



The Virginia Ambulance Association

Virginia Ambulance Association
Membership Meeting
February 13, 2015
Courtside Marriott Glen Allen, VA

Vice President Gary Dalton called the meeting to order at 1100.

The following member agencies were in attendance:

Valley Medical Transport
Priority [Patient Transport](#)
LifeCare Medical Transport
Physicians Transport [Service](#)
Medical Transport

Anthony Wilson resigned as President of the VAA as he is returning to school to complete his Master's degree. He plans to stay involved with the group, but has limited time to devote to a leadership role and wanted to encourage new leadership to further the cause of the organization. The minutes reflect the organizations appreciation to Mr. Wilson for his years of service as President and by vote of the [membership he will remain as a member](#) the Board of Directors in the role as immediate past president.

Mr. Dalton opened a review of today's meeting agenda items;

Board of Directors
Election of Officers
Moving forward for organization
Unfinished Business
New Business
Next and future meetings
Adjournment

Agenda approved by consensus.

Motion made, properly seconded and passed to elect the following members to the Board of Directors:

Kevin Dillard
Gary Dalton
Danny Wildman
Karen Wagner
Anthony Wilson
Randy Breton
Steve Higgins

Motion made, properly seconded, nominations from the floor and duly elected for the following officer positions in accordance to the bylaws:

For the office of President, Gary Dalton.
For the office of Vice President, Randy Breton

For the office of Secretary, Karen Wagner
For the office of Treasurer, Steve Higgins
All motions carried.

Mr. Higgins reported three agencies have submitted their membership dues for 2015. He will begin forwarding a monthly financial report to all Directors.

A copy of the current Bylaws will be attached to the minutes of this meeting to be sent out to all directors.

Danny Wildman currently serves as the representative of the VAA on the Virginia EMS Governor's Advisory Board (GAB). Mr. Wildman requested that the organization provide direction to him for future action items coming before the GAB. He will keep the Directors advised of these items prior to the GAB quarter meetings to allow for positions to be made.

Communications is a top priority for the coming year for the organization. Information coming for the OEMS will be distributed to the general membership to help keep members informed. Mr. Higgins stated that he will add information to the website as he receives it for membership to review. The Secretary will send out information to the Board of Directors to assure materials are getting out to the leadership.

Discussion was held regarding participation and representation of the VAA on State EMS committees and work groups. President Dalton and GAB representative Mr. Wildman will contact GAB Chair Gary Critzer within the next 90 days to review the committee makeup and evaluate if there are committees on the GAB that VAA representation would be beneficial to the State EMS system.

A motion was made and properly seconded to direct President Dalton to draft and forward a letter to the State Commissioners office to reappoint Danny Wildman to the GAB as the representative for the VAA. The letter will include three choices for appointment, Danny Wildman, Kevin Dillard and Karen Wagner, as required by state government. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on compliance and processing time frame for meeting the OEMS regulation of fingerprinting. Mr. Breton stated that he had forwarded his agency's position on the challenges facing agencies due to the extended length of time it is taking for processing by the OEMS and shared the same with President Dalton. Mr. Breton intends to speak during the public comment period at the GAB today, (Feb 13, 2015), to ask "if an individual comes to an agency with a certification in hand and is currently affiliated with and practicing with an agency; the new agency submits fingerprints; if the new agency hires them without results in hand will or could that new agency be subject to citation for noncompliance?" He will share any response to be included in the minutes to be distributed to the Directors and membership.

Michael Berg, Compliance and Regulation Officer for the VA OEMS stated in his response that agencies are free to hire as they see fit, however, they should be aware that they may be asked to answer to a court of their peers if they place someone in a position prior to receiving results or clearance from the fingerprint process in regulation and that individual does not meet the regulation requirements or is found to have provided false information about their current or past criminal record.

Mr. Berg also stated that the regulation as it is worded would be used in regards to any citation or enforcement actions.

Additional discussion included concern and clarification if the fingerprint check is required for anyone and everyone who wants to hold certification as an EMS provider and when the word affiliated is added to the regulation what does that mean. Is that only for patient care or potential patient care members or for anyone associated with the agency HAS to be included in the process.

President Dalton will request a clarification from Mr. Mike Berg, Regulation and Compliance Officer for the VA OEMS.

Unfinished business:

The contract with Rhodes Consulting as a lobbyist for the VAA was discussed and would begin on [May 1, 2015](#).

Recruitment for new membership has been identified as a number one priority for the organization. Mr. Dalton will work with the other officers to begin efforts to reach out to agencies that would benefit from membership in the VAA. Membership fee is 250.00 annual dues. Membership applications are available on the VAA website.

New business:

Mr. Dillard reported that The National EMS Memorial Service will be returning to Virginia in 2015. There is a second group that is focusing on building an or the National EMS Memorial itself called the National EMS Memorial Foundation. The 2016 service will be in Virginia.

Mr. Breton shared information on Project Green, a program that is aimed toward suicide prevention among the EMS profession. More information will be available on the VVA website.

Next meeting [May 8, 2015 at 1100](#), at the Courtyard Marriott, Glen Allen, VA in conjunction with the GAB meeting.

No further business before the organization, the Meeting was adjourned at 1227.

Submitted Feb 14, 2015 Karen Wagner, VAA Secretary

Minutes reviewed by President Dalton, February 17, 2015