

The CoAEMSP Board of Directors met July 27-28, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky at the Omni Louisville Hotel, home to ACCREDITCON for its first three years. Prior to the meeting, board members met as committees for 1.5 days. Highlights from the annual board meeting:

- **Program Actions.** Reviewed 87 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation and progress reports.
- **Professional Development.** One essential component of each of the CoAEMSP's face-to-face board meetings is a professional development session that is focused on the responsibilities of a board of directors for a non-profit organization. The most recent discussion focused on the Duty of Loyalty and Duality of Loyalties. Thoughtful discussion ensued on the duty to: avoid conflicts of interest and provide undivided allegiance to the CoAEMSP's mission; ensure full disclosure to the organization and refraining from participation in the organization's deliberation and resolution of an issue required to remedy a conflict; and the Corporate Opportunities Doctrine, which prohibits competition by a non-profit officer or director with the non-profit itself.
- **40th Anniversary Recognition.** The NREMT, one of the CoAEMSP's 14 sponsors, sent a letter to the CoAEMSP Board of Directors and its staff. The NREMT representative read a letter from the NREMT's Interim Executive Director and Incoming Executive Director recognizing and celebrating the CoAEMSP's 40th Anniversary.
- **Site Visits & Visitors Committee** continues to develop and implement tools for use by program directors of Paramedic programs to use for site visits. The site visitor cadre of 125 is strong, with site visitors continuing to receive consistently positive feedback from peers and from programs for which they have visited. In 2018, there are 145 site visits projected.
- **Quality Improvement & Annual Reports Committee** shared the results of its recent pilot test with the new annual report that all programs will be required to submit each March 15. The annual report is the pathway for which programs will report their outcomes, including the Exam Pass Rate, both the first time pass rate (first 3 attempts) and subsequent pass rates for National and State Written Exams. To support the implementation of the new annual report, the QI Committee will offer webinars and develop guidance documents to assist programs with completing and submitting the annual report.
- **Research Committee** reviewed its research study, the Effective Affective. Additionally, it continues to identify and cultivate research projects that support evidence-based standards and accreditation. One of those is publishing the results of the top 10 citations for 2016 and 2017 of Paramedic educational programs.
- **Elections.** Officer elections were held; each elected candidate will assume the position January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020. The officers are:

Chair	Paul Berlin, MS, NRP [International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)]
Vice Chair	Lori Burns, MSN, RN [American Ambulance Association (AAA)]
Secretary-Treasurer	David Becker, MA, EMT-P [International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)]
Member-at-Large	Drew Harrell, MD [American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)]
Immediate Past-Chair	Tom Brazelton, MD, MPH, FAAP [American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)]

In addition to the officer elections, there were elections for members of the board of directors. One new member is joining the board, Mr. Jeff McDonald. Jeff is the program director at Tarrant County College in Hurst, Texas. He holds one of two seats for NAEMSE. Pat Tritt rotated off after serving the CoAEMSP Board of Directors for nine years.

There are 30 members on the board of directors. Each of the 14 sponsor has two members and there are two members selected from the public.