

Florida Chapter of ASTNA

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2004

Orlando

Meeting Called to order by Michelle Kenly at 1113.

Motion to accept previous meeting minutes by Scott Wyant and seconded by Julie Bacon.

Treasury Report (Nancy O'Neill)

Balance January 22, 2004	\$2220.78
Deposits	\$ 240.00
Withdrawals	\$ 163.25
Balance July 7, 2004	\$2298.53

Membership report (Nancy O'Neill)

All memberships will now be due in July of each year in order to simplify the process.
Current active and corporate membership is over 80. Thank you for your support.

The matter of PayPal will be forwarded to Heather Collins, the newly elected Sec/Treasurer. We are still awaiting website technical capabilities.

Old Business

Website: Reported by Maria Fernandez in the absence of David Summers

David is getting more information with regards to adding PDF capability to the website. This will cost an additional \$300.00 per 2 years. Additional info to follow.

We still need to update the bylaws.

Education (Scott Wyant)

CE Certificates: We are encouraging the use of the FL ASTNA CE provider number. The cost of each certificate is \$2.50. Please contact Scott. The information will be forwarded to CE Broker.

CE Broker provides CE tracking throughout the state of Florida. Membership is \$35.00 bi-annually and is not mandatory. There are concerns surrounding the possibility of audits for non-members. This is being discussed in the State legislature.

John Scott also reported that he will be looking into take home CEs.

State Report (Susan McDevitt, reported at FAMA meeting)

The Office of Trauma Reporting received \$3.8 million for Trauma and Wound Care.

18 bills were presented to the State legislature including an \$11.5 million grant for trauma and burns, which was rolled into Senate Bill 17.62.

A \$20 million grant for trauma was vetoed.

There is a need to secure permanent funding to keep trauma centers opened. There is a need for a total of \$150 million to keep the current trauma centers running.

EMS Advisory Council (John Scott)

Don Bennett has been named the new EMS Bureau Chief, replacing the interim chief Mike Jacobs.

There is a new constituency group: Florida Association of Rural EMS Providers.

The Education Committee reports that new paramedic testing will be done through the MQA test bank beginning July 27, 2004.

There is a National EMS Agency bill going to the U.S. Senate, which will include the scope of practice. The council is requesting a presentation at the next meeting. Visit www.naemsa.org for more details. RN's can still challenge the EMT-P exam.

The Medical Care Committee reports continued review of the 64E inspection process. The tables are to remain with revisions. There is a lot of opposition from smaller providers. Suggestions are welcome for rule development. Please contact Dr. Shatz or fax John Scott at 813-844-4191. The committee is also working to collect scientific data to support statewide airway management training.

The State will be sending out posters containing transport suggestions for interfacility trauma patients.

AAMS Update (Johnny Delgado as presented in the FAMA meeting)

The two candidate cities for the AMTC 2006 are Miami and Tampa.

Part 135 Re-write:

There is one meeting left in August with no big issues to be discussed. Rest and duty time issues were settled to all party's satisfaction.

Medical crew are considered by of the flight crew if:
They receive specific training
Have regular shifts
Re-positioning flights can be done under Part 91 **IF** it is associated with a Part 135 flight, either before or after the Part 91.

AAMS is looking at the issue of pediatric restraint systems.

The hospital helipad slope has been changed from a 1:12 to a 1:8. For further information refer to www.faa.gov.

The Foundation for Aeromedical Research (FAR) has combined with the AAMS Foundation to form the Foundation for Aeromedical Research and Education (FARE). AAMS contributed \$25,000.

Board Member's at Large Report (Karen Chamberlain)

There was a discussion with Don Bennett regarding the ability to sign up with a host server for e-mail EMS and affiliated updates, at the time of re-licensure.

The President of EMS Educators discussed 4 items of evaluation:

- Paramedic program length
- Reduce HIV training from 2 hours to 1
- Modify the paramedic testing fee
- Change the 30 day wait rule.

The new State communication book is available

Medical Care Committee: In addition to what was previously reported by John Scott, capnography is also being evaluated.

Paramedic instructor criteria is being evaluated for standardization.

New Business

Beth Roger's Award Presentation

2004/2005 Transport Nurse of the Year Award was presented to Kathleen Koch from Tampa General Hospital's Aeromed.

Julie Bacon was awarded with an honorable mention.

Congratulations Kathleen and Julie.

Officer Elections (unopposed)

President-elect:	Karen Chamberlain
Sec/Treas:	Heather Collins

Congratulations Karen and Heather.

ASTNA Report (Michelle Kenly)

We are receiving a large amount of support from National. We are one of the most active chapters nationwide.

Open discussion

Turning over Presidency to Maria Fernandez

Meeting adjourned at 1200.