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**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR EMS PERSONNEL PRACTICE**  
**Full Commission Meeting – Via Phone/Web**  
**December 15, 2017**

**Attendance:** Joe Schmider (Texas), Chair, Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (Colorado), Vice Chair, Stephen Wilson (Alabama), Treasurer, Andy Gienapp (Wyoming), Secretary, Alisa Williams (Mississippi), Guy Dansie (Utah), Wayne Denny (Idaho), Gary Brown (Virginia) Diane Hainsworth (Delaware), Joe House (Kansas)

**Excused:** Donna Tidwell (Tennessee), Keith Wages (Georgia)

**Guests:** Donnie Woodyard (NREMT), Sue Prentiss, Advocate REPLICA, Robert Fox, Golden Crescent Regional Advisory Council, Texas.

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Schmider at 1:03 p.m. EST**

Chair Schmider welcomed the group.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 7-8, 2017**

Alisa Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7-8, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Brown.

Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse stated that she sent minor “housekeeping” non-substantive corrections to both Andy Gienapp and Sue Prentiss.

Andy Gienapp offered a friendly amendment to the motion to adopt suggested non-substantive changes made by Jeanne Marie Bakehouse. Both Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse and Gary Brown agreed.

**Motion Passed 10-0**

**Compact/Advocacy Update**

Ms. Prentiss reported on REPLICA activities including but not limited to:

- Prentiss presented on REPLICA at the International Association of EMS Chiefs (IAEMSC) annual leadership summit December 8, 2017, in Washington, D.C.

Alabama - Colorado - Delaware - Georgia - Idaho - Kansas  
Mississippi -Tennessee - Texas - Utah - Virginia - Wyoming

- 1 • Prentiss presented in an American Ambulance Association webinar on November 1, 2017.
- 2 • Coordinating with Department of Defense Office of Military Families and Community
- 3 Policy.
- 4 • Updating website for upcoming advocacy season.
- 5 • Meeting with IMLC and PT Compact Administrators.
- 6 • Consolidated notices, agenda and minutes into a table in the Compact Governance Section
- 7 of the website.
- 8 • Follow-up on inaugural meeting, minutes, sending acknowledgments, paying related
- 9 invoices.
- 10 • Preparation, support and follow-up for Executive Committee meetings/calls
- 11 -scheduled for today and in Tennessee on February 26-27, 2018.

### 12 **Agreements**

13 The Executive Committee signed off on an agreement for pro-bono legal services from  
14 Attorney Doug Wolfberg, of Page, Wolfberg and Wirth (PWW).

15 The Executive Committee has received two documents from the NREMT: MOU for the  
16 Coordinated Database; and an Agreement for Professional Services and Commission  
17 Administrative Support. Chairman Schmider described the documents as fair proposals, he  
18 also stated that no documents would be signed and finalized without full Commission review  
19 and discussion.

### 20 **Establishing a Rules Committee**

21 In an effort for the Commission to prepare for rulemaking, it needs to establish a Rules  
22 Committee. Sue Prentiss referenced the Bylaws Article VII., Section 2, calling for the  
23 Commission to establish the committees, therefore calling for a vote. Chapter One of the Rule  
24 on Rulemaking, Section 1.3 clarifies the role of the Rules Committee.

25 Alisa Williams made a motion that the Commission establish a Rules Committee. The motion  
26 was seconded by Joe House.

### 27 **Motion Passed 10 - 0**

28 Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse reported that she reached out to Wayne Denny regarding  
29 chairmanship of the Rules Committee and he expressed interest.

30 Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse made a motion to appoint Wayne Denny as chair of the Rules  
31 Committee. The motion was seconded by Joe House.

32 Wayne asked that Commission members interested in working on the Rules Committee to  
33 send him an email.

### 34 **Motion Passed 10-0**

## Next In-person Meeting

An in-person meeting hosted by the Tennessee Office of EMS in Nashville has been scheduled for February 26-27, 2018,. Chair Schmider opened the floor for a discussion regarding the agenda. Discussion followed about holding work sessions focused on rulemaking in person. Wayne Denny stated it was a productive way for the Commission to spend its time. At the Chair's request, Sue Prentiss stated that procedurally the best way to move forward was to open the Commission meeting officially and hold the work sessions as part of the meeting. Members clarified that the meeting is not a public hearing or rulemaking deliberation.

## Compact State Updates

- Wanye Denny had no report from Idaho.
- Joe House reported that Kansas is proceeding with implementing the FBI compliant background check.
- Alisa Williams reported that the Attorney General's Office in Mississippi has reviewed the current statute that authorizes the FBI background checks for her Department of Health and ruled that it does not cover EMS specifically and feels it is best to proceed with separate enabling legislation.
- Gary Brown reported no major REPLICA activities in Virginia. He noted that Virginia is anxious for other states to join.
- Stephen Wilson reported that Alabama is proceeding with legislation to implement the FBI compliant background check.
- Andy Gienapp reported that he is working on updating the EMS regulations in Wyoming, which includes implementing the NREMT exam for initial licensure at the EMT-Basic level.
- Joe Schmider reported that it snowed in Texas, therefore he has no new REPLICA news.
- Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse reported that Colorado is moving forward with changing their laws and regulations to use the word license where certification is currently used. Andy and Guy have been through similar processes and will share their experience with Jeanne Marie.
- Guy Dansie reported that they are making changes to their EMS regulations that are not related to REPLICA, one of which is changing the current period of licensure from four years to two years and adjusting the associated fees.
- Diane Haisnworth reported that Delaware is in a holding pattern.

## Open to Public

Chair Schmider discussed future Executive Committee call dates. The decision was made to continue a schedule of meeting every other Friday unless noted in the "Meetings and Notices Calendar."

Chair Schmider reported that he and Paul Patrick met with the EMS leadership at the IAFF last week. He described the meeting as cordial.

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2 Donnie Woodard was having technical difficulties, however shared his appreciation for the  
3 Commission's work via text.

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5 Chairman Schmider wished a Happy Holidays to all on the call.

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7 Andy Gienapp made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Stephen Wilson.

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9 **Motion passed 10-0**

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12 Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m. EST.

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14 **Prepared by Sue Prentiss on behalf of Andy Gienapp, Secretary, Interstate Compact for EMS**  
15 **Personnel Practice.**

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