

California Council of EMS Educators
Quarterly Meeting No. 1-Minutes
Citrus Community College-“Fish Bowl” Room
Glendora, California
January 11, 2006

Attendees: Karen Petrilla (Riverside County EMS Agency); Jim Karras (Priority One Ambulance); Elaine Dethlefsen (Santa Ana College); Eric Ell (MedCoast Ambulance Service); Sean Trask (State EMS Authority); Kelly Lazurus (Santa Barbara County EMS Agency); Erika Reich (Los Angeles County EMS Agency); Cliff Hadsell (Citrus Community College); Marilyn Collins (Citrus Community College); Mary Jo Vincent (Orange County EMS Agency); Patty Haley (College of the Canyons); Dean Grose (Event Medical Services); Robert Lashier (Glendale Community College); Ginger Fallesen (Los Angeles County Office of Education-ROP); Randy Karraker (Burbank ROP); Ernie Foster (American Medical Response);

	TOPIC	ACTION/ACCOUNTABILITY
Welcome and Introductions	Robert Lashier (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:10am. The Chair thanked Citrus Community College, Marilyn Collins, and Cliff Hadsell for generously offering to host today’s meeting, lunch, and snacks.	

<p>Recognitions</p>	<p>The Chair recognized Mary Jo Vincent for her long time support of C2E2 and the EMS community. She is retiring from Orange County EMS after 34 years of service. The Chair also recognizes Dean Gross for his willingness to take on Executive responsibilities as the treasurer for C2E2 for nearly 6 years. Each honoree were given \$50 gift certificates to Nordstrom.</p>	
<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Robert Lashier provided a one hour presentation regarding the EMT-B Item-Writing experience with the National Registry in November 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Two other Southern California representatives were chosen as Item-Writers. They included Dr. Chris Nollette, who wrote for the First Responder Exam and Jim Crabtree who wrote for the Paramedic Exam. <p>The presentation provided an overview of key benchmarks necessary for educators to be successful at preparing their students for the National Registry Exam.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The National Registry test is created using the following resources, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1994 DOT National Standard Curriculum; the 1999 Airway Supplement; various peer reviewed texts (e.g. Annals of Emergency Medicine, JEMS, various textbooks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It should be expressed that many of the textbooks can be five years out of date prior to reaching the classroom. ❑ Careful consideration should be used as the test is also based on current practice (based upon the National Registry’s own Practice Analysis) and current literature. <p>The readability level of the test is at the 8th grade level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The stem should assess one component. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Distractors should be limited to four and each should be a plausible response. ❑ Much of test development is based on Item Response Theory. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exams should move away from knee-jerk responses that elicit a programmed response (paradoxical movement). <p>The National Registry readily admits that the intention of the test is to drive EMS education. The standards utilized are based upon their own 2004 National EMS Practice Analysis and current literature. The Practice Analysis can be obtained by</p>	

calling the National Registry and speaking with Jennifer Trott, the cost is \$5.

The National Registry will utilize Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) beginning January 2007. This CAT exam will “adjust” the ease and difficulty of each question based upon the candidate’s responses.

- ❑ There is a fundamental difference between CAT exams and Computer Based Testing (CBT), as CBT exams do not adjust the difficulty or ease of a question.

National Registry administrators also seek to identify which questions a high percentage of candidates are doing well on. Those questions that have high success are eliminated or re-worked. In essence, this forces future candidates into the Bell Curve.

- ❑ The National Standard Curriculum for 2007 will be less prescriptive and broader than previous versions.
 - NAEMSE is working in concert with curriculum development to establish required hours.

California educators and C2E2 must continue to look nationally, and there is the opportunity to continue to be a driving force in EMS and EMS education

- ❑ NAEMSE is gaining influence and the opportunity to either partner or be an individual “West Coast” voice exists

There are salient points to take to the National Registry, they include:

1. Provide complete and cohesive data to each approved school and especially to the LEMSA
2. Provide information workshops that participants will garner useful and practical information.
3. Information other than the periodic Practice Analysis that identifies changes in local practice.
4. The need to have improved communication.

The one concern the Chair recognizes as a significant roadblock toward being an influential voice is the varied participation at meetings.

Approval Of Minutes	The Minutes for the October 12, 2005 in Santa Ana were not submitted for approval, as the Secretary was not present for the meeting. The Chair thanks Karen Petrilla for offering to take today's minutes.	Robert Lashier will type up today's meeting minutes for dissemination prior to the next scheduled meeting.
Treasurer's Report	Dean Grose respectfully submitted the Report for the period of October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. There was a beginning balance of \$3700.89 with an ending balance of \$3656.41.	Dean Grose
Executive Board Elections	<p>All positions for the 2006-2007 period were open. The following individuals were nominated and elected to their respective positions.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairperson: Robert Lashier Vice Chair: Jim Karras Secretary: Kelly Lazarus Treasurer: Elaine Deflefsen Parliamentarian: Cliff Hadsell</p> <p>Approval was sought by a single verbal vote. Written ballots were also obtained and may be reviewed upon request.</p>	

<p>Discussion</p>	<p><u>Announcements:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary Jo Vincent's Retirement Party is January 25, 2005. Further information was disseminated during the meeting. 2. Office of Homeland Security and Governor's Office of Emergency Services will hold the Regional Conference at the Los Angeles Convention Center February 2 & 3, 2006. Information provided during the meeting. <p><u>EMSA Report-provided by Sean Trask:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Legislation to impose fines for paramedics has been written, but has yet to go out for public comment period. 2) There is a new Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Coordinator. Her name is Donna Westlake. Congratulations to Ms Westlake are forwarded from the Membership. 3) EMS Systems Unit manager Bonnie Sinz will be out of the office for six weeks following surgery. Best wishes towards a safe and speedy recovery are extended to Ms. Sinz from C2E2 membership. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maureen McNeil (who has retired from the EMSA) will fill in for Ms. Sinz during her recovery. 4) The Disaster Unit received a Federal grant of \$650,000. 5) The PPE Guidelines developed by the WMD/PPE Safety Committee was passed by the EMS Commission during their last meeting 6) Bioterrorism Curriculum Development Advisory Committee <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The curriculum developed by the consultant, Citygate Associates, is being developed to meet ERTAC and ODP requirements for established standards. b. The purpose of this curriculum is to establish a State recognized standardized awareness-level response to CBRNE/terrorist events. c. The Train-the-Trainer rollout will occur February 14, 2006 in Sacramento. Further information can be obtained from Tonya Hines, Disaster Analyst for the EMSA. 7) The EMS Authority will celebrate its 25th Anniversary soon. They will be collaborating with EMS Week in May for an event at the Capitol grounds. 8) EMT Regulation revisions were approved by the EMS Commission, but are mired in the Office of Finance due to policy. 9) The federal government awarded the California Department of Forestry 	
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(CDF) and the Parks and Recreation Department of Imperial County a \$22,000 HERSA grant to purchase AEDs for use within 65 miles of the U.S./Mexico border.

- 10) The AED bills were signed into legislation
 - a. Mandates that all health clinics have AEDs and trained personnel. This legislation will require a change in the current AED regulations.
 - b. The bills add clauses that provide immunity for grades K-12 that have AEDs.
 - 11) EMSA Medical Director has voiced several concerns regarding California's EMS system. They include:
 - a. Little more than half of the thirty-one LEMSAs perform DOJ backgrounds on perspective practitioners.
 - b. There is the absence of a "centralized" EMT registry.
 - 12) The 2006-2007 FY Budget from the Governor's office has money allocated to begin licensing EMT-Basics and EMT-IIs.
 - a. Licensing of Basics and II's will begin in 2007.
 - i. New certifications will be required to license in 07/2007; recertification will begin licensing in 10/2007.
 - ii. There will be a fee increase for all applicants.
 1. New: \$95 + SLMS fee \$5 + TWROA fee + DOJ fee + FBI fee=?
 2. Recertification: \$70
 - 13) Federal Block Grant monies are in limbo.
- EMT-II Taskforce Report-provided by Kelly Lazarus:
- 1) Continued discussion on the terms "shall" and "may" in EMT-II regulations
 - 2) Continued discussion of approval of EMT-II provider requests
 - 3) Continued discussion of minimum training hours (80 hours vs. 100 hours)

<p>Round Robin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ The National Registry has been sending First Responder candidates to LEMSAs for approval of First Responder courses/curriculum, however, these are not approved by the LEMSAs ❑ American Medical Response and MedCoast Ambulance are actively seeking EMTs and paramedics. ❑ LACo Office of Education is having an ROP Advisory Meeting on March 11, 2006. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ginger Fallesen. Ms. Fallesen also indicated that long-time member Karin Lyon-Reynoso's mother passed away after a prolonged illness. ❑ Santa Ana College's RN Program donated their Sim-Man to the EMT Program. ❑ The City of Burbank is accepting applications from qualified individuals interested in becoming a Burbank firefighter. So far 3000 applications have been received for 60 positions. ❑ San Bernadino County now has two National Registry test sites. ❑ Victor Valley College put its first EMTs through the National Registry test. ❑ Riverside County has approved its second paramedic program. 	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 1:47pm. The next meeting is at Inland Counties Emergency Medical Services Agency on Wednesday, April 12, 2006.</p>	