

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**



**Meeting Date:** 1-14-2016

**Meeting Location:**

**Board members in attendance:**

Region	Board Member ( ^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Present
At-Large	Rick Driskill ( Secretary)	Present
At-Large	William Dukes ^	Present
At-Large	Aaron Stamper	Present
At-Large	Ashley Powell ^	Present
Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 1	Allen Jones	Present
Region 1	Troy Walker ^	Present
Region 2	Jim Duke ( <i>Treasurer</i> )	Present
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Region 2	Joe Prewitt ( <i>Vice President</i> )	Present
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Present
Region 3	James Hacker	
Region 3	Michael Reynolds ^	Present
Region 4	Matt Bryant	
Region 4	David Eldridge	
Region 4	Phil Deitz ^	
Region 5	Robin Barber ^	
Region 5	Stephanie Eliam	
Region 5	Brandon Remley	
Region 6	Tom Adams ( <i>President</i> ) ^	Present
Region 6	Terry Fraley	Present
Region 6	Michael Mason ^	

**The following items were presented, discussed, and/or acted upon while the board meeting was in order:**

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 13:00 CST by President Thomas Adams.	
Invocation	By Joe Bradshaw.	
Roll Call	By Rick Driskill	
Determination of Quorum	By Rick Driskill. A quorum of not less than 51% (12) of the Board of Directors for any regular or special meeting was established.	Established
Minutes of last meeting	Reviewed. And approved	Motion, by Joe Bradshaw Second. Terry Fraley No

		discussion. Approved.
Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report	<p>By Jim Duke.</p> <p>Jim presented the financial report as follows. Currently the KAPA account has \$90,642.44. Last year at this time we had \$94,080.69.</p> <p>Jim also presented a breakdown of the overall cost to present the conference.</p> <p>MCO'S</p> <p>Jim discussed a Breakdown on the MCO'S model used by other states and advised the accounting firm that developed the survey and processed the data collected form the providers in that state which could cause an increase in our funding. Mr. Duke also added that the firm is located in Louisville.</p> <p>Mr. Duke explained that KAPA has been engaged for many years in the effort to find a way to increase the funding from Medicaid. Jim went on to explain that KAPA explored the implementation of a tax but at the time where unable to come up with a process that would be fair to all providers.</p> <p>Jim was approached by a provider that used a model in another state that seems to be a fair process for all providers involved. This model has been used in Missouri with some success. It involves a third party corporation that would collect the funds and is based on the percentage of runs a provider makes rather than a flat tax percentage. The way the process is set up no one would lose money.</p> <p>Mr. Duke and Mr. Prewitt have spoken to the firm and advised this idea seems favorable.</p> <p>Jim went onto advise that after speaking to the firm they gave him a rough guess of around \$10,000 to get this up and going. Jim feels this number could be more in the range of \$ 15,00 0 to \$18,000.</p> <p>Jim went onto say that if KAPA puts the money upfront we could see that money come back after the fund has time to grow.</p> <p>Joe Bradshaw Added that Kentucky has slightly under estimated of how many patients would be signing up in the state program by 131,000 .</p> <p>The Board approved a monition to have the new public affairs officer head up the process to educated the providers in Kentucky and obtain a hard number that would be willing to be involved and provide the required data. If it is shown that enough providers are willing to provide the data then KAPA will move forward with the process. The Board also made a monition to establish a working relationship with this accounting firm to help produce an information letter that will be sent to all the KAPA members. A motion was made by Joe Bradshaw and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Prewitt the motion passed.</p>	Motion to accept Financial Report. Second. No discussion. Approved.

Legislative Report	<p>By Joe Prewitt, Committee Chair.</p> <p>Joe explained the changes that have been made to House bill 54 and asked for a motion to support this bill. A motion was made by Jim Duke and seconded by Terry Fraley to support this Bill. The motion passed without opposition.</p> <p>SB #43 Joe explained the the bill has been cleaned up and has added the terms Emergency Medical Service Provider in the language and appears to have a better chance of passing and would like a motion of support for this bill. Jim Duke made a motion and was seconded by Joe Bradshaw to support this bill.</p> <p>SB #33 Is the bill that deals with teaching CPR in Schools.</p> <p>Joe explained that in the past this bill would have tasked the local EMS provider to take the leading roll in this process. As the current bill is written it would only require local EMS involvement. This effects Grades 7-12.</p> <p>HB#214 Bill that effects funding to 911 Centers . Mike explained that this bill has been cleaned up and would help attach to other tax areas in efforts to collect money owed to fund the centers.</p> <p>SB#6 Refers to Malpractice and development of review panels. If this passes KBEMS would need to provide a review panel.</p> <p>Joe reminded everyone about the luncheon with the legislators on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Capital Annex Room 113 from 11:30 – 13:30 local time .Joe also reminded everyone to contact their legislators and invite them to attend.</p>	
KBEMS Report	No one from the KBEMS Branch could attend Pre Thomas Adams.	No Reps from KBEMS
Membership Report	Presented by William Duke no changes from his last report.	
Conference Committee Report	<p>Presented by Troy Walker</p> <p>Troy is proud to report of yet another successful conference and that we have passed our goal of breaking even and have shown a slight profit that will be applied to further expand the conference for 2016.</p> <p>Troy would like to thank the staff for all their hard work that made this conference such a success.</p> <p>Troy advised that plans a well under way for the 2016</p>	

	<p>conference and that Allen Jones already has several speakers signed up.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Tom Adams reminded everyone that the time for the next news letter is fast approaching. Tom advised that even after his retirement from the board John has agreed to put the news letter together. We just need to provide the items for the letter.</p> <p>Joe Bradshaw brought up the discussion about the Paramedic shortage in the state. Joe advised it has been the opinion of some in KBEMS that Kentucky does not show a shortage of Paramedics in the state currently.</p> <p>After some discussion it was decided that the best course of action moving forward would be to poll each provider and bring that information before KBEMS to show where the staffing shortages are located so some corrective plan could be found to fix this ongoing problem.</p> <p>A motion was made By Jim Duke and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Fraley to appoint a person to not only head up this project but to serve as public affairs consultant. Mr. Adams advised he has spoken to Mr. John Hultgren about taking this roll and he has agreed to take the position. Motion passed.</p> <p>Mr. Adams advised we have an open Board position since the retirement of Mr. Randy Frathbruckner and upon his recommendation of Mr. Jim Williams Mr. Adams checked on Mr. Williams and advised he believes he would be a good replacement to finish the term which is up this year. A motion was made by motion made and passed to appoint Mr. Williams to the open position.</p> <p>Mr. Adams discussed the annual trip to DC to promote KAPA . Joe made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim to send members back to DC for the purpose of voicing KAPA concerns with the legislators.</p> <p>Mr. Adams discussed another effort by EMT LLC to obtain a class VI CON for every county in the state. Mr. Adams has spoken to several providers that plan to oppose this action.</p> <p>Jim Duke has spoken to the owner of the company and advised he is a FF/Medic with Winchester and is new to the process even after Jim explained the amount of opposition he was going to meet he still plans to move forward with this action and mainly is wanting the ability to work events and possibility to provide community base Paramedicine though out the state.</p>	

	<p>Jim asked for a motion to send an informative letter to all KAPA members to advise them and poll them to obtain a number that plan to oppose this action. Then send a letter on behalf of the members of KAPA to EMT LLC telling the company showing the intent to oppose this action. Motion made by Joe Bradshaw 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Fraley Motion passed.</p> <p>Joe Bradshaw is looking into a commission call the Kentucky commission on proprietary education. Joe explains that under this commission all education would have to be approved by them before it could be taught. This would just add another layer of tape we would have to deal with when attempting to further the education to our providers. John advised he know the Lady that heads this commission and would be glad to set up a meeting to see the intent behind their mission and how it would affect our efforts. Mr. Adams asked John to set this meeting up.</p> <p>Ashley Powell Presented information on the EMS Challenge and provided the dates which can be found on the web site.</p> <p>Alysia Rue with integrated had a short presentation to introduce herself and the products her company can provide to KAPA members.</p>	
Announcements		
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be April 21 at 13:00 EST (12:00 CDT) in Region 3. The location to be determined.	
Adjournment	This Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association Board Meeting was concluded at 14:25 CST.	Motion to Adjourn, Second, Approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rick Driskill

January 14, 2016