



**VAGEMSA Meeting May 6, 2016, Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, VA**

President Eddie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:30 hours at the Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, VA. President Ferguson welcomed everyone to the meeting, led the group in a moment of silence for fallen firefighters and EMS providers. He then led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Introduction of Attendees

**Officer Reports:**

- President's Report – Eddie Ferguson advised that a lot has been going on with legislature. Working with other organizations to insure our needs are heard. Thanks to all for work with State Fire Chiefs Conference. Four classes were offered and very well received. Special thanks to presenters and OEMS staff for presentations and CE hours. Circulated VFCA letter of appreciation. VAGEMSA has already been asked to partner next year. Will be submitting CE for Virginia Fire Officers Academy. The chair reported that an executive committee teleconference was held on March the 4<sup>th</sup> where we discussed: 1) Setting goals for the organization. 2) We are seeking grants and funding for promotions and outreach opportunities. 3) ACS Report. 4) I-99 Intermediate certification. 5) Mobile Integrated Healthcare. 6) ICD 10 and Nemsis 3. Other goals are to increase membership. Offer Logo wear and accessories.

Chip Decker will represent us on Transportation Committee. Chief McGregor to represent us Rules and Regulations committee.

Fire/EMS Stake Holders Meeting “Expanding Virginia Fire and EMS Influence” date is approaching. All are invited to attend.

- Treasurer's report – Ray Whatley presented the treasurer's report. Previous balance \$287.50 several expenditures for logo set up and web site work. Thanks to all who paid dues this morning. Balance as of yesterday \$1,022.67.

Eddie added that 2 largest expenses are Lobbyist fee and annual contribution to EMS Symposium. We will be switching from calendar year to Fiscal Year billing. He also announced that the membership fee increase introduced at the November 2015 meeting and discussed at the February 2016 meeting will be offered as a recommendation later in the meeting.

- Other Officer's Reports
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gary Critzer discussed ongoing activity with ACS review of Virginia's Trauma System. State task force developed to review ACS findings and work on Trauma

System Plan. Several workgroups were formed and members were invited to participate and provide input. Additional information is available on the OEMS website.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Rob Lawrence attended EMS Transformation Summit in Washington, DC. Heard topics such as CMS billing changes regarding quality vs. quantity, EMS Compass, etc. Training and education discussed as well as discussion of ALS vs BLS. He also attended EMS on the Hill.
  - Chief McGregor added that 4 bills were discussed. 1) House bill to allow ems to dispense schedule meds by standing orders. 2) EMS Field Bill 3) Veteran's EMT Support Act 4) to Establish an National EMS Memorial. Additional information and how you can become involved is on the NAEMT.org website advocacy tab.
  - Gary Critzer reminded all of the Virginia Fire/EMS Memorial on Saturday June 4th at the Richmond International Raceway.
- OEMS Reports – Gary Brown offered the EMS Quarterly Report to all for review.
- Lobbyist's Report – Copies of the Lobbyist's report were passed out. Several bills and 1 budget amendment handled this session. Discussed some bills of interest. Discussed LOD injury and death benefits and changes.
- **Old Business:**

A motion was made and seconded to increase annual agency dues from \$75.00 to \$100.00, to increase additional individual dues from \$15.00 to \$25.00 and to move dues billing schedule to the July to June fiscal year. Motion carried.
- **New Business:**

Jim Chandler rose in recognizing Director Bruce Edwards for his outstanding contributions to EMS in Virginia Beach, the TEMS Region, the Commonwealth and the Nation. A Motion was made and seconded to grant Lifetime Membership to Bruce Edwards. Motion carried. Lifetime Member Status Presentations were made to Chief Rob Ryalls and Bruce Edwards.

Brian Hodges from OEMS presented information regarding VPHIB migration and NEMSIS 3. He discussed some challenges and opportunities he has found while working on the system. He stated December 31 as final compliance date for all agencies. Eddie thanked him for his continuing support of agencies.

President Ferguson request member input on VAGEMSA sponsored offerings to the 2017 VFCA Conference. He also discussed continued recruitment efforts.

Minutes from 2-8-2016 were corrected and approved as amended.

Gary Critzer offered comments regarding the Fire Officer 101 program. He suggested we potentially work to integrate EMS specific information into the course. He is seeking support to pursue moving forward.

- Committee Reports: (More detailed reports can be found in the EMS Quarterly Report booklet found on line the VA OEMS web site)
  - FARC – Pretty active meeting. Agencies reminded awards made last July are due to be paid out by June 31. If you are behind you should request an extension. RSAF Guidelines have been updated online and members were reminded that payments would now be done through EVA.
  - Provider Health and Safety – Working on monthly safety bulletins for the OEMS website. Encouraging pursuing mental and physical health by providers and agencies. Stressed the importance of watching out for each other.
  - Communications – Several items discussed. Took two actions recommended 1) all agencies should obtain Federal Interoperable Channels and 2) that all RSAF grant funded radios must have the appropriate Federal Interoperable Channels.
  - Training and Certification – Intermediate 99 still working on options for the future. Several informational webinars have been held. NREMT stated they would maintain through 2019-20. Textbooks are becoming an issue. Intermediates will be maintained in perpetuity.
  - Rules and Regulations – Regulations are up for periodic review. Monitor OEMS website for more. Public comment period should be announced in June or July. Affiliation was not added back into regulations.
  - Transportation – Reviewed 38 RSAF grant requests. Will be discussing new ambulance standards for adoption in Virginia.
  - Medevac – Members will be presenting to VHAC regarding helicopter, inter-facility STEMI time study. Drone safety information is available through Tim Perkins.
  - Workforce Development – Standards of Excellence available for all agencies. Work sheets are available at OEMS. Officer development still working on program.
  - Legislation and Planning – Updating the State EMS Plan.
  - Communications – Some frustration from representative regarding VETA's governance of committee.
- President Ferguson reminded all members of the GAB Meeting to be held at 1300 and encouraged members to attend. With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, along with the other OEMS meetings.

## List of Attendees Present

Dan Norville, Norfolk Fire-Rescue  
Mark Garnett, Caroline Fire/Rescue  
Damien Coy, ODEMSA  
Lisa Baber, New Kent  
A L Thompson, Bon Secours  
Dr Allen Yee, Chesterfield Fire & EMS  
Robert Trimmer, Chesterfield Fire & EMS  
Warren Short, OEMS  
Robert S. Ryalls, James City County Fire/EMS  
Ricky Matiak, Caroline Fire-Rescue  
William Ferguson, Franklin Co. Public Safety  
Jason Ferguson, Botetourt Fire & EMS  
Heather Childress, Lynchburg Fire  
Brian Hricik, Alexandria Fire  
Bruce Edwards, Virginia Beach EMS  
Lori Knowles, Stafford County  
Chip Decker, Richmond Ambulance Authority  
Steve Elliott, Albemarle County  
Richard Jordan, Petersburg Fire Rescue  
Tim McKay, Chesterfield Fire & EMS  
Jason Jenkins, Fairfax County Fire  
Jim Chandler, Tidewater EMS Council  
Greg Leitz, Spotsylvania Co.  
Greg Fleck, Spotsylvania Co.  
Kristen Hawk, Louisa Fire/EMS  
Marcia Pescitani, WV EMS Council  
Jenna Jacobs, PEMS  
Tim Perkins, OEMS  
George Lindbeck, OEMS  
Michael Berg, OEMS  
Gary Brown, OEMS  
Amanda Davis, OEMS  
Chad Blosser, CS EMS Council  
Bryan Hodges, OEMS  
Scott Winston, OEMS  
Jeff Michael, Rockingham County  
Larry A Oliver, Frederick County  
Rob Logan, WV EMS Council  
Marilyn McLeod, Medical Direction Committee  
Jose Salazar, LCFR  
Terrence McGregor, LCES  
Ray Whatley, Alexandria