

**WESTERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 9, 2015

**LOCATION:** WVEMS Roanoke Office – Summerlin Conference Room

**Committee Members Present**

Ford Wirt  
Steve Eanes  
Steve Simon  
Carey Harveycutter  
Joe Trigg  
Jim Cady  
Dale Wagoner  
Rob Logan

**Staff Present**

**Guests Present**

**TO ORDER**

President Ford Wirt called this special called meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 11:00 AM.

**TERM LIMITS**

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a proposed bylaw amendment relating to term limits for officers. This proposal had been put forth by the Nominating Committee. Elections of officers and directors were deferred from the December 2014 meeting, to be held after consideration of the proposed amendment at the March 2015 meeting.

The Board of Directors referred this matter to the Executive Committee at its December 2014 meeting.

The matter was discussed at length. The general consensus of the committee members was that the experience of the current officers, combined with the attrition that will occur in two years, as at least two and perhaps more current officers rotate off of the board combine to make up an Executive Committee that functions in the best interest of the Council.

The committee recognizes the value of bringing newer board members into leadership roles, but feels that a mandatory term limit will not function in the Council's best interest, particularly as the Council will likely face a change in executive leadership in the coming five or six years.

After more discussion, Mr. Eanes moved to not support the proposed bylaw amendment, and to refer the matter of nominations back to the nominating committee for reconsideration. Mr. Simon seconded. **Motion CARRIED.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

It was suggested by Mr. Wagoner that the board consider placing term limits on the at-large board members, who are elected by the board. Mr. Harveycutter noted that the Executive Committee had considered eliminating these board seats in the past, as a means to reduce

the size of the board. President Wirt referred this matter for consideration at a future Executive Committee meeting.

Several members suggested and discussed ways to involve other board members in leadership roles. It was suggested that President Wirt appoint two alternate members to the RSAF review committee, which presently consists of only the Executive Committee members. The alternates will be invited to participate in the RSAF reviews, and will vote in place of regular members when regular committee members are absent or if a member abstains.

The executive director reported on several matters:

He encouraged the committee members to review the revisions to the Regional EMS Plan proposed by the staff leadership group.

He reported on some proposed changes to the Trauma Triage and Stroke Triage Plans that will come to the board at its upcoming meeting.

He reported on discussions with Gary Brown and Amanda Davis concerning the Council's last RSAF grant application, where one FARC member changed his grade on the grant request between the Thursday and Friday meetings. Amanda provided the requested information as requested by the WVEMS board at its December meeting.

He informed the committee of proposed upcoming changes to the way that Symposium funds will be handled. There will be a new MOU between VDH/OEMS and WVEMS, whereby WVEMS will become the fiscal agent for these funds. The AEMER will likely be dissolved.

He briefed the committee on an upcoming survey of Virginia's trauma system, and a request for information given to the regional councils by Robin Pearce of OEMS. He expressed concern over the highly offensive manner in which the regional council directors were addressed by Ms. Pearce at the last Regional Directors Group meeting in Richmond. He had discussed this matter with Gary Brown, and three other directors (including chairman Greg Woods) met with Gary after the meeting in which Ms. Pearce addressed the RDG.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

/s Robert Logan, Executive Director