EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF November 20, 2020

Present:  Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair  
          Donnie Woodyard, Colorado-Vice-Chair  
          Joe House, Kansas-Secretary  
          Wayne Denny, Idaho-Treasurer  
          Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-at-Large

Absent:

Guests:
          Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg and Wirth  
          Dan Manz, EMS Compact  
          Mark Terry, NREMT  
          Ray Mollers, NREMT  
          Tad Rhodes, NREMT  
          Josh Tilton, 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 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 20, 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 November 6, 2020. Hearing none, House (Kansas) moved for approval; Romanello (New Hampshire) seconded. Motion approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Denny (Idaho) provided an update.  
Current Balance - $19,906.51

NREMT

Tilton updated the committee on the following:
- Colorado has approximately 17,000 records in the production site
- User Interface update on how license denials are viewed
- EMS Compact website is now top priority
- Database Training - 3 levels
  - High level Commissioners-how it works and what it contains
  - Technical Staff – exporting data
  - End User – research staff for privilege to practice purposes
• Need to execute an agreement between the National Registry and the EMS Compact
  o Enable the Compact to continue to conduct business for 2021
• 2020 End of Year report will be provided at January meeting

Moller asked the Commissioners to determine if there are any websites or document resources that the National Registry can provide that would assist the Commission in dispelling some of the recurring false perceptions that are out there or if there are any other identified areas of support that can be provided. Please contact Manz, Tilton or Moller with suggestions.

Educator
Manz updated the committee on the following:
• Council of State Government
  o Alliance for Connected Care proposing to establish medical excellence zones within states in the Washington, D.C. area
  o Establishment of some sort of interstate licensure recognition for healthcare providers with the zones
  o Appears to be a redundant alternative to compacts; the Council of State Government reached out to the group and is close to having them agree to exempt occupations for which there is a compact
• National Association of EMT's Advocacy Council
  o Gave a presentation and provided a status report on the Compact
  o Received a follow-up call from one of the advocates from a non-compact member state who not only is interested in getting his state in this year, but would like to do a regional initiative with three or four other states around him that also are not members yet—seems very promising
• NASEMSO
  o Attended the NASEMSO Executive Committee meeting
  o Will continue to attend monthly meeting
  o A great recruiting tool—stay visible to states that are not part of the Compact and share benefits of joining
• Monthly Report
  o Manz will start to provide the monthly report to the Executive Committee
  o Report will assist the committee in providing effective Compact updates to the community
• Continue outreach to non-Compact states
• Rules Update
  o Tabled to next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS

Promotional Video
• Woodyard (Colorado) made a promotional video presented at a local state conference that has EMS Compact information in it; will share with NREMT to edit and post on website
• Chair Schmider opened the invite to all members to share their compact stories to post on the website

Full Commissioner Meeting
Tabled to next meeting

Council of State Governments
• On October 2, 2020, the Executive Committee authorized up to $500 in support of a collaborative approach with other compacts to engage legal counsel to draft a letter stating the true nature of the immunity language within the statute
• The invoice from Rick Masters, attorney for the Council of State Governments, was more than anticipated, the EMS Compact share is $1,125.
• Manz asked the Executive Committee how they wanted to proceed.
After discussion, Woodyard (Colorado) motioned to pay the invoice as presented, Romanello (New Hampshire) seconded. Motion approved. Chair Schmider instructed Treasurer Denny to pay the invoice in full.

Woodyard (Colorado), suggested the letter be placed on the website under the resource section.

**Database Data**

Manz and commissioners have been meeting with compact states to discuss data

- Data is owned by the state
- The National Registry cannot sell the data
- To sell the data, the National Registry Board and EMS Compact Commissioners would need to vote to change the bylaws and then present it to the public for review and comment; there is no plan to sell data, now or in the future
- The National Registry | EMS Compact will create a FAQ regarding data: storage, security and selling

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Question from the floor, Chris Lake, IAFF, regarding financial sustainability plan of the EMS Compact. Chair Schmider stated the National Registry has agreed to continue to partner with the EMS Compact for as long as there is a need. Most of the compacts in the United States are structured in this manner.

With no further business brought before the Commission, Romanello (New Hampshire) motioned to adjourn; Woodyard (Colorado) seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2020.

Next EC conference call is December 4, 2020 at 3:00 PM (EDT)

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Joe House, Kansas

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