

THE WINDS

Fall 2006 Newsletter for the Wyoming Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Association

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On August 25th WAEMSA held it's annual membership meeting in Cheyenne in conjunction with the Wyoming Trauma Conference held and sponsored by the Wyoming State EMS Office. The conference was a great success with substantially larger turnout than in the past few years. The Trauma Conference Committee did an excellent job in providing appropriate subjects for the continuing education for prehospital care providers.

Jon and Mary Said brought the Country Store and had it set up in the vendor area for all the conference days except Sunday. The Country Store was able to provide books, decals and pins to everyone in attendance. It was fun to see and visit with all the providers attending the conference and we appreciate everyone stopping by to say hello. The Store did a good business and did get several membership renewals. However, membership notices still need to be sent to all the memberships that have expired. Notices should go out by the end of October.

The membership meeting was attended by approximately 30 people including the board members. A lengthy discussion was held concerning what the organization has done and has not done over the last twelve months. Unfortunately the activity of the board and the association was far from what has to happen.

The board opened the floor up to those in attendance for input on what the board and the association should be doing. Everyone in attendance agreed that the association should continue to function, but must be more active and provide information to the membership as to the happenings of their association. Minutes of the meeting will be available in next few months.

The election of officers was held during the meeting. The officers that will start the process of revitalizing the association are:

President, Jon Said from Big Piney
1st Vice President, Karen Clark-Bond from Cheyenne
2nd Vice President, LaVonne McNabb from Clark
Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Said from Big Piney
Director at Large, George Peducilis from Cheyenne

The association was invited to attend the Governor's meeting on Seatbelt Safety was held in Cheyenne on October 26th and 27th. The association is proud to have been invited and Karen and George attended the meeting.

WAEMSA has returned the Mini Conferences and our first one was held in Clark the first weekend in December. The conference was eight hours of continuing education on Saturday, December 2. Report on the conference will be in the next newsletter

The Country Store is alive and well and has a good selection of EMS textbooks and reference materials. Feel free to contact Jon or Mary Said for any textbook needs or requests.

The association bank has furnished bank statements for the last five years and we will be sending them to Susan Carnes and Sheri Lyons who have volunteered to review them and provide a detailed report of the income and expenses for that time period.

MISSION

To promote the advancement of Wyoming Emergency Medical Service providers on behalf of our patients and the communities we serve.

VISION

To promote enchainment of statewide standardization of excellence and be provider/member advocates. Achieving our vision through knowledge, skills, leadership, protocol development, increased performance expectations, responsibility and accountability. In other words, continuously raise the bar by working with the Wyoming Department of Health and the EMS Office to achieve our common goals

Listed below are the association goals determined by the membership at the annual membership meeting in Cheyenne.

BOARD GOALS

- ❖ REVIEW/CHANGE/DEVELOP MISSION STATEMENT
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- ❖ MAIL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT TO MEMBERS
- ❖ MAKE SURE THE COUNTRY STORE AND BOOKSTORE GO TO CONFERENCES
- ❖ PUBLISH AN ASSOCIATION TRI-FOLD
- ❖ NEED TO RESEARCH AND PROVIDE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS
- ❖ GO THROUGH BANK STATEMENTS FOR FINANCIAL HISTORY FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS = SUSAN CARNES AND SHERRY LYONS FROM WAMSUTTER VOLUNTEERED TO REVIEW THEM
- ❖ DEVELOP STEPS/SYSTEM TO PREVENT FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT
- ❖ INTERNAL CHECKS AND BALANCES
- ❖ DEVELOP ELECTRONIC MAILINGS
- ❖ UPDATE BY-LAWS
- ❖ REVIEW AND UPDATE POLICY MANUAL
- ❖ APPOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES OUTLINED IN THE BY-LAWS
- ❖ USE COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR BOARD MEETINGS
- ❖ PROVIDE EMS EDUCATION: PEP, PALS ETC CLASSES
- ❖ REVIEW, CHANGE AND APPOINT REGIONAL COORDINATORS
- ❖ BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN LEGISLATION
- ❖ WORK WITH CONFERENCES TO OFFER A REDUCED REGISTRATION FOR WAEMSA MEMBERS
- ❖ MAILINGS TO ALL EMTS
- ❖ UTILIZE INSTRUCTOR COORDINATORS FOR GETTING WAEMSA INFORMATION OUT TO EMS PROVIDERS
- ❖ DEVELOP FUNDING SOURCES: FUND RAISERS, ADVERTISING, CORPORATE SPONSORS
- ❖ SEND OUT NEWSLETTER IN A TIMELY FASHION
- ❖ PROVIDE EDUCATION CLASSES

Goals developed by the board during their October 21, 2006 meeting in Casper.

SHORT TERM GOALS TO BE DONE COMPLETED BY APRIL 2007

UPDATE BYLAWS = JON

UPDATE POLICY MANUAL = JON
HAVE A COMMITTEE REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND
PROVIDE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT. = JON
MINI-CONFERENCE. ONE IN EACH OF THE FOUR QUADRANTS OF THE STATE.
PUBLISH THE WINDS NEWSLETTER TWICE IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. THEN
QUARTERLY = JON
LOBBY IN CHEYENNE ON THOSE ISSUES/LEGISLATION EFFECTING EMS IN
WYOMING. = KAREN, GEORGE AND LAVONNE.
INCREASE MEMBERSHIP = LAVONNE
ENHANCE WEBSITE = GEORGE AND WEBMASTER
TAKE COUNTRY STORE TO THE MINI AND OTHER CONFERENCES = MARY/JON
INCREASE ITEMS IN COUNTY STORE AS MONIES BECOME AVAILABLE = MARY

TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 2007 (ONE YEAR OR SOONER)

PROMOTE AND ASSIST THE STATE EMS OFFICE WITH A CONFERENCE FOR
AMBULANCE DIRECTORS AND AMBULANCE MEDICAL DIRECTORS = BOARD
SURVEY EMS COMMUNITY AND MEMBERS ABOUT WAEMSA = BOARD
APPLY FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH STUDENT COSTS FOR EMT AND BEC CLASSES=
GEORGE
DEVELOP REGIONAL COORDINATOR DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS = KAREN
DEVELOP REFRESHER COURSE FOR PREHOSPITAL PROVIDERS IN LINE WITH
NATIONAL REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS. KAREN
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS JON
REASSESS MEMBERSHIP FEES AND BENEFITS MARY AND BOARD
LOBBY ON BEHALF OF THE EMS RETIREMENT BILL = KAREN, GEORGE &
LAVONNE

TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE TO FIVE YEARS

ASSIST THE STATE EMS OFFICE WITH DEVELOPING STATEWIDE PROTOCOLS =
KAREN
ASSIST THE STATE EMS OFFICE WITH STATEWIDE RULES AND REGULATIONS
REVIEW = JON
LOBBY ON BEHALF OF THE EMS RETIREMENT BILL = KAREN, GEORGE AND
LAVONNE

TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO TO FIVE YEARS

MEMBERSHIP TO 1000
CREATE A BULLETIN BOARD/BLOG ON WAEMSA'S WEBSITE = GEORGE

FIVE TO TEN YEAR GOALS

MEMBERSHIP IN NAEMT AND AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION
COUNTRY STORE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE = MARY AND WEBMASTER

Best wishes for the holiday season to everyone. Please take time during this hectic season to appreciate your families that support our profession and allow us to perform those life saving skills!

The next newsletter should be sent out after the first of the year. Hope everyone has a joyous, fun and family oriented holiday season