EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF September 3, 2021

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

Absent: None

Guests: Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg and Wirth
Dan Manz, EMS Compact
Ray Mollers, NREMT
Bill Seifarth, NREMT
Ruby Mehrer
Chris Lake
Matti Mendoza

Kraig Kinney, Indiana
Dia Gainor, NASEMSO
Taz Meyer, Missouri
Brandon Roberts
Brad Vanderlune
Jason Derrey

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, September 3, 2021, and took roll call.

AGENDA REVIEW
Chair Schmider opened the floor for any comments on the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

MINUTES
Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 6, 2021. Hearing none, Romanello moved for approval; Woodyard seconded. No discussion and no dissent, the minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer
Denny provided the treasurer’s report for August 6th as well as September 3rd. Woodyard made a motion to approve the August 6th treasurer’s report; House seconded. No discussion and no dissent, the August 6th report was approved. Romanello made a motion to approve the September 3rd treasurer’s report; House seconded. No discussion and no dissent, the September 3rd report was approved.

Chair
Chair Schmider provided an update

- Executive Director position – announced the hiring of Ray Mollers as the Compact’s first Executive Director. Mollers will be starting in the position on September 20, 2021.
- It was noted that the Compact received notification that Commissioner Romanello would be resigning his position as Commissioner effective October 8, 2021. Romanello was thanked for his service to the Compact and his role upon the Executive Committee.
NREMT
Mollers updated the committee:

- Website redesign continues to progress and is on track for content to be loaded around September 15th with a launch set by the end of September.
- NEMSCD data efforts are also on track and a few states were identified as not in contact. Josh Tilton will continue to attempt to establish contact with those states. It was shared that this may be one of the first steps for the Executive Director upon starting.

Woodyard recognized the National Registry for their continued support and specifically upon the website redesign project. He also shared that content can be changed by the Executive Director with this platform and that there was going to be a refresh on logos associated with the Compact.

Educator
Manz provided an update:

- Announcements of the new Executive Director to commissioners, partners, and media outlets had been made.
- Attended and co-presented at a Council of State Governments meeting related to Compacts. Other group included was PsyPAC. Manz noted that this gave attendees a good perspective of how not all compacts are created to the same end, but have very similar components and structure.
- There are states with legislation pending and one of the states expressed a concern with the requirement of a fingerprint based background check. This state believes they will need to run companion legislation with the Compact to allow for the authority to perform the background check.
  - Wolfberg noted that although this continues to be brought up, sharing that a background check has or has not been performed is not sharing the information within the check. It was also noted that there are many health care related Compacts where this is applicable, not just the EMS Compact.

Woodyard complemented Wolfberg and his firm on their support of the EMS Compact, through both the navigating of this fingerprint based background check as well as their assistance with the Treasurer.

OTHER BUSINESS
Rules Amendment Update

- Rule amendments were posted to the EMS Compact website for a 60-day review period
- Rule amendments will be voted on September 23, 2021, at the Commission meeting
- To date there have been no public comments

September 23 @ 15:00 (EST) Commission meeting

Agenda was reviewed for the meeting and the election for the remainder of the term for Member at Large was added

- Hearing upon the Rules amendment
- Elections – Vice-Chair; Secretary; and Member at Large
- Updates

Chair Schmider asked if there were any further revisions to the agenda. Hearing none and without dissent, the proposed agenda for the September 23 Commission meeting was approved and will be sent to Tracy Henson for publishing and posting.

Other Commissioner Comments

There was discussion related to the November working session in Reno during the NASEMSO Annual Meeting. It was determined that due to pandemic restrictions, it may be too early to decide whether this session will occur. An idea was suggested regarding a virtual question and answer session if the November working session did not come to fruition.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Dia Gaugin, NASEMSO, reported that the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) had a Master’s Level Program on Emergency Health Law and Policy that she consulted with and was seeking more information related to the legal aspects of the EMS Compact. This was forwarded to Doug Wolfberg to reach out to assist as he deemed fit.

With no further business brought before the Commission, Romanello motioned to adjourn; Denny seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. Friday, September 3, 2021.

Next EC conference call is September 17, 2021, at 3:00 PM (EST)
Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Joe House, Kansas