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AGENDA

Education Committee – September 10, 2025

Virtual via ZOOM: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

- 1) Introductions/Call to Order
Aiden Koplovsky, Dennis Russell, Amy Drinkwater, Leah Mitchell, Cathy Gosselin, Joanne Lebrun, Ben Zetterman, TW Williams, AJ Gagon, Paul Froman,
- 2) Maine EMS Mission Statement
"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 clinicians. All members of this board should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this board, we commit to serve the respective clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."
- 3) Public Comment
 - a. None
- 4) Approval of previous minutes
 - a. **Motion to approve July 2025 minutes**
- 5) Changes to agenda
 - a. None
- 6) State update
 - a. Jason Oko discussed the webinar that he and Aiden had completed regarding the evolution of EMS. The webinar was well attended and is hopeful for more webinars in the future.
 - b. John DeArmond discussed the ongoing issue/s pertaining to online initial instructor programs. That, despite a program being marketed as a suitable program, it is the belief of MEMS that the Doctor Medic Instructor program is not sufficient to lead to initial licensing of a new EMS instructor in the State of Maine. Discussion within the meeting as to what is currently acceptable and what is not. Approved course lists are based on a full review and audit of a program, which requires significant time to complete.
 - c. National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) is still experiencing issues with its information technology systems that are a combined age of forty-five years old. Currently, MEMS is receiving pass/fail notifications of EMS Clinician candidates in a timely manner.
 - d. Grant funding. Issues with lump sum payments from the State. The State is used to having receipts for services provided prior to issuing payments. AJ Gagon, Dennis Russell, and Don Sheets spoke to the immediate and long-term impact of not having the funding available that affects the entire spectrum of EMS education.

- e. Protocol updates. On time with four webinars over the next two and a half months. Online recording will be provided within the MEMSEd Learning Management System (LMS). Each webinar is capable of handling 500 registrants. MEMS will see if additional capacity is available.

7) Old Business

- a. Chapter 9 discussion: Discussion from Aiden Koplovsky regarding the process of rule modification and changes. Consulted with Jason Cooney relating to the complexities pertaining to the rule process. Will hand this over to the incoming Chair.
- b. Invasive procedures: Ongoing lengthy discussion regarding invasive procedures, with the discussion being tabled numerous times. Current Training Center (TC) standards do not specifically reference the interpretations regarding this. The TC standards require TCs to have specific policies on the management of invasive procedures. At this point, the requirement is that the TC needs to have a policy addressing this.

8) New Business

- a. Presentation of candidates for Education Committee Chair
Discussion between the MEMS Education Coordinator and the current Chair on the best way forward in electing a new Chair. Currently, no specific process outlining the details for the selection, one of which is conducting interviews.

In the interest of time, a formal interview process is not necessary, and the development of interview questions and the formalized process would not be in the best interest of everyone's time. A decision was made to allow the individual to present themselves to the Committee and allow the Committee to ask questions. Resumes/CVs have been provided to the Committee members

- i. Amy Drinkwater
Introduced herself. Provided background of her professional involvement within MEMS. Her accomplishments and goals for the system and EMS education. The chair asked if the Committee had any questions for Amy; there were none.
- ii. Dr. Paul Froman
Introduced himself, provided background of her professional involvement within MEMS. His accomplishments and goals for the system and EMS education. The chair asked if the Committee had any questions for Amy; there were none.
- iii. Vote: 7 for Paul Froman, and 5 for Amy Drinkwater
Majority for Paul Froman, with his name being presented to the MEMS Board Chair to confirm.

- 9) Motion to adjourn by Aiden Koplovsky. Seconded by Paul Froman, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 09:49

- 10) Next Meeting October 10, 2025, at 0900.

Minutes by: John A. DeArmond