



### **VAGEMSA Meeting November 8, 2018 Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA**

President Gary Critzer called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours at the Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA. President Critzer welcomed everyone to the meeting, lead the group in a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and EMS providers and the Pledge of Allegiance. The prior minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Officer Reports:**

- President's Report – Brief report of activities
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Reported on participating in a CMS teleconference regarding “cost drivers”.
- Treasurer's report – Ray Whatley reported current balance is \$1,435.13. Dues payment forms are available as well as pay today capability. Shirts and coins are also available for sale.
- OEMS Reports –
  - Scott Winstead reported that there were over 1500 participants at symposium. OEMS is reviewing the finger printing process. Considering outsourcing. Total rewrite of EMS Code. Chapter 31 being repealed and replaced with Chapter 32. Crosswalk / comparison to be completed and published. REPLICA is now the law of the land with 16 states having ratified it. Virginia was number 3.
  - Warren Short reported that the scholarship process was again being revised to, hopefully, streamline it.
  - Gary Critzer is now chair of the Governor's Advisory Board, and Eddie Fergusson is Vice Chair.
- Lobbyist's Report – Some legislation coming forward regard weapons on fire and EMS vehicles. School safety committee recommendations published recommendations and requested that regional councils be added to locality school safety committee. Virginia Ambulance Association requested that Private ambulances have toll free status to roadways. Stakeholders met and discussed annual agenda that includes; cancer presumption, VFA requests funding increase, Building code review.
- Allison Bloom made presentation regarding National EMS Management Association and credentialing.

#### **Old Business:**

Jose Salazar thanked the committee for their work. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the organization.

For President, Jeff Meyer; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Robert Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Brian Hrisck; Treasurer, Ray Whatley; Secretary, Dan Norville

The chair explained that the President and 1<sup>st</sup> VP positions are, by our constitution and by-laws, “progressive”.

The floor was asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, nominations were closed. A voice vote was held, hearing no opposition the chair moved, and a second received, for a motion to cast a unanimous ballot. Unanimous ballot was approved. Congratulations were given to the new officers.

**New Business:**

The chair requested that VAGEMSA take a position apposing the firearms bill. A motion was made to oppose the bill. The motion passed by voice vote without dissent.

**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:
- Medevac:
- MDC: Committee is to review Scope of Practice and Formulary.
- Rules & Regs:
- Transportation:
- Workforce Development: They have completed the last Officer I BETA class.

The next meeting will be held February 8, 2019, 1000 hrs at regular GAB meetings. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting a raffle of contributed door prizes was held. Many thanks for the vendors and agencies that contributed.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Norville

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