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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF October 16, 2020

Present: Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair

Donnie Woodyard, Colorado-Vice-Chair

Joe House, Kansas-Secretary

Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-at-Large

Absent: Vacant-Treasurer

Guests:

Gary Brown, Commonwealth of Virginia Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg and Wirth

Wayne Denny, Idaho
Kraig Kenny, Indiana
Sam Vance, Missouri
Dan Manz, EMS Compact

Mark Terry, NREMT
Josh Tilton, NREMT
Sean Smith, NREMT
Tracy Henson, NREMT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider called the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 3:01 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2020 and took roll call.

AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider opened the floor for any comments on the agenda, hearing none, moved on.

MINUTES

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October 2, 2020. Hearing none, Woodyard (Colorado) moved for approval; Romanello (New Hampshire) seconded. Motion approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Commissioner Wilson is no longer with the state of Alabama and per the Bylaws, is unable to continue in his role of Treasurer. Page, Wolfberg and Wirth will become custodians of banking information and will process all EMS Compact financial transactions. A Treasurer will be appointed to fill the vacancy and will over see and audit all banking activity.

Chair Schmider recognized and thanked Commissioner Wilson for his dedication to the Compact and the industry.

NREMT

Tilton reported the following:

- The National Registry is making user interface enhancements to the database
- In the process of adding "Denial of License" function; complete in November
- On target of having four states in production by year end
 - o Could be six, dependent on ImagineTrend
 - Virginia has approximately 33,000 records loaded

For those wishing to log into the site and review data, email Josh Tilton at jtilton@nremt.org and he will provide log-in information. Log-in access will be a topic for greater discussion at the next meeting.

Educator

Manz reported the following:

- The Council of State Governments is responding to an effort to pull together an Interstate Medical Excellence Zone in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C.
 - The Zone would be a regional license reciprocity arrangement that applies to physicians and nurses;
 unsure at this time if it includes EMS or other health professionals
 - Zone is separate from any compact
 - Council of State Governments legal counsel, Rick Masters, has prepared a letter on behalf of the five professional compacts to send to the states involved
 - Letter explains this effort is a huge duplication of existing compacts and points out several different fallacies that in what they are trying to accomplish does not provide as much public protection or accountability as following the compact model does
- State Legislation
 - State-1 with pending legislation discussed at previous meeting; has been put on hold at this time as budget passage is their first order of business when they resume session
 - State-2 is operating a 30-day special session to catch up and the Compact Bill is one of the topics pending action

Other Business

Woodyard (Colorado) shared the Compact has been instrumental in helping with staffing efforts during the forest fire response. The effort has worked very well with the manual process and is excited Colorado will soon be uploading data and will be able to utilize the database moving forward.

Chair Schmider thanked Woodyard for sharing Colorado's experience and asked if he would share his testimonial in a short video to post to the website. Woodyard will research and get back with Chair Schmider.

Full Commissioner meeting January; will be topic for November 6, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

With no further business brought before the Commission, House (Kansas) motioned to adjourn; Romanello (New Hampshire) seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2020.

Next EC conference call is November 6, 2020 at 3:00 PM (EDT)

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Joe House, Kansas

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