

# FP News

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## IAFCCP Welcomes Two New Board Members

This summer the IAFCCP membership elected David Ellis, Program Director for EagleMed, LLC, to the Board Directors. David has worked as an air medical transport professional for over



David Ellis

11 years in both rural and urban settings. He is owner of Essential Education, LLC, where he teaches critical care and safety courses in the Atlanta area. A published author and speaker, David volun-

teers on the Air Medical Journal Editorial Advisory Board as well as other state and national boards. He is an MTLI graduate and is currently pursuing a Masters degree. David is passionate about transport safety and formal education for paramedics.

U.S. Army Capt. Michael Brisson was recently appointed by the IAFCCP Board of Directors to fill the Military Liaison posi-

tion. Michael served in Afghanistan as an Aeromedical Evacuation Officer, functioning as both a paramedic and a Black-



Capt. Michael Brisson

hawk pilot. He has worked as a paramedic for a variety of ALS agencies, often integrating civilian EMS with the MAST missions provided by the U.S. Army. He is a board certified Healthcare

Safety Professional and Hazard Control Manager. He holds a Masters of Public Health, with a concentration in Emergency Management and is currently a doctoral candidate in Public Health, with a specialization in Epidemiology. Michael plans to bolster the campaign for making all military flight medics qualified/certified at the paramedic level, to include eligibility/preparation for the FP-C Exam.



IAFCCP exhibited last month at AMTC in St. Louis, Missouri.

Read more about IAFCCP's participation at AMTC on the following pages.

International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics

**Special points of interest:**

- **EMS Today**  
Feb. 28—March 3, 2012  
Baltimore, MD  
TraCER Feb 28-29  
FP-C/CCP-C Exam Mar 1
- **Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference (CCTMC)**  
April 2-4, 2012  
Nashville, TN  
TraCER Mar 30-31  
FP-C/CCP-C Exam Apr 1



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## Government & Legislative Affairs Committee Update

The Government & Legislative Affairs Committee has been active this year! Federal legislation currently in Congress has the potential to fundamentally change how the medical transport community works. Subsequently, the IAFCCP felt compelled to establish a position that would not only address these pending items, but also address future legislative efforts that have the potential for such a profound change.

As an association representing critical care and flight paramedics who work in a variety of business models, both domestic and inter-

nationally, the IAFCCP must take a position that encompasses our membership as a whole. To that end, we developed the IAFCCP 2011 Legislative Agenda and the IAFCCP Position on Pending Legislation, both of which are available on the IAFCCP website. Please visit the website to view these documents, as well as to learn more about how you can engage your elected officials through advocacy efforts.

The IAFCCP continues to have an active presence on the AAMS Government Relations Committee, and as the GLAC Chair, I am now a member of the planning committee for the

annual Spring AAMS conference in Washington DC.

Through the AAMS Government Relations Committee, the IAFCCP will continue to monitor legislative efforts and push for increased advocacy resources. Through education of our elected representatives, we can be a part of those decisions that affect our ability to work within our chosen profession.

*By Christopher Hall, Vice President,  
GLAC Chairman*

### IAFCCP 2011-2012 Slate of Officers and Directors

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## IAFCCP Offers Educational Opportunities at AMTC



# St. Louis, Missouri St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis, considered the gateway to the west, and this year, a place for many great opportunities. Last month I arrived in St. Louis to find that the Cardinals would be playing in the NLCS just five blocks from my hotel. After checking in, I began to explore the streets of St. Louis alive with Cardinal fanfare and “Occupiers,” to see what it had to offer. My new found experiences were not limited to the city streets, however. This year’s well attended AMTC, held at the America Center Complex, had a lot going on as well.

The IAFCCP sponsored three different sessions this year, including two pre-conference offerings, both of which were held on Sunday and coordinated by two of your board members. Richard Childress was instrumental in bringing back Chris Baker, RN, to speak on the considerations and perils of neonatal transport. Chris, whose presentation was sponsored by Tri-State Careflight, has a wealth of experience in neonatal transport. I personally took home numerous new bits of information on transporting neonates. While my program does transport all ages, I do have to say, the folks who specialize in transporting the smallest patients are truly amazing people.

The afternoon panel session, *Rotors, Wheels, & Chrystal Balls: What is the future of HEMS*, coordinated and monitored by IAFCCP GLAC Chairman, Chris Hall, was an equally inspiring session. Participating on the leadership panel were ACCT Board Chair, Tom Judge; CAMTS Executive Director, Eileen Frazer; AAMS Board Member at Large, Dr. Dave Thomas; and, by proxy, AMOA President, Howard Ragsdale. The format consisted of both prepared responses to questions and an open session where participants were able to directly ask the industries leaders their thoughts on a certain issue. Discussion topics focused on organizational philosophy and the relational impact on the future of HEMS, establishment of a federal lead agency for EMS, and integration of medical transport into national/regional healthcare.

The third educational session offered by the IAFCCP, took place on Wednesday morning. This year the Association partnered with Maquet, who generously agreed to sponsor the critical care lab. As the education chair, it is my responsibility to select vendors for this session. Maquet went above and beyond my expectations. Pam Courcier and Jana Vogler

were, well I have to say, some of the best folks to work with. During our first conference call, I was truly amazed with this company and their willingness to assist. Not only did they offer to provide some instructors and equipment but were willing to absorb any costs associated with the class. On the day of the class, Maquet arrived ready to teach. They not only provided a great overview of cardiac physiology and considerations for transporting critically ill cardiac patients but they also provided three different devices to utilize when transporting these patients. I will say, it is truly amazing the technology we have available to support our patients.

Along with the educational sessions the Association sponsored, we also facilitated issuing Continuing Education credit for paramedics who attend the conference.

This year, a new system was introduced where paramedics recorded a unique ID number for each session they attended. Using this system allowed for a more reliable method for each participant to record and submit their own hours. Aside from a few minor glitches, overall we feel the process worked very well. On a side note, with regard to the CE hours, the IAFCCP appreciates NAACS’ cooperation with the Association to award the education credits for paramedics.

Well, I must say, AMTC 2011 in St. Louis was a great experience overall. My first true visit to St. Louis provided a lifetime of memories. I discovered that St. Louis is home to wonderful people and great food—including some of my new favorites, St. Louis style pizza and butter goey cake. The Cardinals did win the championship, and move on to play the Rangers in the World Series. And while I was not able to attend a game just experiencing the environment was amazing.

The AMTC brought many talented and knowledgeable individuals together who provided excellent education to air medical and critical care professionals from all over the world. I look forward to seeing everyone next year in Seattle.

*Mike Shown IAFCCP Education Chair*



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General Session Topics

- Critical Care Transport Education State of the Union: A Look at Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We are Going
- The Clock is Ticking: Evidence Based Use of HEMS for Time-Sensitive Threats to Life
- Upstairs Care Outside: Top Ten Tricks of the Trade for Bring ICU Level Care to the Transport Environment

And more....

**A full-day of Pediatric breakout sessions**

- Other topics include burn assessment, mechanical ventilation, closed head injury, pain management, life support technology in transport, ventricular assist devices (VADs), sepsis update, stabilization of the multi-trauma patient, surgical abdomen, transport of post cardiac arrest and post PA patients, case studies and lots, lots more!










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**Register at [www.AMPA.org](http://www.AMPA.org)**

### Pre-Conference Highlights

#### Critical Care Procedural Anatomy Program

Critical Care Skills Didactic Session  
April 1, 2012

#### TraCER

March 30-31, 2012

#### FP-C/CCP-C Exams

April 1, 2012

#### Presented by:

Air Medical Physician Association (AMPA)

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International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP)

## CAMTS Update—Board of Directors Meeting October 13-15, 2011

The Board of Directors met in St Louis, MO prior to the AMTC. Dr. Ralph Rogers introduced Dr. Lawrence Steinkraus as the new representative for the AsMA member organization replacing Dr. Nick Lezama. Dr. Steinkraus is the Director of the Aerospace Medicine Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic.

**Announcements:** Ms Tammy Chatman, from Flight For Life in Milwaukee, will be our guest speaker on Saturday. She will be speaking on social networking. We will also honor Dr. John Overton who is leaving our Board of Directors. Dr. Overton will continue as the Managing Editor of the reference book "Safety and Quality in Medical Transport Systems: Creating an Effective Culture" and he will also continue to teach Just Culture. However, he will no longer serve on the Board. Dr. Overton has been hired as a medical advisor to the NTSB.

**Treasurer's Report** was provided by Mr. Smith. The balance sheet was distributed for the July, August and September, 2011. Mr. Smith also introduced a budget for 2012 beginning in January as the fiscal year will now correlate with the calendar year. The 2012 budget passed unanimously. Investment opportunities were discussed and it was decided to purchase short term CDs.

### Executive Director's Report

Ms Frazer provided a report and discussion followed on each topic below:

Aviation fatigue research proposal from Dr. Steven Hursh, President of the Institutes for Behavior Resources, Inc. at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Letters and follow-up with the DOD on criteria for designating accreditation agencies

ARGUS consult update – LauraLee Demmons, one of our senior site surveyors who speaks Spanish, will conduct the first consultation with ARGUS in Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru.

The October newsletter was distributed and the Satisfaction Survey results (survey was emailed to over 200 medical transport services) were reviewed with the Board and will also be discussed at the Town Hall Meeting. At this meeting on Wednesday afternoon, we will provide AMTC attendees with the opportunity to discuss CAMTS issues with staff and Board members. We will also introduce the Levels of Accreditation draft developed initially at the July Board meeting.

MASGIT – Mr. Gryniuk provided an update of the final draft of the Model State Guidelines to be used to standardize EMS among States.

HR1117 and S-1407 drafts were discussed. Ms Frazer will share the latest drafts in dropbox along with the MASGIT final draft.

Consults and upcoming site visits were discussed along with dates and site for future meetings. It was decided to have a January 2012 Board meeting in Dallas and to combine our Spring meeting with the CCTMC in Nashville. There will be six accreditation deliberations for the January meeting and a committee will meet to review and revise the Standards Compliance Tool.

### Committee Reports

Dr. Rogers provided a report on the Executive Committee meeting held on October 12, 2011. The Executive Board reviewed 25 progress reports with no changes accreditation status.

Ms Frazer reported on the following committees:

#### Accreditation Standards Committee

Will meet on October 17 during AMTC and Chaired by LauraLee Demmons. The Subcommittee on Long-range Fixed Wing and Medical Escort Transports will meet on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jeff Tolbert, CEO of AirMed International, will Chair this Subcommittee

#### QM/Site Surveyor Committee

Ms Rogers provided a report from the previous meeting and feedback from the site surveyor evaluations for this meeting.

The site surveyor's luncheon will be held on Monday, October 17 prior to the Accreditation Standards meeting. This year we will honor Jan Eichel, recipient of the Peggy Calhoun Memorial Award for outstanding performance as a site surveyor.

#### Education Division

The Education Division met in Raleigh, NC in September. Reports provided by Dr. Holleran, Mary Holtschneider and Dudley Smith. A new Education Tool was developed with a step by step process to submit HPS education plans. The Education Committee also worked to standardize the

Just Culture education presentations.

Ms Frazer reported on the Just Culture outreach that had been conducted over the past few months.

Ms Frazer gave an update on the reference book entitled "Safety and Quality in Medical Transport Systems: Creating an Effective Culture".

The deadline for chapters to be edited and sent to the publisher – ASHGATE- is November 15 with publication late Spring of 2012.

#### P.R. Committee

We exhibited at the NASEMSE in Reno in September and the NASEMSO in October in Madison, WI.

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**CAMTS Continued...**



State Delegate

**Executive Session** - there were 19 accreditation decisions: 13 full accreditations, 2 Probation, 3 Preliminary Denials and 1 Provisional Action. There were also 2 progress reports presented to the full Board. Congratulations to the following services:

**Reaccreditations:**

AirLife – Urbana, IL	RW	Staff for Life – Columbia, MO	RW
Airlift Northwest – Seattle, WA	RW/FW	Life Flight of Maine – Bangor and Lewiston	RW/G
Air One – Tyler, TX	RW	Life Flight – Missoula, MT	RW/FW
Cleveland Metro Life Flight – Cleveland ,	OHRW/G	LifeNet of South Carolina – Columbia, SC	RW
Enloe Flight Care – Chico, CA	RW	St Mary’s Life Flight – Evansville, IN	RW
Flight For Life – Milwaukee, WI	RW/FW	Travelaire Service– Pueblo, CO	FW
HELP Flight – Billings, MT	RW/FW	Valley Air Care – Harlingen, TX	RW/FW/G
Lifeguard Air Ambulance – Hillsboro, OR	FW		

*Report Provided by Jonathan Gryniuk*

**State Delegate Meeting Held in St. Louis**

Thank you to Alexandra Farnsworth (Hawaii), Dana Clarke (Texas), Jill Dodson (Texas), Jim Cole (Washington), Scott Lail (Texas), Jason Dush (Texas), Mike Clumpner (South Carolina), IAFCPP Board Members David Ellis, Toby Witt, Richard Childress, Cliff Larrabee, Chris Hall, and Monica Newman for being a part of a successful IAFCPP State Delegates Reception!

Due to scheduling obligations, State

During this meeting, items discussed include:

1. Process modification to incorporate multiple State Delegates in larger or more active states to share responsibilities and create manageable levels of activity.
2. Initial state-specific information necessary to allow identification of resources and regulatory sources may require initial increased time

formation sharing amongst State Delegates.

4. As a local contact point, State Delegates will be able to share information and identify legislation/ issues/stakeholders that may affect our members and our industry. State Delegates will have BOD guidance and authority to represent the organization on these issues.

5. 2012 appears to be the year that states start addressing critical care standards, in addition to legislative issues affecting our industry. State Delegate action will be critical in making the push for a larger and unified front.

6. Efforts by the BOD to build and make available media and advocacy toolboxes will continue, with a goal of integration into website resources.

Need to establish monthly conference call to facilitate ongoing communication.

Again, thank you to those that have expressed an interest in being a State Delegate and for your help and patience as we meet these challenges.

*By Christopher Hall, Vice President, GLAC Chairman*



Jim Cole, Scott Lail, Jason Dush, Mike Clumpner, Chris Hall, Alex Farnsworth, Dave Ellis, Jill Dodson, Dana Clarke

Delegate Coordinator Kelly Edwards could not be present. Kelly will be working closely with this group, as well as others who have expressed interest (Eric Spoonhunter of California & Crista Stathers of Pennsylvania) to advance our IAFCPP State Delegates Program.

dedication, but ongoing follow-up and recurrency should be directed at updating needed changes.

3. Website functionality, once implemented, should allow greater utilization in upstream/downstream communication between State Delegates and BOD, as well as lateral in-

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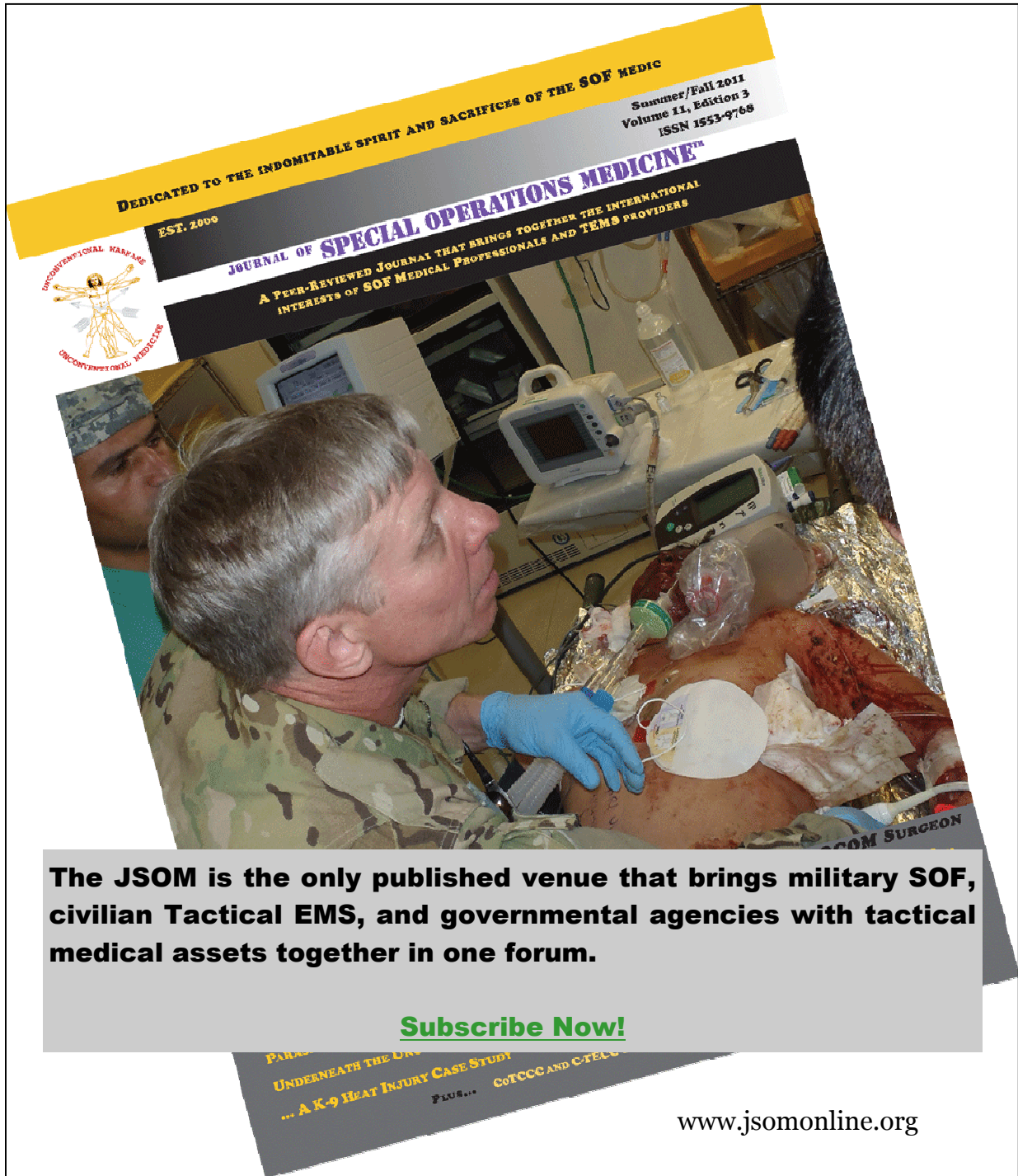
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## Important 2012 Association Dates

- Call for Tim Hynes Award Nominations  
January 2012
- IAFCCP Board Meeting  
CCTMC  
Nashville, TN  
April 1, 2012
- IAFCCP Summer Board Meeting  
Location TBD  
June, 2012
- IAFCCP Fall Board Meeting  
AMTC  
Seattle, WA  
October 22, 2012
- IAFCCP General Membership Meeting  
AMTC  
Seattle, WA  
October 2012. Date TBD.

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