From the President...

Two months ago, I never would have imagined what today would look like. My wife and I were on our way to Amsterdam for a delayed honeymoon (12 years delayed), when the day before our flight, we found ourselves glued to the news. As concerns grew, we stubbornly continued our planned trip and made our way to New York City, where we would spend a couple days and then hop over to Europe. Although my wife had been before, it was my first time; immediately we knew this would be no ordinary visit. The day we landed, all Broadway shows had been shut down, so we planned some bus tours. The second day, the tour routes were shutting down and there was plenty of room on the sidewalks, so we decided to walk. By the third day, the bartender at the empty restaurant in Hell’s Kitchen, let us know that starting tomorrow, we would no longer be able to dine in. At that point we knew we should probably change our plans and not leave the country, so we booked train tickets and planned on detouring to Washington DC. The following morning, we were notified that our train route had been canceled. It was time for us to go home.

Nobody could have predicted the chain of events that preceded the world over the next couple of weeks. We saw essential workers rise to the top, and healthcare change. We saw so many people lose their jobs, children held home from school, and militaries stood up to support our fractured countries. All over the world we saw leadership emerge, best practices born, first responders recognized, and unity amass. If the saying is true that growth occurs during challenge, I would have to believe that we grew.

As for the IAFCCP, we had to make some tough decisions, in collaboration with ASTNA and AMPA we decided to cancel CCTMC. This was a tough decision as we understand the need for events like these to obtain CE’s and network; events like these are an opportunity for our organization to stand up and show off the great work that’s being...
2020 Call for Board Candidate Nominations

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IAFCCP is now accepting Director nominations for two-year terms beginning November 2020 through October 2022.

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Board members are responsible for developing, approving and evaluating programs and activities that benefit IAFCCP members and the paramedic profession. Board members are expected to participate in all scheduled meetings and conference calls.

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be an active IAFCCP member in good standing
- Candidates must be currently certified FP-C®, CCP-C® or CP-C®

Online Candidate Submission Form
FAQs.
2020 Tim Hynes Award Recipient

Every year, the IAFCCP selects an exceptional paramedic who has demonstrated leadership and paramedic professionalism. This year, the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP) is pleased to announce that Josh Steele from Hospital Wing in Memphis, Tennessee is the 2020 Tim Hynes Award recipient.

The Tim Hynes Award recognizes exemplary abilities in leadership, education and safety within the paramedic profession. Tim Hynes was a founding member of the Association who was passionate about his profession. He lost his life, along with his crew, when their helicopter crashed while on a rescue mission in 1998. The IAFCCP changed the name of the Flight Paramedic of the Year Award to the Tim Hynes Award to honor Tim’s spirit and contributions to our profession. Mr. Steele was selected because he exemplifies Tim's commitment to critical care transport.

Mr. Steele started HEMS flying in 2008 and has proven himself to be a leader and an educator in this field, with an ultimate goal to improve patient outcomes. “From the time he started, I immediately recognized that he had a passion for building up clinicians to perform at the optimal level,” said Billy Casey, Director of Clinical Education. “He has made it his primary goal to uplift our profession and expand our scope of practice. This includes him ensuring that we added blood products, ultrasound, and a complete new set of critical care guidelines that brought Hospital Wing into the future of critical care transport medicine,” he added. In his leadership role, Mr. Steele also developed a successful, comprehensive outreach education platform to further augment the EMS community in the Memphis area.

Mr. Steele holds a master’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Administration and serves as Director of Clinical Operations for Hospital Wing.

Embodying the spirit of Tim Hynes and the HEMS industry, the IAFCCP humbly recognizes Josh as the deserving recipient of this year’s Award. His dedication, direction, and ambition to improve the paramedic profession are noteworthy and worthy of this recognition. Mr. Steele is the 22nd recipient of this prestigious award. The official award presentation will be made during the IAFCCCP Membership Meeting held at the Air Medical Transport Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on November 3rd, 2020.

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done for paramedics around the world, through presenters, board meetings, research, and foundation events. However, this year, during this time, we pivoted to advocate for hot-spot cities to expand the utilization of paramedics, we looked to opportunities to inspire and communicate through weekly messages, we continued to plan not for today but for tomorrow.

So today, here we are, braced for change, ready to support you. This is not what we had originally planned two months ago. We know the changes and challenges are those of the most personal kind. We will get through this, together.

By Ryan Walter
Due to COVID-19, we regret that the golf outing has been cancelled for 2020. You can still support the Tim Hynes Foundation by donating through the IAFCCP website.

Donations to help raise awareness and funds to support the SMTA scholarship and activities of the Tim Hynes Foundation.

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Government & Legislative Affairs Committee Update

Late Friday evening, May 15, 2020, the US House of Representatives passed H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act, with a vote of 208-199. This bill is the fourth Coronavirus relief legislative package, with over 1800 pages of text and an estimated cost of over $3 Trillion. Both House and Senate Republicans have raised concerns with H.R. 6800. This expansive bill will certainly face negotiations in the Senate and it is likely any version passed will differ from the bill passed by the House.

As states move to ease travel and social restrictions, meant to prevent transmission and subsequent overload of healthcare facilities, we urge our members to stay vigilant, stay engaged, and stay informed.

As you have likely heard, with the signing of the CARES Act by US President Trump, the US Federal Government has put in place numerous economic provisions to provide financial relief for organizations facing financial challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we encourage all of our international members to stay engaged through their local resources to remain informed on the actions of individual countries, the IAFCCP supports all of our members in staying safe and staying healthy. Together, we face a global healthcare challenge that most of our members have never faced before. As we continue to learn, it is the unknown that we will continue to work to overcome.

As we continue to work through this challenge, the IAFCCP will continue to update our members with information.

Christopher D. Hall, IAFCCP GLAC Chairman

Airlift Northwest Delivers Help in a Time of Need

If you can help, you must act: The founding mission of Airlift Northwest isn’t just a guidance principle, it’s a call to action that the organization honors every day as it provides critical care and medevac services to thousands of patients throughout Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.

That’s why earlier this month, Airlift Northwest staff flew to Gustavus, a community of about 450 people in Southeast Alaska, to provide help of a different sort. This time, the plane wasn’t full of flight nurses and first responders — it was packed with boxes of food and other much-needed items.

Like many small towns in the region, Gustavus has little to no road access and relies on private planes, barges and ferries in the Alaska Marine Highway System for supplies. When the only ferry in service broke down in mid-January, it effectively shut down the highway system and cut off Gustavus from its essential resources.

Enter Airlift Northwest, local grocery store Super Bear IGA and the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida). The three organizations teamed up to coordinate, gather and deliver necessities to the small city.

“Alaskans help each other in times of need, and we are proud to be part of an organization and community that supports this,” says Shelly Deering, regional manager at Airlift Northwest. “By collaborating with Tlingit & Haida and Super Bear IGA, we were able to deliver food and essential goods to our fellow Southeast Alaskans.”

By taking flight, Airlift Northwest was able to deliver vital help and make good on its core promise to act whenever it can.

By Angela Cabotaje
The Huddle UW Medicine
You are invited to contribute to Air Medical Journal!

Air Medical Journal is the official journal of the five leading air medical transport associations in the United States. AMJ is the premier provider of information for the medical transport industry, addressing the unique concerns of medical transport physicians, nurses, pilots, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, communication specialists, and program administrators. The journal contains peer-reviewed practical and clinical articles, case studies, and original research covering all aspects of the critical care transport profession.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us. On March 16, 2020, Prometric announced that they would be shutting down all testing centers worldwide. IBSC exams met the criteria for "essential workforce," as defined by the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and as such we were able to resume testing as an essential services program in a limited capacity on May 1st.

Testing centers for IBSC exams opened at 50% capacity with new rules in place that met specific federal, state, and local social distancing requirements. Open centers have plans to protect exam candidates and testing center staff with the goal of ensuring positive candidate experience while keeping everyone safe. Some of the changes necessary in response to the CDC guidelines. These include requiring all test takers to bring and wear a face mask during the entirety of their time at the test center and limiting points of physical contact between staff and test takers. For a complete list of social distancing and safety procedures for Prometric testing, visit: http://www.prometric.com/sites/default/files/Social%20Distancing-Global%20Test%20Centers%20Reopening.pdf

While testing volume has slowed down, the work behind the scenes continues. This year the FP-C exam was due for a new job analysis. In early February 2020, 9 flight paramedics, educators and administrators from across the country, representing a wide variety of perspectives participated in the job analysis meeting in Baltimore at Prometric.

The 2015 task analysis was reviewed, and the group updated the tasks to represent flight paramedic practice in 2020 and a role delineation survey was sent out with over 1000 responses. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Psychometricians at Prometric is crunching the data and an updated exam blueprint will be published in late summer of 2020.

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Air Medical Journal

Air Medical Journal, the official journal of five leading air medical transport associations in the United States, is the premier provider of information for the medical transport industry. The Journal addresses the unique concerns of medical transport physicians, nurses, pilots, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, communication specialists and program administrators.

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On the heels of the FP-C job analysis, we are also wrapping up the Community Paramedic update. The job analysis survey was distributed, and a new blueprint was developed based upon the feedback collected in the survey that added two new domains (learning outcomes). The previous CP-C job analysis included four domains: Community Based Needs, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Patient Centric Care and Preventative Care and Education. The new blueprint has evolved to have six domains: Community Based Needs remained the same. Interdisciplinary Collaboration was restructured and renamed to cover a wider topic range to address all facets of community paramedicine making it Multidisciplinary Collaboration. Patient/Client Centric Care was altered to focus on the patient and to include a new domain was added that focused on Preventative Care & Education for Patient/Client & Caregiver. Two new sections were added to include topics on Community Paramedic Wellness and Safety and Ethical & Legal Considerations. The CP-C beta exam under the new blueprint will be launched in late June and extend into July. The revision of the CCP-C job analysis is planned for late 2020 to early 2021.

The other project that we are involved with right now is the launch of “IBSC MED”. One of the deficits of pencil/paper exams is the delay in scoring. The IBSC Mobile Exam Delivery (MED) will allow remote sites to use laptops to test in the same way CBT Prometric centers deliver exams. Look for the launch of IBSC MED in conjunction with EMS Expo in September. Pencil/paper will still be available for certain situations (e.g. international testing).

Have you visited the IBSC Store lately? To recognize EMS Week, we have two “specials” for May 17-23, 2020. For every order of $10 or more placed during EMS Week you get a free 20th Anniversary challenge coin. Every day of the week, there will be discounts on different merchandise each day. Visit the IBSC Store at www.aurumsigna.com

Finally, the IBSC celebrates twenty years of offering specialty certification this year. The creation of the original specialty certification process was under the Board for Critical Care Transport Paramedic Certification (BCCTPC) which offered the first official examination at the Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC) in October of 2000. Under the leadership of Graham Pierce as Chairman of the Board, paramedic specialty certification flourished because of the vision and tireless commitment of a small group of paramedic champions. Some of that group from 20 years ago included David O. Bump, John R. Clark, Dr. John Cole, Dr. Robert Donovan, Chris Giller, Lisa Gilmore, Jonathan Gryniuk; Bob Hesse, TJ Kennedy, Brian Schaeffer, and Jackie Stocking. Without their tenacity, paramedic specialty certification would not be celebrating this milestone. Plan to join us at the AMTC Conference to enjoy all of the 20th Anniversary festivities.

Upcoming IAFCCP Meetings

- **IAFCCP Summer Board Meeting**
  July 31 – Aug. 1, 2020
  Las Vegas, NV

- **IAFCCP Board Meeting**
  Oct 31 - Nov. 1, 2020
  Nashville, TN

- **IAFCCP Annual Membership Meeting**
  November 3, 2020
  Nashville, TN

- **Air Medical Transport Conference**
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