

Greetings Board Members,

I apologize for missing the meeting- I have an appointment to drop a child off for college that I cannot miss.

I have provided information for my usual update below and asked Jason Oko to help answer or collect any questions about my updates.

2026 EMS Awards

After being rescheduled, our 2026 Maine EMS Awards ceremony is complete. We had a great crowd, and the EMS memorial ceremony before the Awards is always deeply meaningful. I want to send a HUGE Thank you to our Board members and Bill, for helping with hosting, nominations and voting, and to the Maine EMS Staff- without their support we would not be able to put on such a great event. There were some issues with the audio in the moment (kind of a tradition) but luckily Jason Oko had a desktop microphone for our livestream and it worked great! I have included the link to the livestream recording here-

[Maine EMS 2026 EMS Awards Ceremony](#) (also available on our website.)

Staffing:

We have made an offer for the open Education Coordinator

Data and Health Preparedness Coord. Will post next.

Positions for CCT/Wellness Coord, Licensing Agent and RHCTP Grant Manager are still with HR awaiting posting.

We have requested 5 positions in the new budget- a Deputy, Stroke Coord, Trauma Coord, Licensing Agent and a Regional Education Coordinator. These requests have to be reviewed by the incoming administration

Legislative:

We have submitted the two draft bills I have discussed previously.

These will go to Revisors Office and then need Sponsors.

RHCTP:

The RFA submissions for the first round of C/P funding are complete and will go for panel review and scoring next. There have been some administrative delays in completing the MOU, which has unavoidably delayed another part of our project- the "Central IFT Study". We expect those issues to be resolved soon.

NASEMSO:

Just a reminder that Maine will be hosting the East Region Conference for the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) in Portland in late October. This is a great chance for our team to compare notes and discuss issues and trends with our NE area peers in other State offices. I want to especially Thank Marc Minkler for the extra work he has done to support scheduling and supporting this.

Thanks for reading- please let Jason (or me) know if you have questions,

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