EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF July 2, 2021

Present:  
Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair  
Donnie Woodyard, Colorado-Vice Chair  
Joe House, Kansas-Secretary  
Wayne Denny, Idaho-Treasurer

Absent:  
Justin Romanello, Member-at-Large, New Hampshire

Guests:  
Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg and Wirth  
Dan Manz, EMS Compact  
Ray Mollers, NREMT  
Josh Tilton, NREMT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2021, and took roll call.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider opened the floor for any comments on the agenda, two changes were requested –

- Noted the start time being listed incorrectly as 3:30pm EST instead of 3:00pm EST. Counsel advised no concerns with a majority present and no major business before the committee.
- Noted that the next EC Meeting was incorrectly listed on the agenda as July 18, 2021 instead of July 16, 2021.

Both changes being made and hearing no other changes, agenda was approved.

MINUTES

House reported that the Executive Committee did convene in executive session to discuss negotiation of contracts and employment matters on Friday, June 18th, 2021, commencing at 3:54pm EST and concluding at 4:31pm EST. Chairman Schmider, Woodyard, Romanello, and House were present as well as legal counsel Doug Wolfberg. There was no action taken during the executive session.

Minutes were distributed on June 18th and no additions or corrections had been received to date.

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 18, 2021. Hearing none, Woodyard moved for approval; Denny seconded. No discussion was noted, and the motion approved without dissent.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Denny provided the treasurer’s report for:

June 4, 2021 – Beginning balance of $34,561, ending balance of $29,641 with a payment made for the Educator. House moved for approval; Woodyard seconded. No discussion was noted, and the motion approved without dissent.
June 18, 2021 – Beginning balance of $29,641, ending balance of $24,766.51 with a payment made for the Educator. Woodyard motioned for approval; House seconded. No discussion was noted, and the motion approved without dissent.

July 2, 2021 – Beginning balance of $24,766.51, ending balance of $24,766.51 with no activity since the June 18th report. Woodyard motioned for approval; House seconded. No discussion was noted, and the motion approved without dissent.

Chair
Chair Schmider provided an update
- Executive Director position
  o Process continues to be ongoing with interviews being conducted.

NREMT
Mollers updated the committee on the following
- Database
  o Progress still going well with Josh adding more states into NEMSCD
  o Goal set for 50% of states to be reporting into the system by the end of August
  o Mollers asked the Commission to start thinking about the next evolution of the database and what improvements/additional functionality we would like to see.
- Website
  o Purchased a new content management system that will offer a more user friendly and manageable website for the commission.
  o Continuing to make interim updates to the existing site until launch of the new platform.
  o Should provide a more professional look with resources easier to find
- Other Topics
  o Mollers asked the Commission to also start thinking about how to incorporate “non-states” into NEMSCD, if that becomes possible. Examples provided were the District of Columbia, DHS, and other federal entities.

Chairman Schmider asked for the website content/development to be an agenda item in a future meeting.

Educator
Manz updated the committee on the following:
- Two states officially began in the EMS Compact yesterday, July 1.
  o Louisiana is working through their process for fingerprint background checks and it is going better than they originally had thought.
  o South Dakota is another split state, licensure of BLS providers separate from Paramedic providers. Meeting with multiple state level entities in South Dakota and they are excited to get started.
- Meeting with National Registry regarding their upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration scheduled to occur on November 5th. Wanted to ensure it was on the committee’s calendar with the opportunity to be another in-person meeting prior to the in-person meeting scheduled in Reno the following week during NASEMSO’s annual conference.
- Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) asked and Manz will be providing a presentation on how the EMS Compact works and an overall perspective on compacts in general during their virtual Leadership Conference being held on July 29th.
- Continuing to assist the Commission with the recruitment process for an Executive Director through the scheduling of interviews
- Legislation
  o Several states still have outstanding Bills waiting for approval, unsure if they are for 2021 or 2022

Chairman Schmider asked that Manz reach out to Alabama for some questions the new full-time EMS director had regarding their state and the EMS Compact.

OTHER BUSINESS
Rules Amendment Update
No discussion at this time. Reminder that any changes would need to be published with adequate notice and time to receive public comment.
Other Commissioner Comments
Woodyard mentioned that Colorado was seeing an increase in requests on knowing whether a privilege to practice existed for a provider or not. In the vein of database evolution, this has prompted a question of how to make this status visible to the provider. Discussion brought up the need for an enhanced Question and Answer section on the website as well as future planning.

Chairman Schmider mentioned that this would also be a good time to start to think about near-term and long-term planning in beginning to develop and lay out a road map for the future. This topic will be added to a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Dia Gainor, NASEMSO – provided additional insight into the FARB request of the EMS Compact. Noted that NASEMSO was originally invited to FARB due to the experience and success with REPLICA. Noted that this success has been credited also with the development of the physician medical licensure compact and physical therapist compact as the foundation for showing that there are multiple ways to handle Compacts.

Ray Moller, NREMT – provided that there was a quick mention at the last FICEMS meeting about HHS possibly considering seeking the authority to issue federal licenses. It was noted that information was provided indicating the baseline to be NREMT certification and state licensure prior to the issuance of a federal license. Chairman Schmider suggested researching this out a little further and reaching out to HHS to identify opportunities for bringing awareness of the EMS Compact to the agency and to find out whether requesting that authority through legislation is needed.

With no further public business, it was noted that there may be a conflict with the Friday, July 16, 2021 meeting. With no pending business items, Denny motioned to cancel the July 16, 2021 meeting. House seconded. Discussion was that Chairman Schmider, Denny, and House had conflicts with the scheduled meeting and a quorum would not be able to be achieved. With no further discussion and no dissent, the motion was approved.

Chairman Schmider noted that we had passed the 3:30 pm start time listed on the agenda and noted that no additional attendees had joined beyond those that were present at 3:00pm when the meeting was called to order.

With no further business brought before the Committee, Woodyard motioned to adjourn; House seconded; no discussion and no dissent noted. Chairman Schmider adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Friday, July 2, 2021.

Next EC conference call is August 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM (EST)

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Joe House, Kansas
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