Midyear BOD Meeting

The National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) Board of Directors met for its annual midyear board meeting in Reno Nevada March 5-6, 2020. Each member of our diverse board is greatly appreciated for taking the time and dedicating their efforts and talent in supporting the mission of NAEMSE.

**NAEMSE’s mission is** *Inspiring Educational Excellence.*

NAEMSE is an association focused and on built loyalty, trust, respect and evidenced based practice. As an association we embrace the following Core Values:

**Integrity, Innovation, Leadership, Collaboration, Inclusion, and Trust**

The NAEMSE Board of Directors have recognized the following attributes as criteria for these Core Values:

- Values are the foundation on which we perform work and conduct ourselves.
- In an ever-changing world, core values are constant.
- Core values are not descriptions of the work we do or the strategies we employ to accomplish our mission.
- The values underlie our work, how we interact with each other, and which strategies we employ to fulfill our mission.

NAEMSE empowers the profession of EMS Medical Education through collaboration, education and innovation. The Board’s primary objective is to serve the NAEMSE membership and shape the future of EMS Medical Education.

**Meeting Highlights:**

**EMS Nomenclature Project** – Dr. Bill Robertson has been representing NAEMSE and participating in this important project. The project is now concluded, and no consensus was able to be made regarding changing EMS nomenclature. NAEMSE will continue to monitor and participate in ongoing discussions and meeting as they arise.

**Pre-Hospital Pediatric Readiness Update** – Christopher Metsgar has been representing NAEMSE on this project. HRSA / EMSC published a technical report in January of 2020. NAEMSE may have the opportunity for our members to participate in the development of tool kits for assessment of already created materials.
**Education Standards Project** - NAEMSE continues to lead this project in partnership with the Redflash Group. Dr. Paul Rosenberger, Art Hsieh, Kenny Navarro, and Bryan Ericson are leading the development team for this important project. The current public comment period just closed. The next meeting is postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The next meeting will be rescheduled when time allows. The development team is excited about the works being done and plans to present the detail of the project to the NAEMSE membership soon.

**Cultural Humility Summit** – This project is being championed by Sahaj Khalsa and the board is excited about sponsoring and hosting an 8-hour summit to get all key national players in the same room to discuss the important topic of cultural humility and diversity in EMS. This summit is scheduled to be held before our annual symposium in August. NAEMSE will be inviting key National Associations and EMS influencers to discuss and set best practices. Information will be made available as the details are worked out. Board members leading this project include: Sahaj Khalsa, Christopher Metsgar, Jill Oblak, Dr. Bill Leggio, Dr, Bill Robertson, Leaugeay Barnes, and Ron Lawler.

**Instructor Courses / Faculty Mentee Process** - The IC 1 and IC 2 courses are actively under revision and updating. Recently applications were solicited and NAEMSE received multiple applications. 4 new IC 1 and 3 IC 2 faculty were accepted and agreed to enter into the mentoring process. For the applicants that were not selected, their applications will remain active as we plan on revisiting adding more faculty next year.

**NEMSE Skills Instructor Course** – we are excited to be offering our first pilot EMS Skills Instructor Course. The course was scheduled for April 5-6, 2010 in Shawnee Oklahoma. However, with the current COVID-19 restrictions it needed to be cancelled. It will be rescheduled as soon as feasible. The Board of Directors greatly appreciates all the hard work put in to develop this course by Rusty Gilpin, Jose Garcia, and Christopher Metzger. Without their dedication and hard work this course would have never been developed. We are excited to see this course grow and meet the needs of skills instructors across our nation.

**New NAEMSE Lesson Plan Workshop** – Linda Abrahamson and Connie Matera are working on the development of a very much in demand Lesson Plan Development workshop. Plans are to roll out his new course in 2021.

**NCEE Exam** – NAEMSE is in active collaboration with the International Board of Specialty Certification (IBSC) to offer the Nationally Certified EMS Educator Exam (NCEE) online. This will greatly expand the accessibility of the exam meeting the needs of many who may not be able to arrange to attend the hosting of a paper-based exam. We are targeting a go live launch of the online NCEE exam in September of this year.

**PCRF / Research** – NAEMSE and the Prehospital Care Research Forum (PRCF) are in a very important partnership to help support the development, understanding, and production and publishing of EMS Educational Research. David Page presented to the BOD about the work of the PCRF and how NAEMSE can help to support our combined mission and goals. Working
with PCRF, NAEMSE is actively working to identify areas to better support this mission by involving membership by providing opportunities to assist and support research projects.

**Election of Officers** — The NAEMSE Board of Directors elected the following individuals to serve as officers of the board and association.

- Bryan Ericson — President
- Linda Abrahamson — Vice President
- Dr. Lindi Holt — Treasurer
- Christopher Metsgar — Secretary

**COVID-19**

When the NAEMSE Board of Directors met in Reno, the COVID pandemic was in its infancy and none of us had any idea how this national emergency would evolve. Due to the now declared national emergency all NAEMSE Instructor Course are cancelled thru April 30, 2020. NAEMSE staff are following all National, State, and Local health recommendations and are all working remotely from home and are all available by email if needed.

No one can accurately predict how the COVID-19 pandemic will unfold. NAEMSE will post important updates to all our social networking channels as we adapt and change association business as we navigate these difficult times. Please contact the NAEMSE staff if you have any questions or needs.

For those of you in the front lines, we appreciate you and please do everything necessary to keep you and your families safe!

Thank You,

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