

**Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association  
Board Meeting Minutes**



**Meeting Date:** July 28, 2022

**Meeting Location:** Garrard County Extension Office

**Members in attendance:** About 12 in person & many by Zoom

Region	Board Member ( ^ = Even Year term)	Present or Absent
Region 1	Mark Harrison	Present
Region 1	Mike Wiggins	Present
Region 1	Troy Walker (President) ^	Present
Region 2	Jim Duke ( <i>Treasurer</i> )	Absent
Region 2	David Webb ^	Present
Region 2	Mike Cottrell	Present
Region 3	Joe Bradshaw	Present
Region 3	Mike Reynolds	Present
Region 3	James Hacker ^	Present
Region 4	Jody Dunhoft ^	Present
Region 4	Pennie Crady	Present
Region 4	Phil Deitz (Vice <b>President</b> )	Present
Region 5	Ashley Powell ^	Present
Region 5	Brandon Russell	Present
Region 5	Tim May	Present
Region 6	Charles Cremeans ^	Present
Region 6	Rick Loperfido	Present
Region 6	Michael Mason ^	Present
At-Large	Kevin Callihan	Present
At-Large	Rick Driskill (Secretary)	Absent
At-Large	Donald Hare ^	Absent
At-Large	Joe Prewitt	Absent
At-Large	Joe Middleton ^	Present

**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 by the President at 1310	
Invocation	By James Hacker	
Roll Call	By Mark Harrison (Secretary Donald Hare is absent)	
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	Last meeting minutes were sent out by the President. Motion to accept: Hacker/Cottrell	Approved
Financial/Reimbursement Committee Report	The Treasurer was absent and not report was available.	No action

Legislative Report	<p>Legislative Chair Joe Prewitt was absent and no report available.</p> <p>It was noted that a KAPA EMS salary survey has been sent to all members and this needs to be completed as soon as possible.</p> <p>KAPA has engaged several EMS billing companies to draft language in response to information requested by the Legislative EMS Task Force. Members of the task force are legislators only. CON is believed to be a big topic in the short term. President Troy Walker will send to the membership by email, a list of task force members. This list will also be posted on our web site at <a href="http://www.kyapa.com">www.kyapa.com</a></p> <p>David Webb discussed the need to have an EMS on the Hill Day or a legislative reception before January 2023. KAPA has not done this for several years and it is felt that we need to meet and talk with our legislators.</p>	No action
KBEMS Report	<p>John Holder offered a brief report. Currently John Holder is the board Chair and David Webb serves as Co-Chair. Eddie Sloan is serving as the interim Executive Director.</p> <p>The newly formed board has held their first meeting. The board is in the process of forming committees and reviewing and prioritizing needs. A status/improvement report is due to the Legislative Task Force in December.</p>	
Membership Report	<p>83 provider renewals and 10 volunteer/affiliate renewals. Several agencies have not renewed for 2022. Total received \$20,325.</p>	
Conference Committee Report	<p>Mark Harrison: Registration is open. Students, sponsors, vendors, and golf teams can all register on-line at <a href="http://www.kyapa.com">www.kyapa.com</a>.</p> <p>An EMS Conference flyer will be distributed this week that includes information such as keynote speakers, hotel information and other events. The golf scramble is being coordinated by the Kentucky EMS Memorial Foundation and all proceeds will go to the Foundation. Lunch on Wednesday this year will be at LexLive. The KAPA web site has been updated with all conference information including the education schedule.</p>	
New Business Web Site Update	<p>Mark Harrison, John Hultgren, David Webb, James Hacker, Joe Bradshaw, and John Holder have identified a list of items that should be included on the KAPA web site. Much progress has been made. The EMS Conference portion has been updated. Many other pages have been updated and is working. Work will continue to restore functionality and current content. We are addressing and will soon include a membership listing, board member contact list, KAPA mission statement to include membership benefits. A huge thank you goes out to John Hultgren for his assistance and guidance as work continues on this project.</p> <p>KAPA has a Facebook page named "Kentucky EMS Connection". The "Kentucky EMS Conference and EXPO" also has a Facebook page. Please follow them both.</p>	

<p>Newsletter</p>	<p>There was discussion about ways to expand the KAPA web site to help capture membership information and changes. We need the ability to update member information such as department email addresses and other member specific information.</p> <p>KAPA published a quarterly newsletter for many years. It was very informative and current Kentucky related EMS events and other items of importance. A gap has been created in the absence of the newsletter. We would like to restart it soon and are looking for someone who can help with this.</p>	
<p>Membership Dues</p>	<p>David Webb, Pennie Crady, and Michael Wiggins: David Webb talked about what this workgroup has done related to membership dues and generating an increased revenue stream. It is obvious that annual expenditures far exceed annual revenue. The conference is basically an even wash. It costs about \$15,000 annually for the retainer for attorney/lobbyist, conference registration system, and the Voter system used to contact and communicate with members about legislative issues. These are all recurring costs. KAPA spent \$50-\$60,000 last year in legal costs on behalf of all of Kentucky's EMS Agencies related to KHA/HB 777. Two years ago, KAPA spent \$40-\$50,000 in legal costs again on behalf of all of Kentucky's EMS Agencies getting HB 8 passed and implementing the new Medicaid payment process that is bringing about 19 million dollars of new revenue each year to Kentucky EMS providers.</p> <p>So, KAPA is spending much more than we are taking in. There are other things that we need to do and be involved in, but it all takes money. The group is looking at different ways to produce a dependable flow of money into KAPA to pay for these initiatives. We hope to have something to send out to the membership for consideration very soon. A firm plan needs to be voted on at the September meeting.</p>	
<p>EMS License Plate-KEMSA</p>	<p>Kevin Callihan and Chuck O'Neal have been working with KEMSA to get an EMS License Plate approved and for the proceeds to go to the Kentucky EMS Memorial Foundation. A request was made for President Troy Walker to send a letter of support to KEMSA. Motion by Callihan/Bradshaw.</p>	<p>Approved</p>
<p>EMS Staff Shortage</p>	<p>Brandon Russell: Recruitment is obviously the big issue. EMT and AEMT- Recruitment starts in high school. Consider regional classes similar to the KAPA regions.</p> <p>Paramedic- Recruitment does not work if there is nobody to recruit! New paramedics are simply not being turned out by the college system. Enrollment is way below the nursing enrollment numbers and there is more money for the colleges to focus on nursing programs. Prospective paramedic students do not have school choices in locations that make it easy for them to attend. This rapid decline in new paramedics began with the KBEMS adopted requirement that paramedic programs be taught by an accredited education institution.</p> <p>There was discussion about asking the legislature to implement an incentive program for training/working EMS for a licensed</p>	

<p>Registered Nurses</p> <p>EMS Safe Haven Baby Box</p>	<p>ambulance provider.</p> <p>Motion by Cremeans/Hacker that the President send a letter to KBEMS requesting that all levels of initial certification received from a Kentucky TEI do not require accreditation.</p> <p>Near the end of a long discussion about the paramedic staffing crisis, it was noted that we need to explore every opportunity that might help to mitigate our staffing problems and put an ALS provider in the ambulance. Joe Middleton made a motion that the KAPA President send a letter to KBEMS requesting that a registered nurse who possesses current EMT certification, be allowed to function as the sole ALS provider in an ambulance. Second by Brandon Russell.</p> <p>Troy Walker announced that Muhlenberg County EMS has just installed a Safe Haven Baby Box at their station. It was paid for through a grant.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>Elections</p>	<p>All regions need to hold elections during August. Any region that cannot accomplish this will have their elections during the board meeting in September in Lexington.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting will be Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1330 in Lexington during the KY EMS Conference &amp; Expo.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 1515.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by:

Mark Harrison  
7/29/2022