

**Florida Chapter of ASTNA**  
Quarterly Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2005  
Miami

**Meeting called to order by Maria Fernandez at 11:10**

July meeting minutes will be approved at the April meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**Treasury:** Heather Collins

Balance as of July 2004	\$2298.53
Deposits	\$ 352.00
Expenses	\$ 602.57
Balance as of Jan 2005	\$2047.96

**Website:** David Summers

- Website renewal fee due
- Asked for submission of all upcoming classes
- Requesting information to fill “holes” in the history of past ASTNA boards

**EMS Advisory Council:** John Scott and Karen Chamberlain

- Don Bennett, Chief, Bureau EMS, discussed budgetary constraints for state meetings. Several options would be:
  - Combining meetings of FAMA, ASTNA and FNPTN for exchanging information common to all groups and then break out into separate committees
  - Cutting meeting times down
- He also discussed the lack of feedback to him on the productivity of the groups

**#Motion:** (Nancy Hunter) to establish an “Air Transport meeting” of FAMA, ASTNA and FNPTN to be discussed with FAMA at their meeting.

**\*Seconded** (Greg Rubin)

^Opposition (None), motion passed

- There will be some changes in the 64E regarding par levels
  - Air Crew Curriculum (1988) updated
- Stroke Alert checklist will be required on all aircraft (it will be available on line)
- Dr. Sylvestri published a paper on in-line capnography. Capnography is a priority and will be required within 2 years
- It was studied and found that NTG spray dosing is inaccurate and using odor infused sprays it was found that it aerosolized to the crew. Changes made will be decided by each organizations medical director
- The EMS bureau has an on-line newsletter: [www.fl-ems.com](http://www.fl-ems.com)
- Educators for the air medical industry will need qualifications to teach in this field.
- The paramedic shortages’ main issue is that of reciprocity
- The “scope of practice” for paramedics is being revised

**FAMA:** Johnny Delgado not present

- State report to be distributed at FAMA meeting

**FNPTN:** Louise Brown

- Upcoming Pediatric Transport Conference, April 6<sup>th</sup>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**President:** Maria Fernandez

- Goals
  - Possibility of selecting something to benchmark as a group
  - Looking for anyone interested in doing a poster presentation at the AMTC
  - Invitation to all to the April Pediatric Transport Conference in St. Pete
    - Diane Fojt has offered the use of her display board for ASTNA information and recruiting
    - Nancy O'Neill will write something up for the display
    - Requests to go to Florida programs for photos
  - Would like to see more involvement with the National ASTNA as we are one of the largest groups

**President elect:** Karen Chamberlain

- John Dixler is replacing Scott McDermott and will be the new inspections resource person for compliance with Bureau of EMS

## **DISCUSSION**

**“Scope of practice” for paramedics and its impact on the air medical industry in Florida**

- John Scott recommended a position paper come from this group
- Karen Chamberlain suggested it be an “air transport supported” position paper signed by ASTNA, FAMA and FNPTN
- David Summers offered to post paper on web site
- John Scott suggested contacting the National office: do they have any information or evidence based research to support our position
- Maria Fernandez suggested adding our intentions to do research in our position paper
- Diane Fojt spoke to the fact that quality of care varies greatly among prehospital providers and proposed doing evidence based research in our air medical community to support what we do

**#Motion** (Julie Bacon) to form a working group for research

**\*Seconded** (Nancy O'Neill)

^No opposition, motion carried

- Volunteers:
  - Nancy O'Neill
  - Wayne Hodges
  - Heather Collins
  - Louise Bowen
  - Jack Kilkelly

- Glenn Jordan
- Julie Bacon
- Mary Beth Price Pantzis

**Board Members at Large needed** (Education).

- David Summers will put a request for nominations for Director at Large on the web

Next meeting April 13-15, 2005 in Tallahassee.

Meeting adjourned.