

Florida Chapter of ASTNA

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2005

Tallahassee

Meeting called to order by Karen Chamberlain at 11:07

January meeting minutes approved.

REPORTS:

Treasury Report: Heather Collins

Balance as of January 2005	\$2047.96
Deposits	180.00
Expenses	349.25
Balance as of Jan 2005	\$1878.71

Membership Report: Heather Collins

Current membership: 72

President's report:

- **Poster presentation**

It is too late for submission for the AMTC this year. Will discuss poster presentation for future Conferences at the July meeting.

- **Involvement in National ASTNA**

- Discussed the need to decide if membership in the National organization should be required.
 - The group had several questions: 1) Is there a benefit to joining National ASTNA? 2) Does National ASTNA require membership in order to be a member of the state organization? Heather Collins will attempt to answer these questions before presenting it for a vote.
 - The group would rather have more Florida involvement as opposed to less involvement because National membership is required.
- Discussion: The group, being an advocate of multiple disciplines ie, paramedics, dispatchers, educators coming together on common issues, would like to see more involvement by these groups.
 - A proposal was made to allow affiliate members to become voting members. This will be voted on at the July meeting.

- **Scope of Practice:**
 - Karen Chamberlain presented current information regarding the “Scope of Practice” model.
 - Points of interest:
 - Advanced paramedic was tabled
 - Paralytics were removed
- Deadline for submitting written comments is June 1
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- **Updates:**
 - Medical Care committee update
 - Stroke Center Legislation- triage assessment tool was reviewed.
 - Disaster tags have been “issued” along with training CD.
 - 64E revisions, including capnography requirements, will be presented at Friday’s Advisory Council Meeting.
 - MQA
 - EMT and Paramedic testing and certification and inspection (?) will move to under MQA beginning in May and ending in July to standardize professionals.
 - There will be a data meeting in Tampa June 8th concerning data points services would like to see collected. Air transport providers were encouraged to attend. Specifics are on the Bureau website.
 - Dr. Nelson would like to develop a subcommittee to work on the issues of diversions/delays involving pre-hospital providers and ER’s.
 - Don Bennett reported that the Bureau has decreased the aggregate data points by 30%. He was requested to address reducing the number again because many felt the aggregate data does not provide valuable information.

New Business

- Proposed that we review the bylaws that are available on line and to submit nominations on line or to secretary
- Will vote for board member-at-large at July meeting

Website Report: David Summers
Not present

EMS Advisory Council: John Scott discussed Stroke Law and issues concerning implementing the law since multiple regions are not aware of aspects of requirements.

State Report: deferred to FAMA meeting – Susan McDevitt

Education: deferred

FAMA: Johnny Delgado
Not present

FNPTN: Colleen Rodriguez
Not present

Airway Research Group

Follow up by the committee developed regarding research airway management
Recommendation by the group is that this be turned over to the medical directors since 1) this will impact them more 2) funding more available

Kevin Hutton from Golden Hour said that he has data that supports success rate of paramedic intubations, nurse vs paramedic success rate
This is data from 5 programs in FL
The issue is the educational background (degree) more than success rates in general
Issue: a lot of the scope of practice must be based on evidenced based research

Board Members at Large needed please submit nomination on line or email to secretary. Vote will take place at July meeting.

Next meeting July, 2005 in Orlando.

Meeting adjourned.