

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF April 23, 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:

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, April 23, 2021 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 March 19, 2021. Hearing none, House moved for approval; Denny seconded. Motion approved.

## REPORTS

## Treasurer

Denny submitted the Treasurer's report; the current balance is \$34,517.51. Chair Schmider asked if there were any questions regarding the report. Hearing none, Denny moved for approval; Romanello seconded. Motion approved.

## Chair

Chair Schmider provided an update on the Executive Director position

- ED position update, 27 apps 13 did not follow the process, 1 late, 13 viable applicants
  - 2/13 were early submitters, the process wasn't up and went back and asked them to complete one section of the application, if completed will consider
  - o 8 application that is being set up for an interview for May
  - Narrow to 2/3 and perform a second interview
  - o Chair Schmider thanked Dan for the incredible job he has done

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- Full commission meeting on the 9th discussion
  - o Expressed thoughts that the meeting went well
  - Thanked Woodyard for the handbook
  - Thanked Denny for the bylaw changes work
- Full Commission Dates set for March and September; will look at calendars and start planning out the dates soon, will bring a proposal to the next meeting with NAEMSO for the annual meeting, will be called a work session, will not lose the opportunity.
  - o March
  - September Annual meeting
  - NREMT also look at March and September and report back on the information, Joe Schmider to call next week
- Heads up for the commissioners that have not done it yet, there was a recent Microsoft update that is causing conflict with the Office platform and Microsoft Edge.
- EMSCompact.gov email is not widely used, but we are working with Registry to make sure it remains updated and working.
  - There was a desire expressed to have a log in feature for SharePoint

## NREMT

Tilton updated the committee on the database

- 128,000 providers
- 5 states in the production
- 3 states in QA
- Texas is fully in

## Educator

Manz updated the committee on the following:

- The rules document is updated to reflect the changes
- Future full commission meeting
  - Attended the NAEMSO planning meeting for November
    - In Nevada and in person
    - Time is blocked out for the compact commission to be on the draft schedule; Tuesday afternoon, asked to retain a block of time to keep the meeting
- Media release for south Dakota
  - The map of states is updated to reflect light blue
  - o Legal counsel has reviewed statue as passed, is 100% consistent with compact legislation
- NEMSCD policies
  - 3 addendums
    - Have been reviewed by legal and are now ready for formal consideration
    - What's the process used to adopt them formally?
      - Send it to the full commission and then back to the exec committee for a vote.
      - At the second meeting in May vote, attach the policies to the agenda so that everyone gets a chance to comment before the vote.
  - Policy on developing policies needs to be added
- Legislative season, lots of state activity
  - Several states actively looking at legislation
  - Support states and legislators with good accurate information
  - More news to come, a lot of it will be good news very optimistic
- Any challenges with states meeting FBI req
  - Indiana has no fingerprint but will meet, South Dakota same as Indiana they think it will be possible to get done.
  - What will we do in the future if someone joins without background requirements in place?
- The state wants compact but does not require the NREMT as preliminary testing What do we need to do about that?
  - It precludes that states' providers from having the privilege to practice.

- Asked Woodyard What does the Nursing compact do? There are multiple stages that states must pass to enter the compact.
- Exec Committee to review state compliance.
- Seating the state, seating the commissioner as a formalized process, Chairman Schmider asked our legal counsel to opine in on this and to assist with drafting a possible policy document.
- Mollers shared that every state in the compact now believes that they can meet the FBI background check. If they
  cannot after the deadline, that states' providers would be precluded from the privilege to practice until the state
  meets that requirement. Believes that every state will be honest and upfront with it, but that a mechanism must be
  in place for states to demonstrate adhering to that requirement.
  - Chair Schmider asked how many people will be in the compact?
    - Just shy of 300,000
    - o Need to put this information on the website

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## Data policy

Woodyard shared work continues on the data policy and making good progress. Realize that we are using that to enhance the new agreement with our relationship with the National Registry. June anticipation of the new agreement will seek to clarify data protection. Has not received any additional feedback on the presentation.

Chair Schmider thanked Woodyard for all he does and keeping him and the Compact on the correct course.

## Nominating committee

Denny shared the nominating committee will meet in June to ensure a slate for the two positions the Commission will be looking to vote on in September.

It was announced that Brandon Kelly is the new designated commissioner for the state of Wyoming.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Lake, IAFF – Thank you for your comments. We were kind of disappointed that the letter was read in January and thought it would be discussed at the full board meeting. We were looking forward to seeing a draft of the background checks and data.

Chair Schmider did respond that something will be done very soon and that the importance of appropriately addressing this concern is a priority for the commission.

With no further business brought before the Commission, Romanello motioned to adjourn; Denny seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 3:29 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2021.

Next EC conference call is April 16, 2021 at 3:00 PM (EDT)

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner Joe House, Kansas /tlh



## Treasurer's Report – April 22, 2021

Previous Balance Debits Credits	\$39,391.51 \$0.00 \$0.00	04/02/21
Current Balance	\$39,391.51	04/22/21
Pending Debits Pending Credits Pending Balance	\$4,874.00 \$0.00 \$34,517.51	Educator Payment (April 2021, Check 104)

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Denny,

Idaho Commissioner | Treasurer