



VIRGINIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes November 11, 2015 Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA

Chairperson: Gary A. Dalton President

Recording Secretary: Karen D. Wagner

Officer Attendance: Randy Breton Vice President, Steve Higgins Treasurer, Kevin Dillard BOD, Anthony Wilson BOD, Danny Wildman BOD & GAB Rep, Ed Rhodes Lobbyist

Member Agencies in Attendance: Valley Medical Transport, Woodstock Rescue, Physicians Transport, Priority Transport, Lifecare Medical Transport, Medical Transport, Manchester Rescue Squad, Ambulance Service of Bristol, First Call Ambulance Service, MidAtlantic Ambulance

Discussion:	Action:
<i>Meeting called to order by President Dalton</i>	
<i>Approval of August 7 , 2015 Minutes</i> No additions or corrections	Approved unanimously.

<p><u>PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>President Dalton reported he and the Secretary sent membership informational letters out in Sept. We have since had five new members join. Two applications are pending payment of dues. Membership voting will occur under new business.</p> <p>Discussion on non-emergency repetitive transports. Dates and location of upcoming Palmetto GBA meetings will be posted on the VAA website. All agencies are encouraged to send a representative to one of the meetings to assure that you are compliant for proper reimbursement.</p> <p><u>VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT</u></p> <p>Vice President Breton followed up on a meeting with the OMD Committee regarding transports with balloon pumps. Until further notice, any transport of a patient that involves the use of a balloon pump, the transporting agency must have a perfusionsist on-board with a paramedic to accompany the patient. (Nurses do not meet the criteria nor do critical care paramedics). The OMD Committee will continue to discuss the issue of transporting critical care patients and the scope of practice for critical care paramedics working with the OMD Committee of the GAB. Vice President Breton advised that it may take 18 to 24 months for the issue to get fully addressed. Discussion continued with the need for the VAA to stay on top of this issue and all issues that pertain to the scope of practice for commercial agencies that utilize critical care medics for ground transport.</p> <p><u>SECRETARY REPORT</u></p> <p>All minutes have been recorded and will be posted on the website upon approval at each meeting.</p>	<p>Recruitment letters sent out September 1, 2015- 5 new members since that mailing. Second mailing to go out by Dec 30, 2015.</p> <p>The VAA has requested that an OMD that represents commercial agencies be added to the OMD committee. President Dalton will address the request with GAB Chair Gary Critzer.</p>
<p><u>TREASURERS REPORT</u></p> <p>Steve reported that we are currently up to date with all billing. All fees have been paid for the association's filings and tax status.</p> <p><u>CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER</u></p> <p>Kevin Dillard reported that we are current on all filings with SCC.</p>	<p>Steve will provide a completed report at the Feb 2016 meeting.</p>
<p><u>GAB Seat Representative</u></p> <p>Danny Wildman reported that one action item is expected at the GAB meeting and asked for guidance from the members. Motion was made and seconded to vote in favor of the Replica Bill.</p> <p>Danny reported that the Workforce Development Committee is seeking a representative from the VAA to set on the committee. The interested individual should have HR experience. Any recommendations for a participant are to be sent to President Dalton</p>	<p>Motion passed to vote in favor of Replica Bill unanimously</p> <p>Forward names to President Dalton for interest in Workforce Development Committee.</p>

<p><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></p> <p>Discussion was held of requirements for new cot restraint systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Dalton reported that Mike Berg stated that a waiver could be requested with regard to the new cot retention system, however, he also noted that Mr. Berg stated that since the retention system is and has been accepted as the new standard for safety, agencies who request waivers may not meet their own insurance requirements or the ability to get insurance due to lack of meeting safety standards. Discuss this with your insurance providers. <p>Discussion was held on toll roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Rhodes will draft bill language that will allow commercial agencies transporting patients to be exempt from paying tolls – to match the current bill language for 911 agencies. Ed Rhodes has completed language for update to allow use of EV Tags for all licensed ambulances. Registration fees will still have to be paid if applicable. He is looking for a patron to take the bill to the 2015/16 session. The EV Tag bill if passed may also address the toll issue as well. 	<p>President Dalton will address to Regulation and Policy and Transportation Committee of the GAB</p> <p>Bill language will be sent to President Dalton and is available to any member upon request.</p>
<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <p><i>The following members were presented, properly seconded and voted into membership with the VAA:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delta Response Shore Transport Services Chancellor Volunteer Fire and Rescue MidAtlantic Ambulance Company <p>Richardson Ambulance Service is pending payment of dues.</p> <p>The EMS Regulations are scheduled for update review beginning in 2016. Please advise President Dalton of any current regulations or those that may need to be included in regulation be brought to the February 2016 meeting.</p> <p>Steve Higgins reported that CMS is looking into the reimbursement rate for transport services. It is currently at the 70% rate of cost.</p>	<p>Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.</p>
<p><u>Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Friday, Feb 5, 2016 at the Courtyard Marriott in Glen Allen VA. Room location to be announced</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:29.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D Wagner