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**Education Committee**

Wednesday  
11 Oct 2023  
0900-1130

Online via ZOOM: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>  
DeChamplain Conference Room

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Leah Mitchell, Amy Drinkwater, Mike Drinkwater, Aiden Koplovsky, Dennis Russell, Joanne Lebrun, Brian Chamberlin, Cathy Gosselin, Ben Zetterman, Steve Smith

**Members Absent:** Paul Froman, Stephanie Cordwell

**Staff:** Chris Azevedo. Marc Minkler

**Stakeholders:** John Lennon, Patrick Underwood, AJ Gagnon

*“The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”*

**I. Call to Order:**

a. Introductions

- i. Aiden Koplovsky calls the meeting to order, and calls roll at 0901 hrs.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

a. Approval of September 2023 minutes

- i. Motion made by Dennis Russell to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes. Motion is seconded by Leah Mitchell. Spelling correction edit suggested by Dennis Russell. Correction made in the September minutes by Chris Azevedo. Motion for approval is carried.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. None

#### IV. State Update:

- a. Distributed with Agenda prior to meeting.
- b. Chris Azevedo discusses additions to the state report
  - i. Director Hurley has given his resignation, effective 27 Oct 2023.
  - ii. Board approved sunsetting PSEs and fully and permanently transitioning to EMT portfolios.

#### V. Old Business:

- a. Vacant committee positions
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the non-municipal position
  - ii. At-Large Position
  - iii. Aiden Koplovsky discusses Sally Taylor's position as "At-Large" member and process for moving forward regarding the position. An opening in this position would also open the committee Co-Chair position.
  - iv. Committee Chair position
    - 1. As the Board Chair who appointed Aiden Koplovsky has changed, by Board by-laws, it is necessary for the committee to now either select a new Chair or re-appoint Aiden Koplovsky as committee Chair. Either option must be confirmed by the new Board Chair. Discussion by the group.
    - 2. Motion made by Dennis Russell to re-appoint Aiden Koplovsky as committee Chair. Motion is seconded by Brian Chamberlin. No discussion. Motion carries.
- b. AEMT Student Minimum Competencies (SMC)
  - i. Materials distributed in September
  - ii. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the document. There have been no suggestions forwarded to either Aiden Koplovsky or Chris Azevedo.
  - iii. Marc Minkler adds from chat:
    - 1. The AEMT SMC Model Guideline final document is posted now on the NASEMSO website on behalf of the NREMT. It can be found at <https://nasemsso.org/wp-content/uploads/NASEMSO-AEMT-SMC-Final-2023-06.pdf>
  - iv. Leah Mitchell motions that the proposed AEMT SMC numbers be put to the Board. The motion is seconded by Cathy Gosselin. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- c. Candidate re-entry process
  - i. A DRAFT of standards for a training center program for EMT licensure re-entry candidates was distributed to the group in September. The goal was for the group to review the standard and submit feedback or comments to either Aiden Koplovsky or to Chris Azevedo.
  - ii. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the re-entry program standards DRAFT and queries the group for thoughts and discussion.

1. There were no feedback comments submitted to the committee Chair or Maine EMS regarding the documents.
    2. Discussion.
  - iii. Motion by Joanne Lebrun to accept and seconded by Dennis. Discussion. Motion carried.
  - iv. Joanne Lebrun discusses communicating the plan for sunseting PSEs with clarity regarding availability of PSEs and who can and cannot take the PSE.
- d. November meeting – Samoset
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses possible meeting at Samoset.
  - ii. There will be an “IC Day” at the Samoset conference
  - iii. Aiden posts a link for a poll for meeting preference for November.
    1. <https://forms.gle/RbhYEwr76BXYz9qJ8>
- e. PIFT
  - i. Aiden discusses PIFT.
  - ii. Brian Chamberlin asks if the group has made it clear to the IFT committee that if PIFT is dropped from licensure course curricula, the capability to perform PIFT transports in the field will be directly affected.
    1. Discussion by the group.

## VI. **New Business**

- a. 2023 Protocol Change document
  - i. This is an Excel spread sheet, with each protocol section having its own tab.
  - ii. This has been distributed to all training centers.

## VII. **Next Meeting**

- a. Items for next agenda
  - i. PIFT updates
    1. How many instructors are still eligible to teach the course?
- b. Date and time: TBD

## VIII. **Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Amy Drinkwater and seconded by Brian Chamberlin. Meeting adjourned at 0944 hrs.