

September 23, 2021

- Welcome
 - Called to order 3:00 pm
- Call meeting to order, roll call
 - Joe House took roll call
- Introduce New Commissioners
 - Taz
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- Review of agenda
 - No changes/updates
- Review and approve minutes, April 9, 2021
 - Motion: Indiana
 - Second: Mississippi
 - Vote unanimous; motion approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - 09.17.2021 balance: 17,454.01
 - Wire transfer new balance: 70,772.34
 - Motion: Tim
 - Second: Justin
 - Vote unanimous; motion approved
- Chairman Report
 - JS: Honored to chair, making historic enhancements to the EMS industry
 - Executive Committee Update
 - 22 States in compact and continue to grow
 - 250,000+ providers with privilege to practice (purpose of the Compact)
 - Interviewed for first Executive Director
 - Database became operational
 - Commend the National Registry on making it user friendly for states to upload data and use
 - Strong stakeholders make the Compact possible
 - NREMT
 - Page, Wolfberg, and Wirth
 - NHTSA, Dr. Krohmer was strong supporter and will be greatly missed
 - IAFF
 - AAA
 - NAEMT
 - Executive Director Report
 - The first ED was hired
 - 30 applicants
 - 3 rounds of interviews

- Pleased to announce Ray Mollers as the first ED of the Compact
- Ray Mollers
 - 32 years' experience at Fed level
 - NREMT director of stakeholder relations
 - Lots of vision
 - Quite professional
- RM stated he excited to be in the new role, thanked the EC for the opportunity. Recognized Dan for the exceptional job he has done
- NREMT Update
 - National EMS Coordinated Database Update & Database Administrator Report
 - Alan introduced himself to commissioners
 - Mollers provided an updated on the database
 - Thanked the NR for their support, could not do this without them
 - 108,000 providers in the database for Texas
 - Just shy of 50% of the states having all their data in
 - 3 states are finishing up with have all data in by EOM
 - 1-2 states that have not had much movement building the API to connect
 - ImageTrend states more productive, all states should be loaded by EOY
 - Update on new website
 - Woodyard provided an update on the website
 - Redefining the website, will go live in October
 - Transition of backend; content management functionality is really robust
 - Soft launch, new look and feel, same content
 - Woodyard shared 4 new logos for the Compact
 - Bring together under one umbrella: Replica, Commission, Database
 - One uniform brand/theme
 - Updating historical records and utilize as a central document repository
- Educator Report Update
 - Dan provided an update
 - Continues to receive the question of "How do I get a compact license?"
 - Need to develop an FAQ for website to answer standard routine questions
 - DOD call
 - Huge support of health occupation compacts; great for active-duty spouses, easier transition for changing locations
 - Working with states that do not have compacts
 - With some states able to combine all health compacts in piece of legislation
 - Compacts have proven to be beneficial during COVID, makes portability easier
 - Common issue all compacts are experiencing is the FBI fingerprint background checks
 - 50 states = 50 interpretations
 - Council of State Governments are involved; may need seek federal assistance on this issue
 - Few states actively looking for legislation next year
 - First multi-state compact study is under way; a few regional groups forming to fill gaps
- Rule hearing and vote

- Woodyard motioned to open the hearing to discuss the proposed rule changes; Denny seconded. Motion carried
- Chair Schmider shared the commission was prepared to discuss the proposed rule changes; however, questions have been raised the last three days. Some are editorial and some are clarifications. Chair Schmider recommended postponing the vote to address the questions and make better enhancements to the rules.
 - Chair Schmider asked if any commissioner have questions regarding the rule changes that have been posted for review
 - Dan-no comments have been received on the website
 - Woodyard-explained why this discussion was necessary and shared that the commission is trying to address way to balance accountability for states joining the compact with some of the central core components, one components being the fingerprint background check
 - Woodyard reaffirmed the compact is still in that five-year period from when the when the compact was declared active
 - The states have five years from that date in October of 2017 to become compliant with provisions of the compact so the concern was it might be premature for us to pass this rule amendment
 - Need assurance that all compact states are actively involved in in the database are complying with the requirements of the commission
 - Performing background checks is fundamental and key to the trust that we have in the operations of the compact
- Woodyard motioned that Rules Committee work with the legal team to edit the proposed rule as expeditiously as possible and return it back to the full Commission; Justin seconded. No comments from the commissioners or the public. Motion passed.
 - Re-work will need to go through the 60-day notice process prior to voting
- Wayne motioned to close the hearing to discuss the proposed rule changes; Newton seconded. Motion carried.
- Election
 - Chair Schmider recognized Justin and thanked him for his time in supporting the compact as Member-at-Large
 - Kraig Kinney volunteered for any open position; as there is interest from others for all the open positions he withdrew his name.
 - Vice Chairman
 - Donnie Woodyard
 - Chair Schmider asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none, Denny motioned to close nominations; Taz seconded.
 - Secretary
 - Joe House
 - Chair Schmider asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none, Denny motioned to close nominations; Newton seconded.
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 - Member at Large for one year
 - Gary Brown
 - Chair Schmider asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none, Denny motioned to close nominations; Newton seconded.

As there is only one candidate per position a motion is needed to ratify the nominations. Kinney motioned to accept the three nominees for the positions as listed; Justin seconded. No discussion, vote was unanimous.

- Other business
 - Woodyard shared that in Colorado one of the things they are doing is looking at the legal framework of licenses, consent agreements, and disciplined orders/judgments to make sure that all of that paperwork includes references to the compact and the privilege to practice
 - They have encountered situations where EMS personnel have something in their background that may that individual to function in the state on probation or under a restricted license, which removes the compact privilege to practice
 - Realizing that in 2-3 years that probation status could be removed they are looking at what it would look like to have a license type in the state that grants state license without the compact privilege to practice
 - Happy to discuss with other commissioners
 - Work session at NEMSO-cancelled
 - Chair Schmider asked if it make sense to schedule a virtual work session for non-compact states and partner agencies to learn more about the compact
 - Would be able to share the database and how it works for compact states
 - All were in favor of scheduling and putting an agenda together
- Adjourn
 - Next EC meeting October 1, 2021 @ 1500 ET
 - Next Full Commission in March 2022
 - Motion: Justin Second: Kinney adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

September 23, 2021 attendance:

Commissioners Present:

Donnie Woodyard, Colorado-Vice-Chair
 Diane McGinnis, Delaware
 David Newton, Georgia
 Wayne Denny, Idaho -Treasurer
 Kraig Kinney, Indiana
 Joe House, Kansas-Secretary
 Susan Bailey, Louisiana
 Alisa Williams, Mississippi
 Taz Meyer, Missouri
 Tim Wilson, Nebraska
 Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large
 Christopher Price, North Dakota
 Richard Wisniewski, South Carolina
 Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair
 Guy Dansie, Utah
 Gary Brown, Commonwealth of Virginia

Commissioners Absent:

Jamie Gray, Alabama
 Rebecca Curtiss, Iowa
 Marty Link, South Dakota
 Brandon Ward, Tennessee
 Scott Logan, Wyoming
 Jamie Weller, West Virginia

Note: Brad V., Iowa in attendance on behalf of Commissioner Curtiss (IA)