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REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
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Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2009

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Proxy</i>	<i>Excused</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Addario	Mike	Member	Onondaga	X			
Bitner	Chris	Associate Member	Onondaga			E	
Butler	David J.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Calley	Brian	Member	Onondaga	X			
Cousins	Paul	Member	Onondaga		P		
Darby	Warren R.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Derbyshire	Susan	Member	Onondaga	X			
DiGregorio	Anthony	Member	Onondaga	X			
Duell	Robert	Member / County Coordinator	Cortland	X			
Eckstadt	Tamara	CNY REMSCo Staff		X			
Egan	Pat	Member / County Coordinator	Oswego	X			
Foster	Linda	Member	Onondaga	X			
Fricano	Lon A.	Member	Cayuga	X			
Galloway	Joseph	Member	Onondaga	Resigned			
Gleeson	Tim	Associate Member	Onondaga	X			
Green	Jason	Associate Member	Cayuga	X			
Hansen	Patricia	Member	Cortland	X			
Harrington	Beth	Member	Tompkins	X			
Hogue	Troy D.	Member	Onondaga	X			
Jones	Jeff	CNY REMSCo Staff				E	
Loomis	Robert	Member	Oswego	X			
Lynn	Harry	Member	Cayuga		P		
Markham	Joseph	Asst Med Director					X
Marko	John	Member	Onondaga	X			
Martin Reed	Laura	Member	Cayuga	X			
Menter	Zachary	Associate Member	Oswego	X			
Merrill	Peggy	Member	Tompkins	X			
Morrissey	John	NYS DOH				X	
Murray	Mark	Member	Oswego	X			
Olsson	Daniel	Medical Director				E	
Paolini	Roger	Member	Onondaga	X			
Pinsky	Brad	Associate Member	Onondaga	X			X
Price	Colleen	CNY REMSCo Staff				E	
Price	S. Lee	Member	Cortland	X			
Procopio	Greg	Member	Onondaga			E	

Rotko	Roman	Member	Cayuga	X			
Shurtleff	Lee	Member	Tompkins	X			
Shutts	J. Penny	Member	Oswego	X			
Suriani	Sammy F.	Member	Onondaga			E	
Surprenant	Susie	Associate Member/ CNY REMSCo Staff	Oswego	X			
VanEtten	Doug	Associate Member	Cortland			E	
Wallis	Norman	Associate Member	Oswego			E	

Darby: I will call the EMS Council to order. And ask that everybody be sure that they have signed the attendance sheet so that we know that you are here. If you're a non-member, sign at the bottom with your affiliation so that we – again this is an open meeting – we would like to account that your presence is here. Let me be, probably not the first to wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day. I see a lot of us have celebrated that across the room here. I thought for years that I was Irish because my parents were always saying oh, Darby, it was the way that they were saying it, it was nothing to do with Irish. The minutes of the 07/20/2009 were sent out and you have copies at the shelf when you came in and I'm looking for any corrections.

July?

Darby: January, did I say July? Thank you. January 20th. Looking for any corrections, amendments, changes or a motion to accept it as they are written.

Paolini: So moved.

Motion to accept. Roger. Second. All in favor accepting the minutes as written signify by saying "aye."

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Carried. Treasurer's report is going around in the blue book. We will deal with that under New Business number 11. Correspondence they are also in the blue books. A couple of things that I want to point out that are there. There is a CME opportunity that came in on short notice, and we did want you to see that, Wednesday, the 18th, which is tomorrow, at Rural Metro Syracuse, Dr. Simons from St. Joseph's, a cardiologist, is going to give a brief educational talk on diagnosing and treating MIs in the field, and there will be time for discussion for the attendees there, including representing from the ED at St. Joe's. ALS core hours are available, and the most important piece of this is that coffee and bagels are there, too, so if you are interested it is at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, the 18th, which is tomorrow morning. Also, in the book is the announcement of the State EMS Memorial Service this year. It is EMS week which is the third full week in May, and a memorial is scheduled for the 20th which is a Wednesday I believe at 11:00 at the quad over in Albany and so we have gone down with a carload from Central New York in the past. If somebody would like to take that trip, I'm sure we can come up with another way to get a carload down there. Put that on your social calendar, the 20th of May, at 11:00 a.m. I have also asked the State EMS to give this council a print-out of all the CONs in our five county region by county. I will be turning this over to Mr. Addario and his committee to take a look and see is there any other areas

within our region that may not be covered with CONs. We want to take a look and see if there is and then that is an appropriate study that needs to be done, I believe, this year so I've got the Onondaga information because of the most recent CON expansion request, but I wanted to get the other 4 counties so we can take a look at the entire 5 county region, and they should be coming in. Also, there is both State Council and REMSCO calendars for 2009, so plug in the dates for the 4 State Council meetings and for the 6 REMSCO meetings for 2009. It also has the Air Medical Service meetings, the CQIs, and the REMACs in our REMSCO calendar. They are in your correspondence with all the other correspondence that we have had. Number 4 on the agenda is the Chairman's Report. The biggest role of the Chairman every 2 years is to take a look at the committee assignments and to come up with the committees for the next 2 years, and we received about 85% of the membership turned in their committee preferences. We will try to honor all that is turned in, and you have received by email yesterday the committee assignments and today we have a hard copy here. What we have done is to change all the chairs with the exception of the Program Agency Committee which the chair is by direction of the Vice President of the corporation which is the REMSCO so it will be whoever is in that Vice President seat who is Mark Murray and that chair can change whenever that particular position changes, but the other chairs as we did a couple of years ago we moved -- we put new chairs in place and moved the past chairman down to vice chair. We've done the same thing and for Review and Comment Lon Fricano has served his time if you will at the chair seat and is now the vice chair under Mike Addario, the new chair, for the Review and Comment Committee, and Training and Ed, Lee Price is the new chair, and Tony DiGregorio has moved down to vice chair of that committee. The three standing committees that every one of us will be a member of one of these three committees, are the three top committees, Program Agency Committee, the Review and Comment Committee, and the Training and Education Committee. It has been our attempt to have representation from all 5 counties on all of the committees so as you look down the way that was the attempt that we had made. We also did not want to have a Program Agency member, the committee that works with the Program Agency directly, to be a chair or vice chair of any other committee because often times our committee meetings went over into the other committee's meeting time and what was happening was we weren't getting it done, it was being done without the chair at the table so that was the thinking behind this. There are 5 committees below the 3 standing committees. These were also standing committees in that they are there year after year, but you can be a member of any one or any multiples of the ones below and some of you have asked to be one more than one. The Legal Affairs Committee, Lon Fricano, has agreed to chair that, Lee Shurtleff from past year will be the vice chair. The Membership Committee, Zach Menter has agreed to chair that, Laura Martin-Reed, vice chair. Policy Committee, Bob Loomis, and Norm Wallis as vice chair. For Emergency Planning, Tony DiGregorio, and Dave Butler for vice chair, and for the Ways and Means Committee, Paul Cousins, and Mike Addario for vice chair. And that's the committees as they stand for the next term. If there is any other committees that you would like to be on that didn't get on your committee request, please see the chair at the meeting. We already had one request for a committee, and we will try to make that happen. Questions on the 2009 REMSCO committees? Penny?

Shutts: The New York Council representatives, are they New York State Council representatives yet?

Darby: Good question. The vetting process has started. Yours truly has been fingerprinted, and the State Police are presently going around town checking all of my references and looking to see that I did in fact graduate from high school, college, that I'm still married to my wife, and looking at any of the possible conflicts that could be in my background, so that's happening. The next State Council meeting is in June. I anticipate that I will be seated in June.

Fricano: Who did you put down as references?

Darby: They needed 3 references so I put my pastor down, who has known me for 30+ years. I put the Sheriff down, who has known me for 40 years, and I put the Chief of Police down who I was involved with hiring, who has known me for 30 years. So they are meeting with all of those parties as we speak this week, and I would like to be fly on the wall just to listen to the conversations, but to answer your question, yes, we're moving forward with the vetting process and that's what they said at the last Council meeting would happen, and it is in fact happening.

Shutts: And at that point in June is when your seat is up and we have to reappoint you --

Darby: Well, it would be interesting to see -- my suspect is that I will be vetted starting 2009 so 2006 to last month, all of 2007, all of 2008, as you know, we've been there, and we have made conversation, but we have not had a vote in this region on the record because we couldn't. Both myself and/or our alternate have been there. We will be there in June. Hopefully I will be able to vote. It has been -- I'm usually the first one on the roll call that needs to be vetted and it has been an ongoing humorous point in the meeting when they get to me for that reason.

Shutts: Warren, shouldn't you have vetted when you were a chair?

Darby: I was, but if you remember I had served as president and then stepped aside and our alternate, Ken Young, moved up to the position of member for this region and I became the alternate. In his absence, I was going to be him. The State Council's Constitution and By-laws do not allow for the alternate to vote in the absence of the member. They can sit there, they can have conversation on any of the topics being discussed and input, but they can't have a vote, and the reason for that I'm told is that the vetting process would then have to be extended to the second seat, too, and if they go to the extent that they are doing for the first seat it's got to be a costly process, and they didn't want to double it.

Shutts: I mean when you were chair of the State Committee, weren't you vetted then?

Darby: Yes, I was, but it wasn't this process. This is by far an extensive vetting process that they have never gone through before under a new Governor. So they're doing probably what they should have done all along because what they are saying is, if they're going to put somebody in an official State position, then we want to be sure we know who that person is, one, and that they are not going to in any way cause issues for the Governor or his cabinet. This is probably a valid reason for this, but it's very costly. Lon Fricano.

Fricano: As my old friend, Warren, would say, vetter you than me.

Darby: Okay, moving on to committee reports. EMS Program Agency, Mr. Murray.

Murray: Most of the report is going to come from Sue for the office. I'm going to talk about fund raising. We met last month and discussed different fund raising. We talked about the bike run, found out liability wise that probably wasn't feasible and then our administrative assistant, Tammy, said that she would make a quilt for us, and we discussed what it would look like, etc., and Tammy came up with a design, we tweaked it a little bit, I'll pass around what the design is, I'll pass down part of the quilt already done, and we're going to hold a raffle. I know you people just love fund raisers in this room, we're not cutting into the paws of Mike's grasp on the Ways and Means, but probably by the May meeting we will have some tickets out, and we decided \$10 per ticket and 3 for 20, hoping that people would jump at the 3 for 20. We're paying for all this stuff, the expenses for Tammy, she is doing this out of the goodness of her heart on her own time. I think when you see it you will realize how nice it's going to be. We want to push it at different places. We're going to have the brochures made up, put them in the hospitals, etc. We hope people bring it back to the corps, different agencies so we can have a good fund raiser, and the drawing will be done during Glow Golf. We're playing Glow Golf in September still, that probably will be our only other fund raiser for the rest of the year so we appreciate the help and that will be at the May meeting. I'll pass this around to you so you can take a look at it. Any questions on that?

Foster: Mark, do we have a size?

Murray: This is half of it and – it's going to be 6 feet right, Tam, at least 6 feet.

Eckstadt: Queen size.

Murray: Take a look at it, it looks really nice and Tammy brought the idea last week, we tweaked it a little bit, but it was mostly her idea.

Darby: It's a little bit of Ways and Means inside the Program Agency.

Murray: It always is.

Darby: Any questions for the Program Agency at this point because we'll see some more discussion when we get down to _____ Okay, Legal Affairs. I don't believe Lon had time to meet –

Fricano: We do have a report.

Darby: Go for it.

Fricano: I work fast. Take it away, Brad.

Pinsky: We do have a report actually. There is a couple of things. One is you know the Mercy Flight saga goes on. A number of months ago we appeared in Rochester. So many, many months ago I appeared along with the Council and the State Attorney General in Federal Court in Rochester. As you should know, the case was dismissed as against the State and the Council. They then appealed to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals and

that appeal was then dismissed, more on a technicality than any great legal work, but nonetheless their appeal was thrown out against the Council and the State. The only defendants that still exist are the county and TLC, well, TLC being the most minor of the parties, but TLC through me and the Council has a motion to dismiss pending and that should be, I'd like to say any day, but we've asked on behalf of TLC to dismiss the entire lawsuit as against everything, including the REMSCO who is already out, but could otherwise be brought back in again, but if we win, I think the whole thing is done except for any legal appeals of some sort. So we continue to wait. I thought we would have had a decision in January or February. I hope it's any day, but we should know something soon.

Darby: There is one more plaintiff, if you will, the County of Onondaga in that it will get dismissed.

Pinsky: Defendant.

Darby: Yes.

Darby: Right. And TLC's motion asks to dismiss against the County as well as the TLC as well as the State and the REMSCO, all basically on the same reasons so we're hoping -- we'll see. We took a lot of flack originally from the State Attorney General for filing this motion and low and behold they got out so TLC has been moving this case along for everybody actually as it were. Two, the big deal right now is in the fire world more than ambulance is the CDL issue, that if you haven't seen this, if you're not in the fire world, there was a law amended, passed in 2005 as part of the Governor's budget bill, meaning nobody ever looked at it, because it went through with the budget bill, and what they meant to do at the time was make it that drivers of municipally owned vehicles, all right, they weren't talking fire vehicles, they were talking town garbage trucks, dump trucks, things like that, that drivers of municipally owned vehicles would need a CDL because they didn't previously need one under this exception, but to get Federal highway funding they wanted to amend the law so they did so, and they added a line after, and there are 2 similar provisions, and in one provision they got it right, they added a line that said you need a CDL to drive a municipally owned vehicle unless you're driving to an emergency, and they got it right in that part. Unfortunately in another part they added those words after the words fire vehicle, so now it says incorrectly, you need a CDL to drive fire vehicle unless you're driving to the emergency, which everyone who is a part of this and heard about this means you can drive to the emergency without CDL, but you've got to leave your fire truck there and walk back, or you have to light your firehouse on fire so you can drive back to get to an emergency. My law firm has given advice because it's clear it was a printing error. This is nothing more than a printing error. Nobody should be panicking, that's my official advice. They're trying to correct the law now anyway. It generally does not apply to most ambulances, though it could, if you have one more 20,000 QBW or in some cases 10, but let me tell you even screwed up is the law set is, who it does not apply to. It does not apply to fire district owned vehicles. It does not apply to village or town owned vehicles. The only fire vehicles this even would apply to as messed up is fire vehicles owned by a private not-for-profit, right, so the independents. B-Ville. So I'm telling that you do not have to worry. It is such an obvious printing error, they just put the words in the wrong place. So that's two. The third is I guess is more of a question, on the NAVAC, NAVAC has appealed. I don't know whether I can bring that up, and I guess my question was in the last CONs, the only ones who can appear other than the Appellant, NAVAC, who put papers in, is the Regional Council and in the TLC

and before that, a decade ago, I think was the other one that was appealed, the Council appeared both times, and I guess, I would just like to know should we be appearing and appealing. I would like to. I would like to put in a statement which says look, the Council made a determination, it was based on the facts before it, the facts were reasonable, and it was not arbitrary or capricious. I haven't seen the appeal so I don't know what else they said, but that's basically what we would say, and I kind of would like permission to do that to support the Council's decision.

Darby: Okay, so the Council knows, I have asked Central Office for a copy of the appeal so we can see what specifically the appeal was, we have not seen it. We have just been notified that one was received within the 30 days I look for a motion to have the Council respond to the appeal.

Fricano: So moved.

Darby: Lon Fricano. Second by Linda Foster. Any discussion on the motion? All in favor? John?

Marko: John Marko. NAVAC filed the appeal so I assume that they submitted their appropriate paperwork.

Darby: They notified – Albany notified us that they had received the appeal within 30 days.

Marko: There is also some fact, some statistical information that was presented at the hearing, how do we know that that information is going to be there for the appeal process.

Darby: Well, they have the entire transcript of the public hearing, and they have the entire transcript and copy of the web cast of how the Council dealt with it here so that's there. I have not seen the appeal in a hard copy yet. I have asked for it. I expect to see it shortly and then we can share that with the rest of the Council.

Marko: But the portion I'm bringing up is there was a piece of paper and colored graphs that had the statistical information on there and also rebuttal type data or information from the attorney who represented both, can we make sure that that documentation is part of that package.

Darby: Anything submitted is part of that package.

Marko: Who submitted other than NAVAC and besides the transcripts?

Darby: Anyone who was giving testimony at that public hearing and anything in writing, that would be part of the package.

Pinsky: I think what he is looking for is to know how it will get to the Administrative Law Judge.

Darby: It gets there from Central Office, Albany, they give him the entire package, we gave them copies and we have a copy in our office.

Marko: So our office here gave it to Central Office?

Darby: That's correct. In fact, we didn't even mail, it handed it to Lee Burns who was here on another matter.

Marko: So you're saying that all of the documentation from NOVA that was presented at that hearing was then turned over eventually to Central Office?

Darby: That's correct.

Marko: Okay.

Darby: If you want to be sure, there is a copy of everything which was turned over in our office here, you're welcome to look at that and then anything that is not there did not go to Central Office.

Marko: All right, thanks.

Darby: Any other discussion on the motion? Hearing none. All in favor signify by saying aye?

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Any abstentions? Carried. Counsel, you have our direction.

Foster: I have a question.

Darby: Yes, Linda.

Foster: Is Bradley the only one going, our attorney?

Darby: It is probably a written document.

Pinsky: Yes, it is in writing, yes. It is just a statement. There is no appearance before the justice.

Foster: Wouldn't a nice warm speaking body be better?

Darby: Not really. It is done by an ALJ at this point. In its own good time we will ____.

Foster: Does NAVAC have a warm speaking body?

Pinsky: No, it's all in writing. There is no procedure to have any oral argument.

Darby: Okay, moving on. Anything else from Legal Affairs? Lon?

Fricano: No, I think I have said enough.

Darby: Moving to Membership.

Okay, Zach Menter.

Menter: Zach Menter. Okay, we have a couple of things going on here tonight in Membership. For one we do have a letter of resignation, Joe Galloway, which Laura is going to read here in just a second. That will open up of course a voting member spot for Onondaga County. We do have an application to vote on tonight for Oswego County which was passed around last month, I'm sorry, January 2 months ago. That is for David Potter. That one comes as a seconded motion to the Council from Membership, that is going to be passed around here in a minute. Also, we have another application from Eric Kehoe from Cayuga County that is going to be passed around here tonight for the first time for everyone's reviewed.

Darby: So we have one motion – seconded motion, is that it, Zach?

Menter: Yes, one seconded motion.

Darby: That's for David Potter.

Menter: That's for David Potter, yes. I guess we don't have to pass this around as everybody has seen it so I'm just going to pass Mr. Kehoe's around.

Darby: Right, by the Constitution and By-laws, they have to see it 30 days in advance, and so we would be able to act on the seconded motion now.

Menter: We also do have Dr. Cooney in the folder who is interested in an Onondaga spot when it does open up.

Darby: Let's take it one motion at a time here. We have a seconded motion for David Potter. It comes as a seconded motion from the committee so I will open it up for discussion on the motion. Yes, Linda.

Foster: This is Oswego County, correct?

Menter: Yes. He does work for us, David Potter does, for quite a few years, probably 6 years I'm going to say, a very strong paramedic, very active. He is one of those guys who started out as a wheel chair driver, and he worked his way all the way up to paramedic. He is currently working on his CLI. I would definitely consider him an asset as an associate member.

Darby: Any other discussion? Move the question. All in favor signify by saying aye?

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Abstentions? Carried, unanimous. Now, we are sending paperwork over for – what's the last name again?

Foster: Kehoe.

Menter: For Kehoe, for Eric Kehoe. His application is going around tonight and that is for an associate membership spot for Cayuga County.

Darby: Okay, that will come around and then you have a letter to read

Menter: Yes, and Laura is going to read the letter from Joe Galloway.

Martin-Reed: Laura Martin-Reed. This letter is dated February 24th, but we received it at the beginning of this meeting tonight on March 17th. Dear Mr. Darby and Council Member. Please accept this letter as my resignation from the CNY Regional EMS Council effective at the close of this meeting. My tenure on the Council has been challenging at times, but a very rewarding period of my career and I regret having to make this difficult decision. With the increased duties at work, I find it hard to commit the time needed to continue serving as an active member. I have been outspoken most recently about the diversity of this Council to better serve the communities that the Council serves. I hope that the vacancy created by my resignation you will make an effort to bring diversity to this Council. I want to thank all the members of this Council for years of the friendship and camaraderie that I have enjoyed and hope that it will continue _____. If there is any way I can ____ this Council personally or professionally in the future, please feel free to contact me, and I will make myself available. I wish you all the _____ challenges ahead. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the community. Sincerely, Joseph C. Galloway.

Darby: Okay, we will take a motion to accept the letter of resignation with regrets _____. Lon Fricano. Roger Paolini. Any discussion on the motion? As chair, I've seen many, many things over the years that Joe has done in the background for this Council and a lot of things in the foregoing. We are going to miss his participation, and we promised him as a committee member that we would be calling on him for various items and sundry business in the future because of his expertise so we say thank you to Joe Galloway for what he has done for Central New York, and I'll call the question. All in favor of accepting the letter with regrets signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Opposed? Carried. Lon Fricano?

Fricano: How long did Joe serve?

Darby: I don't know for sure.

Fricano: It's been a long time.

Darby: It's been 12 years plus.

Fricano: It's been more than that.

Darby: He said 12 years plus.

Fricano: I would say it is closer to 20 years.

Marko: Don't forget that Joe was the local coordinator _____. He was always helping when he wasn't a member. He was still doing everything.

Darby: He was still a part of it.

Fricano: I would like to see us come up with some kind of memento of recognition for his service regardless whether it was as coordinator or a member of the Council still, it spans nearly 20 years.

Darby: Tony DiGregorio?

DiGregorio: I would like to see his name submitted for the Michael Jastremski award. I would make that as a nomination. I would be glad to write a letter. .

Darby: That is very good because before the night is up, I'm also asking passing out the Vital Signs Award information . You got me thinking about that as we have to make those decisions by June in order to have it to the region by July and submit it to the State by August. So I would welcome that kind of a nomination. Okay, anything else from Membership?

Menter: Not at this time.

Darby: Any questions for Membership? Policy? That does open up a position again in Onondaga County. You said that Dr. Cooney's application is in there. We also have some Onondaga County associates that have applications to move up so –

Menter: _____, advertised also here.

Darby: Yes, Troy Hogue?

Hogue: If we can get all the Onondaga County members to meet briefly for about 5 minutes after the meeting. We need to select a new Onondaga County rep to the Program Agency Committee.

Darby: Joe Galloway was the Onondaga County representative to the Program Agency so we will have a caucus after the Council meeting tonight of the Onondaga County members to decide who would take that seat, and I was going to announce that at the end, but I will again, I'm sure. Thank you. Policy Committee.

Foster: I have a question, why do we have to wait to caucus after the meeting and then have them appointed 2 months from now. Why don't we take a five minute recess and decide now we are going to appoint at this meeting?

Darby: Because according to the Constitution, the chair can appoint so we don't have to wait 2 months _____ and so instead of wasting time _____. The Policy Committee did not meet I don't believe, Bob Loomis.

Loomis: We didn't get a chance to meet, was involved with Review and Comment, but I will reach out to Norm and touch base with him and make sure that nothing is in progress.

Darby: The Policy Committee was very busy a few years back when they were almost every meeting looking at regional policies that had to get approved here in Council. Now once in a while they kick back into action so it's good to have that committee in place. Review and Comment Committee. Mike Addario.

Addario: Okay, this is my first time _____. We had 5 pieces of correspondence and one ALS FR application. I'll do the correspondence first. We received a letter from the Department of Health to NAVAC regarding their appeal. We received a letter from – correspondence from New York State Department of Health regarding 2 suspension, neither of which is in this region, all of this correspondence should be in the blue book. I received a letter from the Department of Health to TLC regarding their grandfather application request and received a letter, Program Agency received a letter from WAVES regarding a certificate name change for the corporation and that is it for correspondence. Regarding the application for public need, this was an ALS FR application, we believe it is by the Department of Emergency Medicine, but there are a couple of different names on the application so we're a little bit confused about who the actual legal entity is requesting the application. We reviewed it in depth at Review and Comment. I don't know if I need to provide particulars, but we deemed it was incomplete so we will be sending correspondence to I believe Dr. McCabe outlining the areas that need _____. That is it.

Darby: Any questions for Review and Comment? There being none, we will move on, thank you. Training and Education. Lee Price.

Price: Training and Education. Not much – nothing to act on. There is a note, I think they're in the blue book, there is a banner for "Save the Date" the second annual EMS symposium at St. Joe's. There is also course applications in the blue books, Syracuse Fire is running 2 CFR refreshers and EMT basic PILOT core, OCC is running an EMT, Immediate and CC refresher, and North Shore Ambulance is running a CFR regional refresher, and that wraps it up.

Darby: Questions for Training and Ed? Moving on to Ways and Means. We heard a little bit about the quilt, and Paul Cousins is unable to be here, I think, Mike Addario, some discussion?

Addario: We had no discussion.

Darby: Okay. As we get closer to the September date, we will get very active around that Glow Golf, and if you have some ideas we really need 2 good fund raisers a year to add to the account to sufficiently carry the kind of things that we do at Central New York EMS. Glow Golf is a good one and the quilt is going to be very helpful, thank you, Tammy. Softball. Tony D? Is there any discussion or thought about softball this year.

DGregorio: Since it was turned down last year by then _____. I won't point any fingers, but unfortunately it was decided last year not to go with the softball and at that time it was decided that our league would support an individual who died, it's called a Sponable tournament down, and ____ there _____. It's not to say that we couldn't put something together and we would be more than happy to, but to be quite honest with you there was not very much support from this organization to assist us, and we didn't really ask for much because we were supplying just about everything, and there were some members

that were active in that, but it would have been good to have some of the counties coming in to at least watch was going on and maybe put a team in. The only teams that we had were from either Onondaga or Oswego, and there were 3 other counties, and granted it is a long trip, but we would make it worth your while, but we just didn't have the same camaraderie as everybody from the other counties that Glow Golf has, I think that's why they decided to do away with that and maybe do the run, but then the run didn't go either so. Right now it would be too short notice to do one now, but if the entire organization here was willing to help out, we could probably look to do it next year.

Darby: Okay.

DiGregorio: Pure profit for the 2 years that we did it.

Darby: Yes, it was.

DiGregorio: And our league took one all of the costs that were associated with putting it on.

Darby: Okay, we will revisit that in 2010. Any questions for Ways and Means issues? County reports. Cayuga? Roman?

Rotko: Two things briefly, Roman Rotko, Cayuga County. The biggest thing in Cayuga County right now is the discussions on the new radio system which way to go, we've got probably about 95% support for joining the consortium and pushing on with the radio system. It is the other 5% that are really annoying the rest of the 95%. We're trying to get that hammered out as soon as possible so we can get going. And the last thing is that while I was at work today one of the guys that works part time for a village police department received a fax recently regarding the newest suicide demo. If you haven't heard of it, what are they doing is that they are mixing, I believe, it is vapors, right?

Darby: Yes, Tammy, you have that.

Eckstadt: It's in one of the blue books.

Darby: It is in the blue book.

Rotko: It's muriatic acid and --

Darby: It's one of those documents.

Rotko: one stops your heart, the first one knocks you out so it is a gentle way to go, and the 2 people that were on that sheet that committed their suicides, they actually left notes warning the rescuers not to open the door quickly because they would be hit with vapors of what they concocted. So be on the look out. If you find somebody that is unresponsive in a vehicle, it may not be what you think.

Darby: Don't be so quick to crack windows.

Unkn: Well, they usually tape the inside, too.

Darby: They don't want any leaks.

It was a big fad about 2 to 3 years ago.

Unkn: Just to add to that. Just so that you are aware this is something that we just looked at recently, City of Syracuse Hazmat, basically the ___ is an insecticide company basically within their products, it's a sulfur based insecticide mixed with muriatic acid produces a highly ___ reaction so you're getting a fire or explosion and then you're getting off gas from that which has the ability to kill without pain and also displace oxygen so that you guys are aware of that is what happens in this reaction that they are creating.

Darby: So we're looking for somebody who has gone to the extent who is really making it airtight and don't want to put yourself quickly in that arena until you know it's safe. Okay, Any questions for Cayuga? That is a regional radio concept and I know that Onondaga and Oswego, Madison and Cortland, are the other part of that region and the State right now is looking at that, in fact the 26th, they were over there talking to the swing committee with regards to the possibility of some supporting that in more than one way, financially I mean. Cortland County? Bob Duell.

Duell: Just SUNY Cortland is planning a MCI drill for April 26th. There were will several agencies involved in that as the college is split into two different fire district – fire department coverage, depending on where they are going to have the drill, will involve several agencies and the other thing is a comment on what Roman did, our county has also gone out for an RFP to hire a consultant to see which direction our county is going to go in communications. We are having a mandatory meeting with the consultants on the 27th, the day after that drill, that would be. That's all I have for Cortland County.

Darby: Questions for Cortland? Onondaga, Tony D?

DiGregorio: Onondaga County, as I stated in the last meeting that we were at is planning a drill for the airport in September. I anticipate doing 2 tabletops at the airport prior to this drill and basically they're going to be doing with the fire services that actually are close in proximity besides City of Syracuse with the airport. We are also looking at expanding the amount of area that the airport will cover should a plane not crash where everybody plans it to crash at the airport, but right now they go, I believe, it's a mile out and then we're looking to maybe extend it to 8 miles out with the crash rescue vehicle to go out and to assist. They're looking at it, whether or not it happens remains to be seen. We also have been told that the tabletop drill is being planned sometime in April ____, and they anticipate doing it with the hospitals. The only reason that I know anything about it is because they asked me to evaluate it. _____ Tompkins County who did an outstanding job, hopefully we can do the same thing. The other thing that our county is working on besides our radio system which is still making progress is the joint effort between City Hazmat and County Hazmat with the intent of going regional at some point in time in the future, and right now we're going to be meeting and trying to come up with members, new members or ___ members that we have had in the past and re-educate them. Actually, it looks like it might turn out to be a good venture hopefully, and if it does _____, some of the hazmat issues. _____

Darby: Questions for Onondaga County? Thanks, Tony. Oswego County, Pat.

Egan: Pat Egan, just 2 items. We are currently working on our second annual EMSAC awards banquet, and it is scheduled for May 15th. It's going very well. The other item, of course, is the impending Lee Memorial Hospital closing. Last week the State ____ did meet to discuss the impacts of the hospital's closing on both the EMS community and Oswego Hospital. I do believe more is going to be said during the course of this meeting so I'll leave it at that. We do plan on continuing weekly meetings to assess our vulnerabilities and see how our progress is going as far as our contingency plans are concerned.

Darby: Questions for Oswego County? Okay, moving from county reports to Central New York EMS? Central Office, Susie.

Murray: Tompkins County?

Darby: I'm sorry. Tompkins County. Lee.

Price: That's all right, I wasn't going to report anything. I say I'm happy to be passed the radio system, good luck, guys. If you need advice –

Darby: Yours is up and running, right?

Price: Yes, very well.

Darby: Any questions for Tompkins? I apologize.

Now, onto Central Office, Susie.

Surprenant: Posted on the web site and in the blue book is the tax credit form for New York State for volunteer firefighters and ambulance providers. That was also distributed at SEMSCO in February. We have also received in the mail as well as the other program agencies and councils the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget template and training plans so we will be working on that, and the due date for that back to the State is May 15th. For electronic PCR currently, there are 6 agencies live with EMS Charts. There are 5 agencies in the training phase of implementing this product. We have also had meetings with hospitals in the regions to provide desktop access to the internet and printer in the EDs. Crouse currently is live. St. Joe's has their desktop set up, and IT right now is working on the security of that desktop. Dr. Olsson and I met with Dr. McCabe and he has agreed to install 2 desktops for EMS use in the ED. Dr. Markham is working with Community IT. We've had a conference call with Cortland Memorial. I'm awaiting dates from Ken Young, the CIC class schedule for, it will be either in December or November of this year, and then FuNCMeS phase 2 has been completed by the webmaster so we will be looking for some worthwhile presentations to add to the web site from our talented CICs in the region, some of which are in the room today. Warren is just going to just ____ to show what the looks of this is. Originally when this came up, it was one page with presentations, but now as this is growing with the 6 regions, it now looks like a 3-D book, and it is representative in 6 regions working on this, and then there are chapters which are individual web pages with presentations so it's almost like looking up, opening an EMT book or paramedic manual and seeing the different chapters that are available. The funding for this, it is free to any of the providers in our regions, in the 6

regions, and the funding for the server actually comes from _____ REMAC for a Council meeting on the server for web casting requirement, Executive Order No. 3, and also funds this, so we have decided to use our server space effectively to use it 100% of the time.

Darby: And what is our web site address? CNYEMS.org. Down on the home sheet, home page to FuNCMeS.

Surprenant: With this projector it looks – but when you open it up, it's one large book, on the very bottom, there are the logos to all of the regions that are represented, those link also back to their home pages. To enter FuNCMeS is how you enter the book, it will also be moved up to the right-hand side so it's a little bit easier to access. Once you open it up, it's – when you see it, it's a 2-D book in this angle, but it basically opens up and those links also go back to the web pages, also the State, the counties that are highlighted are the 20 or 21 counties that represent the regions that are involved with this. Each one is shaded, if you notice us in the middle, our 5 counties are shaded, that will also link back so it's easy for providers to link back to their home region, also, the spot on the right in Albany will link back to the State's web site. You can open a page if you're looking for something for safety and medical, patient assessment, presentations will be added. Right now Rochester is holding – has a grant coming for some pod casts for geriatrics, that's found in the geriatric section. The QI manual rollout, that's in the QI section. So these are some of the examples that are presented in here. We have been asked by the Safety tag as they get material available for the State to actually put this on the web site. It's a little harder to put presentations on the State web site, but they feel that the Safety message is important to providers so we have agreed to do that for them. So if any of the CICs have some worthwhile presentations, please forward them to me with any questions that go along with the presentation. We've got videos up here, pod casts, Power Point presentations, and we'll keep expanding this. Thank you, Warren.

Darby: It's a great resource we have. Take a look at it once a week or so. Things are always going on.

Surprenant: As Pat said, I was involved, also, with the meeting last week with Lee Memorial and the agencies in Oswego County, and we are currently with recommendation with DOH the point of contact for Lee Memorial as things change, Ray Tilke is here, and he will be giving us an update of what we can release currently. This will be changing. We're finding out on a daily basis, sometimes hourly, so we will keep the regions up to date as we get the information and then it has been released to us. An ALS inspection was done in Oswego Fire Department in January, and then Warren and I were at SEMAC and –SEMSCO in February. I was also up in North Country Region representing the region for Mark Davis' calling hours. Dr. Olsson is working this evening, but at the last REMAC meeting they worked on the minimum equipment list for ambulance, it was approved, the other half of that policy statement includes the ALS/FR portion and that will be finalized on the April 9th meeting. Coordinators have been working on call audits in the Oswego, Onondaga, and Tompkins Counties. _____.

Darby: Any questions of Susie? We're going to the PAD Epi report? Tammy?

Eckstadt: Tammy Eckstadt with the PAD epi report. We currently have 404 PAD agencies in Central New York. We've got 1 original notification from the New York

State Department of Mental Retardation and Development Disability _____. We received an update from Kilian Manufacturing and Peak Resorts. We did receive one report of use for a current site in the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, and that is on the back page. We also receive an update to the policy statement, it's number 09-03, just received that this afternoon, I have not had a chance to take a look at it so I don't have any comment on that at this time. The epi pen report, we have 70 total, there have been no changes, no additions, no uses. Any questions? That's all I've got.

Darby: We will move onto State EMS Council Report. February 17th was the committees, the 18th was the SEMSCO meeting, the first one of the year. The minutes of that meeting have not come out yet, although it was also web cast. Dr. Mike McAvoy has done notes on the meeting, and they are in the blue book so you can get some idea of what went on, and we will have the minutes of that at our next meeting, I hope by then anyway. The next State Council meeting is in your agenda. It's June 9th for the committees, and 10th for the State Council meeting in Albany. You're welcome to go to the meeting, you're welcome to be part of Central New York delegation. New York State Department of Health, Ray?

Tilke: Good evening, Ray Tilke. First of all, I would like to start by thanking the Central New York EMS Program Agency and all of the assisting EMS agencies who provided assistance to Jefferson County back in January for the funeral for the line-of-duty death for Mark Davis. That was a valuable assistance. Those of you who have been in emergency services for years know that an incident like that can devastate a county system as badly as any natural disaster, and our surrounding county agencies really stepped up to the plate to provide extra EMS coverage, to allow the Jefferson County providers to grieve their brother EMT and to decompress after a very, very tragic circumstance. We thank everyone for their help on that. As has been eluded to before, we've been actively involved with the pending closure of Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton. The dates that have been released – that have been made public so far at this point is that Lee Memorial will end inpatient services on April 10th, and the emergency department will remain open until April 26th. These dates have been moved up from what it had previously been advertised as a possible June 30th closure. Lee Memorial, Oswego Health, Central New York EMS and State Health Department are working together to come up with a closure plan at which point where EMS patients will no longer be taken to Lee Memorial. This will be happening before – well before the actual closure of the emergency department. Agencies, county coordinators, emergency managers should keep a close eye on your in-box for your email and your mailboxes. We hope to have some final letters out later this week. This is something that is occupying a great deal of our time on a daily basis, and we are working closely with all the involved parties to make sure that this closure goes smoothly and does not jeopardize public health of the residents in that area.

Darby: Questions? Yes, Brad Pinsky. Microphone.

Pinsky: Brad Pinsky, I've heard a rumor that DOH EMS has met with Medicare and apparently Medicare is going to compare with the New York State the territories in which ambulance services operate and that it -- that if the territories don't match up, your primary territory for CON purposes doesn't match up, that Medicare is then going to be going after you, I know there is a Hudson Valley County/Dutchess County area that is rumored to be facing problems, do you know anything about this?

Tilke: I'm not aware of anything that may or may not be happening regarding comparing territories. What I can tell you is DOH is sharing with the Medicaid system agencies who do not have valid operating certificates. We have many agencies who are participating in the Medicare or Medicaid programs and billing those agencies for ambulance transports and meanwhile they go months at a time with lapsed ambulance operating certificates. Medicare or Medicaid programs take a dim view of non-certified ambulance agencies billing for ambulance service and that information is being shared between departments. I don't know -- I'm not aware of anything that is happening with CONs.

Darby: Any other questions for State EMS? Thank you for being with us tonight. Old business. I neglected, the secretary tells me to correct again, to read into the record the proxy statements, so I will have that done now.

Foster: We did receive excuses from Paul Cousins, Greg Procopio, Dr. Olsson, Mr. VanEtten, Chris Bitner, and Norm Wallis. We do have a proxy for Paul Cousins to Susie Surprenant. We do have a proxy for Douglas VanEtten to Bob Duell, and we do have a proxy for Sammy Suriani who is Lon Fricano. Can I say something else ____? Tammy has asked me to bring this to everyone's attention, Tammy has the flu, she says that she can hardly be heard, and I know you can hear me. So we have been trying to update the roster for God knows how long, and still have incorrect information on this. It's vitally important, we have new committees, new members, you must review this and see if you have the proper information on there. If not, resubmit, thank you.

Darby: We'll be passing it around. Take a look at your own information and then just initial it if it is correct or make the correction so that way we know you've seen it. Other old business? Hearing no other old business, we'll move into new business. One thing I neglected to mention when we're talking about the committee assignments, we are doing what we watched happened for some years now at the State committee level, we're going to be having an attendance form, we saw it for the first time tonight for each committee so that we have a record of the committee meeting and who was at that particular committee meeting. That attendance form will be kept in the committee folder that is maintained by the Central Office here -- at the Regional Office I should say here in Syracuse. So as you have -- the committee chairs, the vice chairs, as you have meetings throughout the year, be sure to get the attendance form filled out. You can have guests that would sign just like our regular attendance form that they were present, due to the committee meetings are open, and that is a brand new form that was created this year for our committee meetings. We used it for the first time tonight. Other new business?

Fricano: Question on that, Warren. Can we use that to track attendance for the purpose of who is at the committee meeting versus attendance to the REMSCO function?

Darby: That's correct. The REMSCO, as far as the by-laws read correctly, right now, the REMSCO meetings which are these meetings, 6 of them a year, we track for purposes of the by-laws and membership. This committee attendance sheet is to know who is at the committee meetings when seconded motions were discussed. It has nothing to do with the by-law section. Linda?

Foster: Linda Foster, Secretary. Someone just handed me another proxy, is Harry Lynn is appointing Laura Martin-Reed as his proxy.

Darby: Okay. Other new business? Sue Derbyshire. Microphone, please.

Derbyshire: I had an opportunity thanks to the Central Office here to attend a meeting at St. Joseph's Hospital regarding their new ER which is breaking ground in the fall. It wasn't too well attended by units in this area. I have to tell you that they were more than receptive to any suggestions to the things we had. Real briefly, there is going to be 13 to 14 ambulance bays, quite a change. There will be no pillars in between.

Darby: That's nice.

Derbyshire: That was some of the things that we complained about. While we were there, Butch Hoffman was there from Rural Metro and we told him how close it was parking there mirror to mirror and we made a couple of phone calls and we actually got the entire width of an ambulance mirror to mirror so you won't be touching mirror to mirror. The hangover will come out, it won't be like, I think it was 20 years ago when they built the hangover for station wagons, when we all had trucks. The hospital is going to have a very large EMS room that is going to have internet facilities, we're going to have our own bathrooms, we're going to have our own area to shower if you have to leave your contaminated equipment. They are going to have more meetings. One other point we brought up was my favorite going to University Hospital, when you back up against the curb with your tires and then you go and pull a gurney out and your back is into the wall, and somebody called and we measured end of wheel to wall, it's going to be like 12 to 15 feet. They're going to have more meetings. The next time you see one of these invites, they gave us dinner, the architects were there, all of the administration was there. We've got to speak now or forever hold our breath, and they will be up and running they think in the fall of 2011 and the last thing is that we are going to have our own, I guess it would be roadway, it's no longer going to be a road there, it's going – the parking will be facing north and this one roadway will be given to ambulances only and patients who come by private car will be on the side. Please next time go.

Darby: You said dinner?

Derbyshire: And you missed it?

Derbyshire: Baked ziti, the whole thing.

Darby: Thank you, Sue. I didn't call for the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report went around in the blue books. Roger Paolini for the motion, and second by Brian Calley. All in favor of accepting the treasurer's report as found in the blue books signify by saying aye.

(Ayes)

Darby: Any opposed? Carried. Susie Surprenant.

Surprenant: An additional comment on St. Joe's. For 2 years now they've asked us to assist in a survey, and we've been using the mailing list and the ability with the newsletters to the web site to contact people, and they have been asked _____ input so they are putting some of those suggestions to use. They are a regular attendance at our QI

meetings so they are really making an effort to try to improve the conditions for EMS at their facility.

Darby: Okay, any other new business? Tony DiGregorio?

DiGregorio: That's going to be my actual suggestion. It would seem with our technology maybe we can get wireless because this is becoming somewhat of a problem. I don't know if that's something that can be done. However, there is grants out there, there is something out there, maybe donations, but we need to have something _____, we've got people trying to avoid being strangled here, we've got also dropping stuff, don't know if it's on or off. We can't hear the people in the front so it would be nice if they would echo a little bit so we can hear what they are saying.

Darby: These microphones are going onto the web cast. It's got nothing to do with the PA system, but --

DiGregorio: We might want to change that as well.

Darby: Mr. Butler has something to say to your comment.

Butler: We could get an extension to the wire, double wire, that would be relatively cheap.

Darby: That would be cheaper than wireless, that's for sure. We will work on that, Tony. Thank you.

Fricano: Can we make a motion that Onondaga County buy a wireless _____

I'll second it.

DiGregorio: I'm sure they would.

Darby: Motion made by Cayuga, seconded by Oswego. What's wrong with this motion? (Laughter) Any other comments or input for the good of the order?

Just a reminder for the Onondaga folks, if we could meet in that corner right after.

Darby: Onondaga folks, there is a caucus for Onondaga, it will be up in the corner. I just want to leave you with an Irish blessing. May the wind at your back not be the result of tonight's corned beef and cabbage. Happy Patrick's Day. Motion to adjourn?

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I passed the awards around, be sure to bring your applications with you, thank you.