past year.

b) Submission of Bills –

6) Vice President's Report:

a) Gary spoke again on the “**Thoughts**” His question for us was if we are all happy with the combination of our newspaper with the Fire Fighter magazine. He has heard no complaints and feels it is going well. However, he reminded us again that we have much more space we could be using and encouraged everyone to submit articles. The deadline is the 10th of the month TO HIM in order for it to be printed in the current month's issue.

***Also, if anyone is still having problems with their mailing addresses...getting more than one issue or not receiving an issue at all, you need to contact him with the correct information.

b & c) By-law and Policy and Procedure changes – there are none at this time.

d) Elections – since there will be at least one election at this conference, Gary informed us when voting will be held and encouraged everyone to exercise your right to vote.

*** He also reminded us that we will be voting on a new logo for our organization this year. The choices will be displayed at the state booth ...at this time he only has one design but is expecting more by voting time.

7) Treasurer's Report:

a) Financial Report - quarterly

*** Margaret handed out the quarterly financial report as well as the SEMTA Budget DRAFT for 2013.

*** We have \$12,952.44 in our bank account. We ended the fourth quarter with 942 total members. Of those members 911 are paid; 31 are lifetime members.

b) District Reports

*** At this time Margaret stated that the educational fund for each district for 2013 will be \$1100.00. Our income has steadily decreased in the past years, which makes it difficult to continue to offer each district a huge amount of money for training. She encouraged each district to use what is available to them.

*** When Margaret presented the budget for 2013, it was also noted that our budget is now based on 1000 members rather than 12000 as in the past. It has been sometime since we have had that number of members in the association. Thus, fewer members – less members coming in, the tighter the budget will be.

8) Secretary's Report

a) Officer agreements

*** Linda thanked Mary Lines for collecting many of the officer's agreements for her in Pierre at the July meeting. There are almost current, other than the officers that might be elected at the district meetings to be held here at conference.

b) Memorial Services

***Everyone was reminded of the memorial service that will be held on Sunday morning immediately following the church service. If any one has the name of a deceased SD EMT member, please turn it in to her ASAP, so proper paper work can be done.

***Also, Linda requested that ALL district secretaries or their representatives meet with her immediately following the last class on Friday to make sure all information is correct and also so we can get the candle lighters in order for service.

***She thanked Mary for standing in for her at the July meeting, which she was unable to attend due to prior commitments and also thanked Katheryn for taking charge of the memorial service at the capitol.

9) Training Officer Report

a) Katheryn reported that the current training officers reports are, for the most part, coming in on time, up

to date and very informative. There are still slight communication improvements needed.

b) Some districts were questioning if they could combine for refresher course and other training. Kathryn informed us that is not a problem. She also reminded us of the deadline for requesting educational and training funds...do your paper work.

c) Refresher and mini-conferences are listed in the “Thoughts” as well as on the SDEMT web site. If you have any questions you can also call your district training officer.

d) Pre conference training went well, and the classes were well attended.

10) IC Society

Kathryn was re-elected as IC President. She updated the requirements for members of the IC Society. In keeping with the national requirements, some of the state requirements are changing. Please contact her for all the new regulations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

11) Officer of EMS and DPS

***Marilyn Rutz and Audra Evans were present to represent the state office of EMS and DSP. Testing dates are quickly approaching and letters for assistance have been sent out. Please reply if you are able to help.

12) /Conference 2012 Committee Report

***Jeremy Robertson gave a short report on the progress so far as well as the coming events for the next few days of conference.

***Kathryn also explained the Scavenger Hunt, an event that has been added at conference. It should be a fun event.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

There was a motion on the floor by Doug Glover to approve the bills as presented with a second by Chuck Hansen. All in favor – MC (03-10-12)

Pres. Kurt called for a break at 8:20 -- back in session at 8:35.

OLD BUSINESS

13) EMT “THOUGHTS” Newsletter

***VP Gary L asked for our input about the combination of our newsletter with the SD FF magazine. He pointed out that we have saved a substantial amount of money by doing so, as well as the fact that our news is getting out in a very timely manner. He stated that we have been contacted and that our contract is up so we will need to decide if we want to continue to share the newsletter or does someone else have a better idea? After some discussion, there was a motion made by Barb T with a second by Rick Niles to continue the partnership with a five (5) year contract. All in favor – MC. (04-10-12)

14) Conference Transition 2012 – 2013

*** There was short discussion on this subject being that most of the transition items had been taken care of with a web meeting as well discussed at the July meeting.

15) Conference Procedures and Guide – Andy Binder

a) Andy explained to us some of the finer points in the new Policy Conference and Planning guide that he has been working on. This guide touches on **every aspect** of a conference. I am sure I speak for everyone when I say “THANK YOU ANDY” for a job well done.

***Motion to adopt the Conference Policy and Planning Guide by Andy with a second by Doug G. All in favor – MC (05-10-12)

b) Conference Board Motion was then introduced.

*** This consists of the appointment of Conference Executive Board Positions. It has been discussed several times over the years that if our Conferences had some consistency in the committee that is in charge, not only would the conference run smoother but it wouldn't be such a struggle for someone new each year to take the responsibility of setting up registration, presenters, finances, etc.

*** After some discussion, Andy made a motion with a second by Margaret F. to accept the Conference Board Motion. All in favor – MC (06-10-12)

c) Conference Policy Motion

*** At this time Andy introduce a Conference Policy Motion. This deals with conference items such as pre-registration and whose direction it would be under; all expenses incurred by the conference; fees that could be charged and how much; lodging and all other expenses or profits for each conference.

*** Andy made a motion to accept the Conference Policy Motion as presented with a second by Doug G. All in favor – MC (07-10-12)

17) Statewide Distant Learning

a) At this time Keith Sharisky presented his proposal for a Distant Learning EMT Class. After his explanation and much discussion and questions on the subject, it was decided to go ahead with this project.

*** Some of the stipulations will be: it must have a medical director; it will be for new EMT's only; no more than 3000 dollars can be spent on this project.

*** With that, Barb T made a motion to go forward with this project. Scott L made a second to that motion. All in favor – MC (08-10-12)

*** Gary then made a motion to have Keith named "Online Educational Administrator" with a second by Rick N. All in favor – MC (09-10-12)

18) Resolution to change the name of the association.

*** This resolution was submitted by Tom L There was some discussion about it at the July meeting. Since coming in line with National EMS, our current name "South Dakota Emergency Medical Technicians Association" does not recognize some of the groups of emergency workers that are now accredited by our state.

*** Pres Kurt asked for any input on this subject. Some districts stated they didn't feel the need to change any wording while others stated that we need the change in order to include all levels of educated Emergency Services.

*** No action was taken at this time, as this proposal was presented with a voting date of 2013.

19) Laptops and projectors

*** Ages of the laptops used by EC members were discussed. Many are old and need to be updated or replaced. We need to get some sort of plan in place to begin replacing them and/or updating them. We were instructed that if we have our computers with us to turn them into Andy, who will over see this project.

20) Addition to agenda old business: Barb T will up date us on the KELO Grant.

*** Barb reported on the acceptance of the check from KELO which SDEMTA received. It was decided that the monies they presented to us would be best used for education. Therefore it will go into the funding of the Online EMT Education classes.

NEW BUSINESS

21) National EMS Association meeting in Oklahoma

*** Pres Kurt informed all present that we have been extended an invitation to attend the National EMS Association meeting in Oklahoma. This will be held in February of 2013.

*** He stated that he would like to attend and asked for permission to register. Anyone else interested - Katheryn stated maybe.

*** At this time Margaret F made a motion to send up to 3 people. Amy made a second to that motion. The motion passed with all in favor. (10-10-12)

*** The discussion then turned to the cost of sending representatives...Andy called the question. After some discussion on the matter the majority of those present were still in favor of sending 3. (No motion)

***Pres Kurt then recessed the meeting until Sunday noon after the last session

FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION FROM THE BANQUET

Pres Kurt welcomed all present and recognized the conference committee. As of tonight there were 470 people registered.

The Table of Honor was presented by Gary Langerock, Jeffrey Hauck, Ryan McHaley and Chuck Bell. Our election results were given by VP Gary L

Eric VanDusen is our new president, defeating Joe Schnell and incumbent Kurt Klunder

Jennifer Monson is our new secretary; defeating Elizabeth V and incumbent Linda Georgeson.

Squad 51 from Piedmont won the Trauma Wars.

Lennox Ambulance was awarded first place for SDEMSC for children week.

Sturgis Ambulance was awarded the Sue Schuurmann's award as well as the EMS Service of the Year Award.

The Gary Goertz Scholarship from the Freeman Ambulance Service went to Lindsay Fulton.

The SDEMT of the Year award was awarded to Paul Scheuth.

Danny Hayes was the recipient of the President's Award

Ruth Airheart was awarded the IC Instructor Coordinator of the Year.

CLOSING OF THE BUSINESS MEETING – (CONTINUATION OF THE BUSINESS MEETING FROM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25) - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28)

Pres. Kurt introduced the new officers; Eric VanDusen and Jennifer Monson.

District 4 has a new officer; that being Cindy Bostrom for secretary.

(The budget for 2013 was presented and approved in the general session on Friday morning.)

District Reports

With the exception of district 4, Margaret reported that she has received all districts financial reports

They need to turn in their reports from 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters. District 7 is the only district that did not request educational funds for 2012.

All district spoke of their up coming refresher classes, mini conferences, basic and ALS classes that are either on going or will held in the up coming months.

Katheryn also reported that there will be an IC class in Custer in November.

*** VP Gary brought to our attention that several years ago, it was decided to pay the registration for 3 members of the service named EMS Service of the year. This would be paid for the year immediately following their award. He noted that to his knowledge this has never been done. It was decided that we would go back 3 years and pick up the registration only (no membership dues and no banquet ticket) for three members of the winning services to attend the 2013 conference. This would be paid directly to the service, not to a specific individual.

Such a motion was made by Margaret F with a second by Amy. All in favor – MC (11-10-12)

*** Dates for the 2013 EC meetings are as follows: January 19 and April 20 will be “go to” meetings on the web; the July meeting will be the 27th in Pierre with conference bidding and the Memorial Service at the capitol and the October meeting will be at conference on October 24.

*** Motion by Gary with a second by Rick to approve these dates. All in favor-MC (12-10-12)

*** Tom made a motion that the incoming president select the committee for conference. Barb made a second to that motion. All in favor-MC (13-10-12)

*** Amy made a motion that the SDEMTA match a challenge by District 6 for a 1000 dollar gift to the Andrew Steen family to help defray medical costs. That motion was seconded by Doug. All in favor- MC (14-10-12)

That brings the dollar amount collected to approximately 5400 dollars. Well done, EMT's!!

*** There being no other business to bring before the board, Pres Kurt asked for a motion to adjourn. That

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motion was made by Tom, second by Rick. All in favor-MC (15-10-12)

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Georgeson
SDEMTA Secretary