

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**



**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2019

**Meeting Location:** Elizabethtown, KY

**Board members in attendance:**

Region	Board Member ( ^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Present
At-Large	Rick Driskill ( Secretary)	Absent
At-Large	William Dukes ^	Present
At-Large	Joe Prewitt	Present
At-Large	Diane Vogel ^	Absent
Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 1	Allen Jones	Present
Region 1	Troy Walker ( <b>President</b> ) ^	Present
Region 2	Jim Duke ( <b>Treasurer</b> )	Present
Region 2	Chris Winstead ^	Present
Region 2	Mike Cottrell	Present
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Present
Region 3	Mike Reynolds	Present
Region 3	James Hacker ^	Present
Region 4	Mike Phillips ^	Absent (retired) Replaced
Region 4	Bret James	Present
Region 4	Phil Deitz ( <b>Vice President</b> )	Present
Region 5	Ashley Powell ^	Present
Region 5	Brandon Russell	Present
Region 5	Brandon Remley	Present
Region 6	Charles Creameans ^	Present
Region 6	Terry Fraley	Present
Region 6	Michael Mason ^	Absent

**The following items were presented, discussed, and/or acted upon while the board meeting was in order:**

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to order	The meeting was called to order at 1:00 ET by President Troy Walker.	
Invocation	By Charlie O'Neal.	
Roll Call	By Mark Harrison	
Determination of Quorum	By Mark Harrison. A quorum of not less than 51% (12) of the Board of Directors for any regular or special meeting was established.	Established
Minutes of last meeting	Reviewed.	Motion- Winstead, Second- Hacker. No discussion.

Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report	<p>By Jim Duke.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial sheet distributed. Current balance of \$87,081.09.</li> </ul>	<p>Approved. Motion to accept Financial Report by Reynolds. Second by W. Dukes. No discussion. Approved.</p>
Legislative Report	<p>By Joe Prewitt, Legislative Committee Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hearing on 1/23/19 in the Health, Family &amp; Welfare Committee about the KBEMS board reorganization E-reg. The Director of KBEMS and staff was not aware of this hearing. Apparently, a KBEMS board member appointed himself spokesperson and had every intent of speaking at the hearing without the knowledge of KBEMS staff. KAPA's lobbyist saw it on the hearing schedule and notified KAPA leadership. Member were notified by email and a good number of EMS providers including KBEMS leadership attended and made statements. The E-reg was tabled.</li> <li>Motion for the KAPA President to send a letter to KBEMS expressing our disapproval of this KBEMS board member attempting to speak/represent KBEMS without proper notification or authorization.</li> <li>A draft document with proposed changes to the KBEMS reorganization E-reg was reviewed. Motion to approve this draft with a rationale for each line entry.</li> <li>HB 86: Jim Duke explained in detail how this bill would help to increase ambulance reimbursement from Medicaid through a provider assessment fee. KY is currently the 47<sup>th</sup> lowest reimbursement level in the nation. The bill has been filed by Rep. Rothenburger and is in the Health &amp; Welfare Committee. Medicaid is supportive of this bill. A long Q&amp;A ensued.</li> <li>Other bills that have been filed were discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HB 72: motion to support- Prewitt/Bradshaw</li> <li>HB 106: motion to support- Prewitt/Winstead</li> <li>HB132: motion to support- Prewitt/Hacker</li> <li>HB40: motion to support- Prewitt/Dietz</li> <li>HB92: motion to oppose- Prewitt/Cremeans</li> <li>Senate Concurrent Resolution 5: motion to support- Prewitt/Hacker</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Bradshaw. Second by Winstead. Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion by Bradshaw. Second by Reynolds. Approved.</p>
KBEMS Report	<p>By Michael Poynter, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services Executive Director: Reviewed some stats. KY annual report coming in April or May 2019.</p> <p>Staffing issues: Aware of the paramedic shortage. Been meeting with several TEIs about the need to help and the real</p>	

	<p>need for them to complete courses. Inspectors are enforcing the new regulations. New equipment checklists are available on the web site for each ambulance classification.</p>	
Membership Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>William Dukes gave an update on recruitment. Will have a new membership report at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	No action needed
Conference Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Harrison stated that the conference committee had met once since conference. Another meeting will be immediately following today's board meeting. The committee has been reorganized with some fresh faces and were discussing some new ideas to the next conference. Due to construction, conference facility costs will be lower. A motion was requested to increase the education budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Winstead. Second by Fraley.</p> <p>Approved</p>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board member Mike Phillips has retired. President Walker appointed Brian Carpenter to finish the term.</li> <li>Brian Carpenter explained that the new KAPA website is ready. It will be fully populated over the next 30 days and will offer many new opportunities.</li> </ul>	
EMS Memorial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dan Durham reported that May 22 at 10:00 am is the date of the EMS Memorial Service in Frankfort.</li> <li>March 2 is the Supporting Heroes Gala in Louisville.</li> <li>Ultimate Honor classes are being scheduled. Contact Dan Durham for additional information.</li> <li>Motion for KAPA to sponsor a table at the upcoming Supporting Heroes Gala.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion by J. Duke. Second by Allen Jones.</p> <p>Approved</p>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>	
Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association will be in Region 5. The location to be determined.	
Adjournment	This Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association Board Meeting was concluded at 2:30 pm.	<p>Motion to Adjourn- Powell, Second- Bradshaw. Approved.</p>

Respectfully submitted by:

Mark Harrison