



VAGEMSA Meeting Thursday November 7, 2019 at Hilton Main located in Norfolk, VA.

President Jeff Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm at Hilton Main (Energy Room 1) located in Norfolk, VA. President Meyer welcomed everyone to the meeting, asked if anyone had any specific members to be remembered then lead the group in a moment of silence in recognition of fallen EMS providers and firefighters. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions were made.

The previous minutes from August 2, 2019 were offered for discussion. There was no discussion or requested changes, so a motion was made and seconded to accept as written – the motion carried.

Officers Reports:

- President's Report – President Meyer report on the executive committee did meet in preparation for this meeting to discuss. Items discussed during the meeting included membership update and legislative items
- 1st Vice President Report – No Report
- 2nd Vice President Report – Brian Hricik – Brian also gave an update on recruitment, membership updates and billing. Brian encouraged the membership to assist inviting new agencies the VAGEMSA booth at the symposium in the vendor hall located in the Marriott hotel. New applications will be accept here.
- Treasurer's Report – Ray Whatley – Membership invoices are out. Beginning Balance \$601.83 in August 2019, with receipt of payments of \$1152.48. With expenditures of \$1,271.21 gives us a balance of \$483.10. Treasure Whatley review the invoicing process with the membership.
- Secretary's Report – No Report.
- Special Projects Report – Chief Eddie Ferguson gave report on VAGEMSA support of the 2020 Virginia Fire Rescue Conference. VAGEMSA supports the conference by providing EMS CE hours for all classes held at the conference. As part of the support VFRC is providing VAGEMSA with commentary vendor booth.

Lobbyist's Report – Report is on file. Ed Rhodes reports that it has been very busy 6 weeks working with numerous other organizations on cancer presumption bill. He reports that JLRC report will be available on December the 16th. In addition, there are reports that the following legislation may be introduce to allow public traffic safety vehicles to use red lights and serein's and the use of firearms and fire trucks and ambulances. President Meyer reminded everyone that VAGEMS took neutral position on the use of RSL by public traffic safety vehicles and VAGEMSA was against past firearm bills. There was discussion on traffic safety vehicles.

Chief Ed Brazil with Virginia Beach EMS discussed workers compensation presumption law as it pertains the uniform EMS employees not being covered under the current code. The City of Virginia Beach (part of their legislative package) has agree to submit legislation to add salaried EMS employees to the current code. There was discussion on which other localities may be effective by this legislation.

President Meyer report on attending the Virginia Fire and EMS Stakeholder 2020 Legislative and review the top items that were going to be addressed in the report.

There was discussion held about 911 dispatchers being recognized as public safety.

Office of EMS Report – No Report

Old Business:

No Reports

New Business:

No Reports

GAB Committee Reports: (More detailed reports can be found in the EMS Quarterly Report booklet found online at the OEMS website)

- Discussion about background check to now include non EMS provider's afflicted with an EMS Agency.
- Thomas E. Schwalenberg with Chesapeake FD led a discussion on the mental health survey that was presented that EMS advisory board meeting yesterday.
- Legislative and Planning – Held a special session to the reviewed the State EMS Plan which was approved by the EMS Advisory Board yesterday.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the association to continue our annual financial support of symposium.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 04:40 p.m.