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## COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2020

Executive Committee Present: Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair  
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Colorado-Vice-Chair  
Joe House, Kansas-Secretary  
Stephen Wilson, Alabama-Treasurer  
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large

### Commissioners Present:

David Newton, Georgia	Chris Price, North Dakota
Kraig Kinney, Indiana	Robert Wronski, South Carolina
Alisa Williams, Mississippi	Guy Dansie, Utah
Sam Vance, Missouri	Gary Brown, Commonwealth of Virginia
Tim Wilson, Nebraska	

### Commissioners Absent:

Diane McGinnis, Delaware	Brandon Ward, Tennessee
Wayne Denny, Idaho	Andy Gienapp, Wyoming
Rebecca Curtis, Iowa	

### Guests:

Dan Manz, EMS Compact	Doug Wolfberg, Page, Wolfberg, and Wirth
Mark Terry, NREMT	Tracy Henson - NREMT
Ray Mollers, NREMT	

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schmider called the meeting of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice to order at 6:31 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020 and Secretary House took a roll call of commissioners present.

## AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Schmider opened the floor for any comments on the agenda, hearing none, moved on.

## MINUTES

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting. Wilson, Alabama moved for approval of minutes, as corrected; Dansie, Utah seconded. Motion approved.

## TREASURER REPORT

Commissioner Wilson reported normal expenses for D. Manz. Treasury balance as of June 16, 2020 is \$39,406.51. No additional updates from the finance committee.

CHAIR  
Joe Schmider  
Texas

VICE CHAIR  
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse  
Colorado

SECRETARY  
Joe House  
Kansas

TREASURER  
Stephen Wilson  
Alabama

MEMBER-AT-LARGE  
Justin Romanello  
New Hampshire

Chair Schmider asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Treasurer's report through June 16, 2020. Hearing none, Brown, Commonwealth of Virginia moved for approval; Newton, Georgia seconded. Motion approved.

## REPORTS

### *Chairman Report*

- Forty-four years of services, never thought we would experience a pandemic
  - Appreciate everyone's efforts and we will be in better position on the other side of this
- Welcomed two new members: Indiana and West Virginia
  - We are now at 20 State members
- Recognized the following individuals
  - Andy Gienapp, Wyoming for his service to the Compact and his service on the Executive Committee as Secretary
  - Doug Wolfberg for his guidance and dedication; he was breath of fresh air guiding the Compact through our infancy stage
  - Donnie Woodyard for his commitment to the profession and helping to build a strong foundation for the Compact; we wish him well on his next adventure
  - Commissioners for their willingness to make the Compact operational, huge response during the pandemic, Texas had 96 individuals participate in neighboring states, thank you for your commitment
  - Executive Committee for their time and commitment to the organization and profession
  - Dan Manz for his leadership, input and keeping the Compact moving forward
  - Appreciate harmony of group and individual opinions-that is how we make it great; it took the entire team to get where we are today
  - Sue Prentiss, Suzanne Graham, and Tracy Henson for their strong support in keeping the Compact organized
- Next year:
  - Develop a business plan to sustain moving forward to next stage
  - Discuss the creation for a full time Educator/Executive Director position, as the Compact foresees having 25 plus state members; we need full time staff to move into next stage

### *NREMT Update DRAFT*

- CDEMS
  - Database complete on 04/01/2020
  - Dev work is complete, and the Commonwealth of Virginia is ready to upload data into production environment; just waiting on policy finalization
  - Vendor ImageTrend wrapped up Dev and QA work and their system can transfer data into CDEMS
  - ImageTrend and the National Registry have updated their agreements to reflect new policy details
  - States utilizing ImageTrend software are encouraged to reach out to the vendor regarding transfer of data
  - The National Registry is working with individual states to set-up Dev environments
- Policy and procedures:
  - Ad-hoc EC Committee working with National Registry
    - Roles of National Registry staff and EMS Compact users
    - Data Security: for both breach and the entry, and usage and exit of state data
  - Compact Data
    - It will not integrate with NREMT data at this time
    - Privileged data will be seen only by Compact member states

Chair Schmider recognized the National Registry for their support of the Compact and for their efforts during COVID-19 by continually communicating information and keeping everyone on the same page. Chair Schmider also stated a good thing to come out of this is remote testing; it will be a real thing at this at the end of this pandemic.

### *Educator Report DRAFT*

- Compact declared active
  - Utilize manual form until database is populated and functional
  - Numerous press releases issued; picked up by various EMS publication, the media was very helpful
  - NREMT posted announcements to social media
  - Received a flood of questions from individuals on how to cross state lines

- Both West Virginia and Indiana legislation passed
- Certification/Education work by various organizations to keep the pipeline of EMS personnel open
- Attended NASEMSO program committee meeting, Executive Committee announced to postponed conference until fall, then canceled on May 14 and is looking at hosting a virtual event
- Posted Rule Change notification
- Attended a Department of Defense Liaison meeting, this group monitors health compact licensure agencies
- Worked on a small error from last year in Salt Lake
  - The Member-at Large position was voted in as a two-year term, which placed the position out of sync, as it should have been for only for one year; tonight's' election will correct this issue
- Contacted by an EMS professor on the diversity makeup of the seated commissioners-all white and mainly male
  - The Compact acknowledged the composition of the group
  - Shared that each commissioner is appointed by the individual state and is usually the State EMS Director and the Compact does not have input on the appointment
  - The true spirit of the Compact helps level opportunities for all EMS individuals and allows for national consistency to practice
  - The Executive Committee will continue to monitor and discuss

## RULES AMENDMENT

D. Manz updated the commissions on proposed rule 11.9 amendment notification. The notification was posted to the website on April 13, 2020 through May 16, 2020. One comment, representing an individual, was received and posted on the website for public view. A group request was not received for a public hearing.

### Rule: 11.9

Nothing in these Rules shall require or permit the sharing or reporting of 18 Criminal History Record Information as that term is defined in 28 C.F.R. §20.3 in 19 a manner that is prohibited by law.

Chair Schmider asked if there was any discussion, hearing none called for a motion to adopt the amendment as printed; Wronski, South Carolina moved for adoption; Wilson, Alabama seconded. A roll call vote was taken, motion approved.

11.9 Rule Amendment	
Commissioner	Vote
Stephen Wilson, Alabama-Treasurer	Yes
Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Colorado-Vice-Chair	Yes
Diane McGinnis, Delaware	Absent
David Newton, Georgia	Yes
Wayne Denny, Idaho	Absent
Kraig Kinney, Indiana	Yes
Rebecca Curtiss, Iowa	Absent
Joseph House, Kansas-Interim Secretary	Yes
Alisa Williams, Mississippi	Yes

Sam Vance, Missouri	Yes
Tim Wilson, Nebraska	Yes
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large	Yes
Chris Price, North Dakota	Yes
Robert Wronski, South Carolina	Yes
Brandon Ward, Tennessee	Yes
Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair	Yes
Guy Dansie, Utah	Yes
Gary Brown, Virginia	Yes
Jamie Weller, West Virginia	Absent
Andy Gienapp, Wyoming	Absent

**2020 ELECTIONS**

Chair Schmider announced three position were up for election Chairman, Treasurer, and Member at Large and turned the floor over to Commissioner Wilson, Nebraska.

Commissioner Wilson, Nebraska announced Chair Schmider stated interest in continuing to serve as chair and he received one nomination for Schmider, Texas. Wilson, Nebraska then opened the floor for additional nominations, hearing none, Schmider motioned to close nominations; Newton, Georgia seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Schmider, Texas was elected to serve as Chair.

Commissioner Wilson, Nebraska announced Treasurer Wilson stated interest in continuing to serve as treasurer and he received one nomination for House, Kansas. Wilson, Nebraska asked House if he accepted the nomination and House responded, Yes. Wilson, Nebraska then opened the floor for additional nominations, hearing none, Schmider motioned to close nominations; Newton, Georgia seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Wilson, Alabama was elected to serve as Treasurer.

Commissioner Wilson, Nebraska announced Member-at-Large Romanello stated interest in continuing to serve as M-A-L. Wilson, Nebraska then opened the floor for additional nominations, hearing none, Schmider motioned to close nominations; Newton, Georgia seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Romanello, New Hampshire was elected as M-A-L.

2020 Executive Officer Election				
Candidates				
	Chair	Treasurer		M-A-L
	Joe Schmider	Stephen Wilson	Joe House	Justin Romanello
Stephen Wilson, Alabama-Treasurer	Yes	Abstain		Yes

Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Colorado-Vice-Chair	Yes	Yes		Yes
Diane McGinnis, Delaware	Absent	Absent		Absent
David Newton, Georgia	Yes	Yes		Yes
Wayne Denny, Idaho	Absent	Absent		Absent
Kraig Kinney, Indiana	Yes		Yes	Yes
Rebecca Curtiss, Iowa	Absent	Absent		Absent
Joseph House, Kansas-Interim Secretary	Yes	Abstain		Yes
Alisa Williams, Mississippi	Yes	Yes		Yes
Sam Vance, Missouri	Yes		Yes	Yes
Tim Wilson, Nebraska	Yes		Yes	Yes
Justin Romanello, New Hampshire-Member-At-Large	Yes	Yes		Yes
Chris Price, North Dakota	Yes		Yes	Yes
Robert Wronski, South Carolina	Yes	Yes		Yes
Brandon Ward, Tennessee	Yes	Absent		Absent
Joseph Schmider, Texas-Chair	Yes	Yes		Yes
Guy Dansie, Utah	Yes	Yes		Yes
Gary Brown, Virginia	Yes	Yes		Yes
Jamie Weller, West Virginia	Absent	Absent		Absent
Andy Gienapp, Wyoming	Absent	Absent		Absent
	None opposed	8	4	None Opposed

## OTHER BUSINESS

March 10, 2020 a motion passed to request an opinion from the FBI related to what information can be shared by the members states, to include criminal history record information/background check findings; it was determined this request should be sent to the Department of Justice, the Executive Committee will move this item forward and report back to the commission when an opinion is received.

Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse, Colorado announced she will officially retire on September 30, 2020. She shared it has been an honor to serve on the Compact. Chair Schmider thanked Jean-Marie for her service and dedication to the Compact and the profession and said she will be greatly missed by all.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

With no further business brought before the Commission, Brown, Commonwealth of Virginia motioned to adjourn; Wronski, South Carolina seconded; Chair Schmider adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

Next EC conference call is July 17, 2020 at 3:00 PM (EDT)

Next Full Commissioner meeting is TBD as needed and will be held via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,



Joe House  
Secretary  
JH/tlh