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**Examination Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2000  
Maine EMS Conference Room, Augusta**

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Vaniotis, D. Gilman, D. Bahr, J. LeBrun, R. Doughty  
**Absent:** K. Smith, E. Ekholm, D. Kinney

**Staff:** D. White

**1. Call To Order** - The meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m.

- A. Introductions - D. Gilman was introduced to those members who had not made his acquaintance
- B. Assign Timekeeper - D. Bahr
- C. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - CLEAR Booklet; NREMT Exam concerns.

D. White noted that E. Ekholm and D. Kinney had informed him that they would be unable to attend the meeting.

**2. Minutes - April 18, 2000, meeting minutes - review for acceptance**

***Motion: To accept the minutes of the April 18, 2000 meeting (LeBrun; Bahr - motion carries)***

**3. Old Business**

**A. Enhanced Intermediate**

D. White reported that one letter of interest had been received regarding the contract for the additional Intermediate Exam questions, that being from Jacky Vaniotis. Following discussion by Maine EMS staff, she was awarded the contract on May 12, 2000.

J. Vaniotis then stepped down as chair for the duration of the "Intermediate Test Questions" discussion.

J. Vaniotis indicated that she would send the bank of questions to the Committee prior to the June 20, 2000 meeting.

The Committee also discussed the practical evaluation and practical exam and indicated that a section on nebulizer and Nitroglycerine administration should be included. D. White to work on the practical evaluation piece and new Intermediate skillsheet for next month's meeting.

### **B. Examination Process/*Examination Administrators Manual***

The Committee worked on Appendix C of the manual and requested that the Exam Admission Card and Exam Application be updated as necessary. D. White will check with the Attorney Generals Office regarding disclosure of social security numbers.

**D. Exam Committee Priorities/Planning** - Tabled

**E. Exam Accommodation Policy** - Tabled

## **4. New Business -**

A. Additions to the Agenda - CLEAR Booklet

D. White reported that Maine EMS is now receiving the CLEAR Exam Review journal as part of the office's membership to CLEAR

B. Additions to the Agenda - NREMT Exam Concerns

Maine EMS has received a letter from Barbara Demchak, chair of the Region 3 Education Committee expressing concerns about the NREMT Basic EMT Exam scores and a seemingly high failure rate.

D. White reported that all regions changed to the B9 series exam in the Spring of 2000, but that it was too early to form any conclusions as to changes in the pass/fail rates. He indicated that the regions had received the 1998 and 1999 statistics provided by the NREMT.

Committee members discussed their own experience with the new exam series - ranging from high re-test failure rates to 100% pass rates for EMT-B candidates taking the new exam for the first time.

Once this Spring's exams are completed, Maine EMS will obtain those statistics for review.

## **5. Next Meeting**

**The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Maine EMS in Augusta.**

**A. Set Agenda - Next agenda to include:**

1. Examination Process/*Examination Administrators Manual*
2. Examiner Training
3. Enhanced Intermediate
4. Exam Committee Priorities/Planning
5. Exam Accommodation Policy

**6. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White