



VAGEMSA Meeting November 10, 2016, Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA

President Eddie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours at the Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA. President Ferguson welcomed everyone to the meeting, lead the group in a moment of silence for fallen brothers and sisters and the Pledge of Allegiance. He also updated the members regarding Mr. Kent Weber, a motion was made, seconded and passed that the President is authorized to expend what funds are needed to provide a suitable recognition to Mr. Weber on our behalf. This was followed by individual introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Agendas and previous minutes were distributed and approved as corrected.

Officer Reports:

- President's Report – The President sent a letter of support regarding Protecting Patient Access to Medication to the Congress. Attended several meetings including EMS Stakeholders Conference Call, Virginia Fire SC Stakeholders, a special called Legislation and Planning Meeting to discuss the State EMS Plan, LODA with Representative Jones, VFCA Conference planning meeting. VAGEMSA supported Virginia Fire Officers Academy and Chiefs Academy with EMS CEUs. District 3 VAVRS meeting. Promotional Items shirts available through Sportsline in Stuarts Draft. Chief Oliver is assigned to Training and Certification committee. Robin Smith assigned to psycho motor testing workgroup. Brian MacIntosh, Suzanne Helbert and Ray Whatley Education Coordinator workgroup. Four Members (Lisa Baber, Brian McCray, Amy Ashe, Jose Salvador) and Ed Rhodes attending Mental Health in the Fire Service.
- Treasurer's report – Balance is \$2774.59
- Other Staff Reports - VP Gary Critzer Spoke regarding the future of EMT-I in Virginia. Has been discussed by a workgroup under Training and Certification. Much discussion was held. National will stop testing Is in 2017. All National Is must go to P or will automatically revert to EMT-A. 3 states using EMT I, 230 to 240 new each year in Virginia. Beginning after the first of the year a series of town hall meetings will be held throughout the commonwealth with numbers, facts, costs and options. What does it look like and what would it cost? Gary Brown suggested we probably don't want to go the legislative route. Give the system time to work through the issue. Larry Olliver offered that TCC has completed their last class and other CCs may follow. Stakeholders must engage to meet this challenge. Every agency needs to evaluate what care is being given and how it would impact each organization. Much member discussion was heard.
- 2nd VP report Rob Lawrence – He is attending the Pan America Trauma Conference. Loudon County Fire and Rescue has achieved Standards of Excellence to be awarded this year. This

program has received national attention and is well received. He wrote an article regarding pre-arrival CPR instruction and reference that section of the SoE document as a guide. Gary Critzer offered that Dr. Thomas was involved in delivering portions of the keynote address, Rob Lawrence is representing Richmond Ambulance Service, VAGEMSA and the Commonwealth as well as Mike Berg's recognition for contributions to the National Vehicle Standards again demonstrating Virginia EMS's recognition as leaders both Nationally and Internationally.

- OEMS Reports – Gary Brown reminded all to read the EMS Quarterly report for additional information.
- Lobbyist's Report – Ed Rhodes reported on several bills coming up in January;
 - Poquoson seeking increase of LOD beneficiary payments
 - 2 bills regarding Hate Crimes against Fire, EMS and LE
 - Possible increase of 25 cents to 4 for life.
 - Increase Fire Program Funds
 - Mental Health training for providers
 - EVOC training requirements
- Discussion of 4 for Life funding led by President Ferguson. Agencies are encouraged to spend down RSAF and other grant funding as this could indicate a lack of need or potential overfunding. A motion was made, seconded and failed that we should support the legislation to increase 4 for Life at this time.

Old Business:

Jeff Meyer advised that a new "domain" must be acquired to facilitate getting our website back up.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee offered the following slate of officers; Ray Whatley, Treasurer; Dan Norville, Secretary; 2nd VP Jeff Meyer or Mike Watkins. It was reiterated that through progression President Ferguson would move to Past president; 1st VP Gary Critzer would assume the Presidency and 2nd VP Rob Lawrence would ascend to 1st VP.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to cast a unanimous ballot for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

The floor was opened for nominations for 2nd VP. A call for nominations was made 3 times. A motion was made, seconded and passed by voice vote to close the nominations for 2nd VP. A secret ballot was distributed and voting was held for the position of 2nd VP. The nominating committee tallied the vote and Jeff Meyer was elected.

A membership application was received for King and Queen County Emergency Services. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept King and Queen County Emergency services into VAGEMSA.

Campbell County Public Safety Emergency Medical Services has requested readmission to VAGEMSA. A motion was made, seconded and passed to re-accept Campbell County Public Safety Emergency Medical Services into VAGEMSA.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to bestow Lifetime Membership status to Chief David Barrick.

Discussion was held regarding agency difficulties with finger print card returns. Mr. Berg asked to consider bringing that staff to symposium.

Members were advised that the State Rules and Regulations are due for review and that the EMS Plan was passed by the Advisory Board.

A Call for Presentations is open for next year's Symposium. Encourage your members to submit their presentations.

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: There is a survey in your Symposium packet. Members are encouraged to participate.
- Emergency Management:
- FARC:
- LAP:
- T&C:
- Medevac:
- MDC:
- Rules & Regs:
- Transportation:
- Workforce Development:

President Ferguson thanked all for their support during his tenure.

A drawing was held for several door prizes. President Ferguson thanked all the agencies and vendors for their generous donations.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held February 3rd, 2017, along with the other OEMS meetings.

Respectfully Submitted, Dan Norville

List of Attendees Present

Dan Norville	Norfolk Fire-Rescue
Eddie Ferguson	Goochland
Gary Critzer	Waynesboro
Ray Whatley	Alexandria
Lewis Jenkins	Madison County EMS
Steve Elliott	Albemarle County
Jeff Meyer	PFRES
Robert Trimmer	Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Tim McKay	Chesterfield Fire & EMS
Jason Sweet	James City County
Robert E Lee	Newport News Fire
Randy Abernathy	Hanover Fire EMS
Ed Rhodes	VAGEMSA
Gary Dalton	Guest / VAA / VAVRS
Karen D Wagner	VAA / VAVRS / Guest
Gary Brown	OEMS / VDH
Michael D Berg	OEMS / VDH
Chip Decker	RAA
Don Altice	Roanoke County Fire + Rescue
Jon Brantley	City of Fairfax Fire Dept.
W B Ferguson	Franklin County Public Safety
Larry A Oliver	Frederick County Fire and Rescue
Lori L Knowles	Stafford County
Amy Ashe	New Kent
Ryan T Ash	James City County
Byron Anderson	Alexandria Fire
Robert S Ryalls	James City County Fire (ret)
Allen Yee	Chesterfield Fire and EMS