

NADMAT ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICER

MAY 1, 2000
ALEXIS PARK HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

John Hoyle called the meeting to order and the attendance list was passed for signatures along with the agenda for the meeting.

Roll call:

Team represented & present:

AR 1, CA 2, CA 4, CA 6, FL 2, FL 3, GA 1, GA 3, GA 4, IN 4, KY 1,
MA 1, MO 1, NJ 1, NM 1, OH 1, OH 5, OK 1, PHS 1, RH 1, TX 1, WA 1,
VMAT 1, VMAT 2, VMAT 3, VMAT 4

Team not represented or present:

AL 1, CO2, MA2, PST1

John Hoyle introduced himself and reviewed the history of NADMAT. The organization was created in 1996 with Paul Rega, OH -1, as the first chair. John read the mission statement. He explained that the organization was designed to be a common voice to speak with OEP concerning the issues that all teams were experiencing. The organization did not restrict the teams from directly addressing issues and concerns with OEP but likened their position to seeking a consensus of the teams and presenting a common voice.

John spoke of the achievements of the organization with the major one being the \$8,000.00 training and equipment funds given to the teams.

The chair last year was John Wassel HA 1 who had to step down from the position due to personal reasons.

Last year during the annual NADMAT meeting, teams were asked to sign a letter of commitment to support NADMAT. John read the letter and copies were made available to those who wished to join in support. Signing could only be done by the Team Leader or their designated replacement.

The minutes of May 11, 1999 NADMAT annual Meeting were made available to the group- John had posted them on the NDMS bulletin board. John also encouraged all members to sign up for the DMAT list server. A motion was made by Mark Swicord GA 3 to accept the minutes, seconded by Dave McClure KY 1. Motion carried. At this time John introduced Lynn Slepski, PHS who gave information concerning the PHS Commissioned Corp i.e. dress uniform, support system, and offering to help establish roster and provide information to all. POC
LSLEPSKI@OSOPHS.DHHS.GOV or KDOWNS@OSOPHS.DHHS.GOV.

Old Business-

- Increase training and maintenance funds.
- Public Relations- need for more exposure before, during and after deployments. Many teams have local PR with TV stations, need for national recognition. Desire that OEP do PR for teams.
- Discussion of having teams federalized like the National Guard so it would be easier to leave jobs for deployment.
- Legislative concerns- John suggested we do a postcard campaign to bring our teams and issues to the legislative parties. Officers will work on this in near future.
- The officers of NADMAT met and approved the creation of NADMAT web site and have asked that Churton Budd be the webmaster-, which he accepted.
- Transportation issue- nothing new to report.

New Business-

- Revisit issue of Public Relations.
- Team Composition- new guidelines from OEP with 4 different tasks- creates difficulty because of need to increase members on teams which are struggling now to recruit and retain members.
- Concerns of increased need for ARNP/PA who cannot easily deploy due to working in doctor's office. Suggestion that we bring these concerns up at the OEP staff meeting tomorrow night.
- Operational concerns- i.e. oxygen and other combustible issues- also how to maintain field sterilization.
- Discussion on the use of heaters in the tents.
- Discussion on the OEP plan of changing the dress code-
- During the history of deployments there have been two deaths, both of DMORT members.
- There is still confusion concerning the 3 activation categories.
- Funding- there is no money provided to teams to work with the administrative issues of the teams- ie mailing, equipment, etc.
- Still waiting for computers that were promised.
- Long discussion on the liability issue that most training exercises and logistical work is not covered and the potential to get injured working with the large amount of equipment is a real possibility. OEP has to pay \$55.00 for each member during an approved training exercise and that money depletes other potential funds. Discussion on looking into other ways for NADMAT/OEP to cover the teams. Funding for DMORT training and maintenance was approved. Ron Wagner suggested a private insurance company to cover the members with workman's comp, malpractice etc. Some teams have purchased their own insurance. A motion was made by Brian Chinn to gather information concerning prices on policies and present to OEP.

- Point of order was made- an original motion was made by Ron Wagner FL3- Ron Wegner restated his suggestion into a motion "to form a committee to investigate the insurance policies." Motion seconded by Don Cheu CA 6. Discussion. Vote= one vote for each team-raise of hands- 26 for- 0 opposed- motion carried.
- Brian Chin made a motion " to ask OEP to take a policy out concerning liability, workman's comp on all teams on all unpaid, non-patient activities". Seconded by Dr. Kastle. Discussion. \$8,000.00 for training and maintenance- use of this money to purchase policies??
- Discussion- Churton suggested that NADMAT check into a brokerage as a source for Insurance-OEP could budget and reimburse.
- Discussion-set time limit for the committee to check in to this issue. Brian restated "move to require OEP to provide coverage to all DMAT,VMAT, DMORT to include exercises or training or maintenance involving non patient care" Dr. Steve Kastle accepted the amendment. Voting 19 in favor- opposed 6- Amendment carried.
- A sign up list for updating the database was passed around the room.
- Discussion on the issue of OEP providing prophylactic immunizations and follow up testing to team members. Discussion on how to follow up with TB screening esp for those who served in FT Dix and exposed to TB. Kelly B. will contact Dr Piggott-medical commander of OEP- concerning proposed immunization for each member. Jake will contact Gary Moore with regards to the funding of issue mentioned above. Dr Kastle reminded group that in many cases the vaccine needs time to be effective- ex. Hep A.
- Discussion on basic load and expired items that need replacement along with items that are unusable i.e. rotting BP cuffs. Will discuss at Saturday meeting during Team Leader's Meeting.
- Discussion on use of Mental Health assets- many teams have CISM members.
- Discussion on safety/security at sites- no police assigned to us during traveling to and arrival at deployment sites.
- Discussion on communication with State legislation. Suggestion that during every deployment a letter be sent to your 2 Senators and Congressman concerning the deployment- another opportunity to let them know we exist.

Election of Officer- to fill the 2nd Vice Chair.

The requirement is that the nominee be a Team leader or Deputy Team leader to hold an office. Floor open for nominations: Churton Budd nominated Mark Swicord- GA-3 Unit Commander- seconded by Art Wallace OK-1. Dr Salinas nominated Don Chew CA-6-Unit Commander- seconded by Dr Cassle TX-1. Joyce Mason made a motion to close the nomination- seconded by Ron Wagner.-carried.

Voting methodology- one vote for each team made by Unit Commander or designated replacement. Ballot -small white envelope -place into large envelope and sign your name and team name on outside. Both nominees were given three minutes to provide the voters with information concerning their credentials. The nominees left the room and voting began-tallied. Nominees returned to room and announcement that the new chair would be Mark Swicord.

Churton Budd -webmaster of Mediccom.org will make new links -also NADMAT webpage.

Discussion on changing the name of NADMAT to include all other national medical response teams.

Jake Jacoby-CA-4 New Chair continued with the meeting and stated issues this year to work on would consist of gear, funds for warehouse/storage and membership and blitzing the legislation with PR.

Again congratulations to Mark Swicord for the elected position and thanks to John Hoyle-past president.

Motion by Dr Kastle to close the meeting- seconded by Joyce Mason Carried. Meeting closed at 1915.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:
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