



VAGEMSA Meeting February 2, 2018 Richmond Marriott Short Pump, Glen Allen, VA

President Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 10:30 hours at the Richmond Marriott Short Pump, Glen Allen, VA. President Critzer welcomed everyone to the meeting, lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters in public safety.

Corrections to February 2 draft minutes were announced by the secretary. The minutes were approved as amended.

Officer Reports:

- President's Report, Gary Critzer – Busy Legislative session with many officers attending many meetings addressing legislative issues. Attended at least 2 meetings of Fire/EMS caucus meetings at VAVRS with several other public safety stake holders regarding legislation and legislative initiatives. They also develop a legislative packet for the house and senate members.
- 1st Vice President, Rob Lawrence - Deferred to latter report.
- 2nd Vice President, Jeff Meyer – Discussed upgrades to the website and encouraged members to sign up for the listserve. Needs patches and logos for website. Need help staffing booth at VFCA conference.
- Secretary, Dan Norville – No Report
- Immediate Past President, Eddie Ferguson – Fire-Rescue Conference update. Thanks to OEMS and Debbie Akers for CEU support. He discussed other opportunities at the conference. Thanked Dan Norville / Norfolk Fire-Rescue for help in providing “victims” for the TECC class.
- Treasurer's report, Ray Whatley – January 18 balance of \$1,936.74. Dispersed a payment of \$862.50 for lobbyist services leaving January 31 balance of \$1,074.24. VAGEMSA coins and clothing items are available for purchase.
- OEMS Reports –
 - Mr. Faison – Update on OEMS scholarships. First cycle launched November of 2017. Second cycle opens February 28. In the first cycle 154 applications were received, 93 considered complete, 61 are still in pending status. Web based program with some technical issues that they are working through. Staff working with first cycle applicants who have had difficulties. Of 154, 34 have been awarded and expect number to rise. 35 EMT, 6 Intermediate and 57 for PMs? Request from floor that online, web based, classes be considered for funding. Discussion regarding length of time required for process, webinars and improvements needed.
 - Mr. Brown advises quarterly reports are on the website and encourages members to stay for the GAB meeting.

- Lobbyist's Report, Ed Rhodes – Gary Critzer thanked Mr. Rhodes for his dedication and long hours in support of VAGEMSA. Mr. Rhodes advised that there are 19 new delegates and a new building. 2900 bills introduced 2450 still pending. Several Fire and EMS bills were discussed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Gary Critzer reported that the executive committee requests the body's support opposing HB777. A motion was made, seconded and passed to oppose HB777.

Rob Lawrence discussed the "super rural areas" and recommended Medicare changes that could negatively impact fee for service collections. He encouraged members to participate in EMS on the Hill.

Committee Reports: (More detailed reports can be found in the EMS Quarterly Report booklet found online the VA OEMS web site)

- Communications:
- Provider Health & Safety:
- Emergency Management:
- FARC:
- LAP:
- T&C: Discussed potential changes to CPR and work continues on Consolidated Test Sites.
- Medevac:
- MDC:
- Rules & Regs: Changes requires policies that address provider fatigue and emergency response (lights and sirens)
- Transportation: VSP and VDOT are developing a recommended Statewide SOP for Towing companies. Auto dispatch of towing resources would be involved. VA511 has an updated app.
- Workforce Development: Discussed Standards of Excellence recognitions. Officer development is continuing.

For the Good

Mr. Brown addressed his thanks to VAGEMSA for their efforts at the General Assembly.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held May 4th, 2018, along with the other OEMS meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Norville

****Note:** Page 3 is the "List of Attendees Present" and was not attached to reduce copy costs. **

List of Attendees Present

Dan Norville, Norfolk Fire-Rescue
William Ferguson, Franklin County
Jose Salazar, LCFR
Jeff Meyer, PFRES
Ray Whatley, AFD
Byron Andrews, AFD
Brian Hricik, AFD
Frank Kinnier, Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Dan Dillon, Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Robert Trimmer, Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Dan Altice, Roanoke County Fire & Rescue
Brian McRay, ODEMSA
Jason Roach, RAA
Michael McMahan, TEMS
Amy Ashe, PEMS
Larry A Oliver, Frederick Co. Fire & Rescue
Gary Critzer, Waynesboro DEM/EMS
Rob Lawrence, Richmond Ambulance Service
Eddie Ferguson, Goochland Co. Fire-Rescue
Lori Knowles, Stafford Co. Fire & Rescue
Jason Ferguson, Botetourt Fire & EMS
Robert Ryalls, James City Co. Fire & EMS (ret)
Ed Rhodes
Rob Logan, WVEMS
Craig Evans, NVEMS
Dr George Lindbeck, OEMS
Valerie Quick, TJEMS / UVA
Ed Moreland, CSEMS
Cam Crittenden, OEMS
Gary Brown, OEMS
Warren Short, OEMS
Adam Harrell, OEMS
Scott Winston, OEMS
Sam Burnette, OEMS
Tim Perkins, OEMS
Chuck Faison, OEMS
Deborah Akers, OEMS
Chris Vernovai, HCVRS
Matt Lawler, Augusta Co Fire-Rescue
Jeff Michael, Rockingham County