2020 NAEMT Committees and Working Groups

Supporting our EMS Practitioners

25 NAEMT Committees, Working Groups

Comprised of:

• 16 committees,
• 3 coordinator networks (membership, education and advocacy),
• 3 active author teams,
• the Affiliate Advisory Council and the NAEMT Foundation,
• plus project teams on a variety of initiatives.
• More than 350 members actively participate on NAEMT committees and working groups.
3 Broad Categories of Work

- Association governance and administration
- EMS Education
- Advocating for the EMS profession and the patients we serve

Governance and Administration

- Affiliate Advisory Council
- Candidacy and Elections Committee
- Finance Committee
- Leadership Development Committee
- Membership Committee
- Network of Membership Coordinators
- NAEMT Foundation
Affiliate Advisory Council

- Representatives of 42 affiliated organizations advise the Board on EMS issues and on ways NAEMT can strengthen and expand its support to EMS practitioners.
- NAEMT Region II Director Susan Bailey serves as Council Chair.
- Quarterly conference calls focused on NAEMT’s advocacy initiatives in support of reimbursement for treatment-in-place and transport to alternate destination, and federal relief for EMS agencies and practitioners responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. AAC Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 16 and will include discussions on
  - Key state level partnerships for EMS during the pandemic.

Candidacy and Elections Committee

Committee Members
- Dennis Wilham, Chair
- Rod Barrett
- Ken Bouvier
- John Fitzsimmons
- Don Lundy

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Finance Committee

Committee Members

- Terry David, Chair and NAEMT Treasurer
- Bruce Evans
- Brandon Means
- Jon Washko
- Matt Zavadsky
- Jason Scheiderer

Leadership Development Committee

Committee Members

- Dennis Rowe, Chair
- Bruce Evans
- Troy Tuke
- Terry David
- Matt Zavadsky
Membership Committee

Committee Members

- Chris Way, Chair
- Brandon Foshee
- Sandra Hultz
- Robert Luckritz
- Josh Pelonio
- William Tatum
- Andrew Neill
- Howard Schwartz
- Troy Tuke
- Les Powell
- Eric VanDusen
- Elkin Fuentes

Membership Committee Activities

- Unprecedented growth this year!
  - 16,968 full NAEMT members. 34% increase over 2019!
  - 92 Agency Members
- We partnered with Hilton and AMEX to provide free rooms to members at the height of the pandemic.
- Other new benefits:
  - free access to Amazon business accounts
  - $100 discount on any IBSC certification exam
  - 25% discount on Yoga for First Responders
  - 10% discount on professional liability insurance from CM&F Group
  - Exclusive member discounts at NPPGov group purchasing service
- Provided support and guidance to network of Membership Coordinators.
NAEMT Foundation

Foundation Trustees

• Don Lundy, President
• Cory Richter, Vice President
• Connie Meyer, Secretary
• Terry David, Treasurer
• Rod Barrett
• Jason Scheiderer
• Rick Ellis
• Scott Matin
• Fergus Laughridge

NAEMT Foundation Activities

• Received a $56,000 contribution from Rockport Shoes.

• Awarded a total of 8 scholarships to individuals interested in pursuing a career in EMS.
EMS Education

- Education Committee
- Regional European Education Committee
- Regional Latin American Education Committee
- Education Coordinator Networks – USA and international
- Advanced Medical Life Support
- Emergency Pediatric Care
- Prehospital Trauma
- Critical Care, Community Paramedicine, and First On the Scene Author Teams

Education Committee

Committee Members
- Rick Ellis, Chair
- Susan Bailey
- Jeff Messerole
- Dave Page
- Cory Richter
- Tim Scharer
- Macara Trusty
- Patrick Wick
- Keith Widmeier
- Karen Larsen
- Jason Scheiderer
**Education Committee Activities**

- Developed pandemic guidelines to assist our training centers and faculty in conducting courses during the pandemic. Guidelines include
  - allowance for all didactic content to be taught virtually,
  - allowance for virtual monitoring of new training centers and instructors, and
  - extension of deadlines for several instructor and student requirements.

- Recommended webinars to assist NAEMT faculty in conducting courses in a virtual environment. 2 webinars conducted on April 18 and August 6.

- Developed course content for a new series of virtual NAEMT refreshers for paramedics, AEMT’s and EMTs.

- Reviewed proposed revision to National EMS Education Standards and provided feedback.

- Developed NAEMT’s response to the NREMT Certification Committee regarding the 2021 recertification cycle.

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**European Regional Education Committee**

- Armin Reisinger, Austria
- Xavier Losfeld, Belgium
- Stephanie Thomsin, Belgium
- Riana Constantino, Vice-Chair, Cyprus
- Michael Moelmer, Denmark
- Bruno Goulesque, France
- Patrick Wick, Chair, France
- Marco Koenig, Germany
- Panagiotis Koukopoulos, Greece
- Desmond Wade, Ireland
- Daniel Davern, Ireland
- Alberto Adduci, Italy
- Albert Van Eldik, Netherlands
- Jan Filippo, Netherlands
- Kjell Fremstad, Norway
- Michal Madeyski, Poland
- Javier Uriarte, Spain
- Tomas Wetterling, Sweden
- J.C. Pitteloud, Switzerland
- Will Broughton, United Kingdom
European Regional Education Committee Activities

• Supported new training center development in Poland, Spain, and Slovakia.


• Assisted NAEMT in addressing faculty issues in the region.

Latin American Regional Education Committee

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LATAM Regional Education Committee Activities

• Encouraged and provided guidance to training centers on conducting courses using NAEMT’s pandemic guidelines.

• Organized several virtual courses using NAEMT faculty from across LATAM.

• Conducted survey of students who took these virtual courses to ensure that objectives were met, content was understood, and students were satisfied.

• Goals established for 2020 promulgation of AMLS and GEMS. Although slower due to the pandemic, several new training centers have adopted these courses.

Advanced Medical Life Support

Committee Members
• Jeff Messerole, Chair
• Dr. Vince Mosesso, Medical Director
• Dr. Angus Jameson, Assoc. Medical Director
• Dr. Craig Manifold, Medical Editor
• Dr. Bengt Eriksson
AMLS Committee Activities

- The 3rd edition AMLS Instructor Toolkit and new Course Manual published in English in April.
- The 3rd edition AMLS Refresher content was completed and is in medical review.
- The online content for the hybrid version of the 3rd edition has been completed and is also in medical review.
- A survey of AMLS instructors was conducted to obtain their feedback on the AMLS Basics course – designed specifically for EMTs. The survey results will help inform the committee about the appropriate format and length for the 3rd edition Basics course.
- Recommended a series of webinars based on AMLS 3rd edition chapters. The first webinar on prehospital shock was held on August 26. Additional webinars are scheduled for September and October on pharmacology and sepsis.

Emergency Pediatric Care Committee

Committee Members

- Shannon Watson, Chair
- Dr. Kate Remick, Medical Director
- Dr. Ann Dietrich, Assoc. Medical Director
- Jonathan Willoughby
- Sabine Sagner
EPC Committee Activities

• The committee completed development of the 4th edition Instructor Toolkit containing new or revised lessons and new patient simulations. The Toolkit is now in production.

• A new Student Course Manual is in development and will be published along with the Toolkit. The 4th edition of EPC will continue to use the American Academy of Pediatrics PEPP textbook for in-depth content on the medicine.

• A new 8-hour EPC Refresher Course is in development.

• Ongoing discussions with AAP leadership about ways in which NAEMT and AAP can collaborate to support quality EMS pediatric education.

Prehospital Trauma Committee

• Dennis Rowe, Chair
• Dr. Alex Eastman, Medical Director, PHTLS
• Dr. Andrew Pollak, Medical Editor, PHTLS
• Dr. Faizan Arshad
• Dr. Jean-Cyrille Pitteloud
• Dr. Warren Dorlac, Tactical Medical Director
• Dr. Frank Butler, Military Medical Advisor
• Jim McKendry
• Anthony Harbour
• Mark Litwinko
PHT Committee Activities

• Completed development of the 9th edition PHTLS Optional Lessons. These eight new lessons provide PHTLS faculty with the tools to tailor course content to the needs of their students.

• Finalized the first ever validated PHTLS written assessment.

• Finalizing completion of the new TECC-LEO course.

• Completed development of the new TECC 8-hour Refresher Course which is now in production.

• Developed the ninth annual (and first virtual) World Trauma Symposium program, the first segment of which was held earlier today.

Critical Care Test Prep Author Team

• Authors: Leslie Hernandez, Trent Dobbs, Juan Mejias, Dana McDonald, Vicky Gallaher, and Dr. Amjad Musleh

• Today and tomorrow, this group is conducting the first virtual 16-hour classroom course to prepare paramedics to take the IBSC FP-C or CCP-C exams.

• IBSC now provides all NAEMT members with a $100 discount for any IBSC exam.

• Final course materials will be available at the end of the year.
Community Paramedicine Curriculum
Author Team

- Authors: Matt Zavadsky, Dr. Mike Wilcox, Anne Jensen, Desiree Partain, John Phelps, Brandon Pate, Shannon Watson, Karen Larson, Melissa McNally, and Dan Swayze.

- To prepare paramedics for roles as community paramedics and successfully take the IBSC Community Paramedic Certification (CP-C) Exam.

- Curriculum will be offered as 14 stand-alone course modules. Modules on Motivational Interviewing, Nutrition, and Cardiovascular Conditions are now in production.

First On The Scene

- Authors: Joanne Piccininni, Anthony Harbour, Jason Scheiderer, J.D. Graziano, and Scott Hatcher

- Created in collaboration with IAFC, to teach the general public basic emergency response to life-threatening emergencies until EMS arrives on the scene. Topics covered include:
  - Activating the 911 System
  - Hands-only CPR and AED
  - Administering naloxone
  - Administering epinephrine
  - Responding to life-threatening bleeding
  - Penetrating chest trauma
  - Moving patients to safety
  - Positioning injured patients

- Course content has been completed and is in production.
Advocating for the EMS Profession

- Advocacy Committee
- Network of Advocacy Coordinators
- NAEMT EMS PAC
- EMS 3.0 Committee
- EMS Preparedness Committee
- EMS Workforce Committee
- Military Relations Committee

Advocacy Committee

Committee Members
- Troy Tuke, Chair
- Susan Bailey
- Allison G.S. Knox
- Rob Luckritz
- Tony Maggio
- Brian Schaeffer
- Kevin Todd
- Chris Way
- Jason White
- Gary Wingrove
- Kyle Wolber
- Debbie Von Seggern-Johnson
Advocacy Committee Activities

• Reviewed and made recommendations on 17 U.S. congressional bills that would impact EMS.
• Developed and participated in advocacy campaigns on
  • 2021 funding appropriations for SIREN.
  • EMS priority for PPE and testing during the pandemic.
  • Direct relief for EMS in Phase 4 COVID-19 legislation.
  • EMS reimbursement for Treatment-in Place “TIP” and telehealth facilitation.
  • Direct relief for EMS through FEMA grants
• Over 32,000 emails were sent to members of Congress through these campaigns!
• Prepared letters to White House, Congressional Leaders, the HHS, DHS and DoJ Secretaries, and FEMA and CMS Administrators seeking pandemic relief and support for EMS.
• Provided oversight to the network of Advocacy Coordinators representing 45 states and territories, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

EMS Preparedness Committee

Committee Members

- Terry David, Chair
- Debra Bell
- David Blevins
- Bruce Evans
- Don Lundy
- Con Olson
- Norm Rooker
- Brian Schaeffer

- Anthony Scott
- Chris Hadis
- Bill Justice
- Rebecca Carmody
- Dana Desch-Smith
EMS Preparedness Committee Activities

• Developed survey on the impact of COVID-19 on EMS operations. Survey results provided to all relevant federal agencies, national and state EMS organizations, congressional offices, and the National Council of State Legislatures.

• Reviewed federal guidelines and reports on all aspects of EMS preparedness and provided comment.

• Vetted guidelines and policies posted on NAEMT’s COVID-19 Resources pages on the NAEMT web site. Prepared NAEMT letter to FEMA citing absence of EMS in National Health Security Strategy.

• Represented NAEMT on COVID-19 preparedness and response webinars.

• Recommended educational webinar on Crew Resource Management and Crisis Response. Webinar held on July 15.

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NAEMT EMS Political Action Committee

• Bruce Evans, Chair
• Chris Way
• Troy Tuke
• Rob Luckritz
• Kim Holman
NAEMT EMS PAC Activities

• To bolster our PAC funds in preparation for the upcoming election season, we asked our members for a $19 contribution in honor of the tremendous work of our EMS workforce throughout the COVID-19 health crisis.

• Contribution was made to Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

EMS Workforce Committee

Committee Members

• Sean Britton, Chair
• Mark Heath, Vice-Chair
• Charlene Cobb
• Garrett Hedeen
• Philip Sheridan

• Kris Kaull
• Mike Szczygiel
• Mike Thomas
• Aaron Florin
• Jon Blatman
EMS Workforce Committee Activities

- Developed survey on the specialized operational duties assigned by EMS agency managers to EMS personnel. The results of the survey will be used to better support EMS agencies and personnel and help inform our discussions with federal leaders.

- Discussed the on-going challenges of increasing diversity in the EMS workforce. Recommended that the Board create additional scholarship opportunities to address this issue.

- Reviewed and provided comment to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine’s Guiding Principles for Work-shift Duration.

- Vetted and recommended formatting changes to the mental health resources page on NAEMT’s web site.

- Recommended educational webinars on managing stress and anxiety and best practices in use of PPE and disinfecting processes during pandemic. Webinars were conducted on April 8 and 28.

EMS Transformation Committee

**Committee Members**
- Matt Zavadsky, Chair
- Jonathan Washko, Vice-Chair
- Mark Babson
- Chris Hanson
- Melissa McNally
- Dr. Greg Mears
- Bryan Nelson
- Jason Scheiderer

**Technical Advisors**
- Dr. Doug Kupas
- Dr. Kevin Munjal

**Liaison Members**
- Asbel Montes (AAA)
- Jerry Overton (IAED)
- Chief Chris Shimer, Ret. (IAFC)
- Jim DeTienne (NASEMSO)
- Dr. Daryl Clements (NAEMSP)
- Phyllis Hendry (AAP)
- Dr. Sun-hee Chung (AAP)
EMS Transformation Committee Activities

- Established committee task force to develop guidance to small agencies on CMS cost collection. Task force members drafted guidance that will be incorporated into a manual for agencies.
- Met extensively with CMS staff on the need for CMS reimbursement for alternate destination, telehealth facilitation, and treatment-in-place. Sent letter to CMS Administrator on the need for EMS reimbursement for these services.
- Prepared comment to NHTSA-EMS on absence of EMS and healthcare in the 911DataPath project.
- Recommended educational webinars on the use the AO998 code for payment for community paramedicine, and best practices in triage and transport destinations during the pandemic. Webinars held on January 30 and May 21.

Military Relations Committee

Committee Members
- Dr. Craig Manifold, Chair
- Michael Williamson, Vice-Chair
- Dr. Frank Butler
- Christina Brown
- Ben Chlapek
- Joe Kelly
- Bill Justice
- Jeremy Miller
- Harold Montgomery
- Kyle Wolber

Liaison Members
- DHA-JTS
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- NREMT
- SOMA
Military Relations Committee Activities

• Maintained relations with DHA-JTS and JTED on TCCC to ensure NAEMT’s understanding of TCCC curriculum changes and instructor requirements.

• Published results of joint research on impediments to prehospital military medical transition to civilian EMS.

• Provided subject matter expertise to suggested language in NDAA2021 that was included in final bill that passed.

• Discussed the need for a military medic certification to recognized their specialized competencies.

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Thank you for your tremendous contributions to advance our profession!