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**Education Committee**

Wednesday  
13 Dec 2023  
0900-1130

Online via ZOOM: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82789080665>

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Leah Mitchell, Paul Froman, Aiden Koplovsky, Joanne Lebrun, Mike Drinkwater, Dennis Russell, Cathy Gosselin, Ben Zetterman, Steve Smith  
**Members Absent:** Amy Drinkwater, Brian Chamberlin  
**Staff:** Chris Azevedo  
**Stakeholders:** AJ Gagnon, John Lennon, Eric Wellman, Theresa Cousins, Don Sheets

*"The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."*

**I. Call to Order:**

- a. Introductions
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky makes introductions and calls roll.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Approval of October 2023 minutes
  - i. Motion to approve the October 2023 minutes made by Leah Mitchell and second by Cathy Gosselin. No discussion. Motion carries.
- b. There was no November meeting, so there are no November minutes to approve.

**III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

- a. Cathy Gosselin asks regarding the possibility of getting an NREMT PSE site for AEMT and Paramedic in Maine. Discussion by the group.

**IV. State Update:**

- a. Staff Update to the EMS Board distributed prior to meeting.
- b. Announcement for Non-Municipal Training Officer vacancy put out.
- c. CEH and other document revisions

## **V. Old Business:**

- a. PIFT update
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses his meeting with the IFT committee.
    - 1. Aiden relayed to the IFT committee the positions of the EMS Program Directors regarding continuing to teach PIFT.
  - ii. Attended the November Board meeting. Minimal questions and feedback.
  - iii. Discussion amongst the group.
    - 1. Aiden proposes drafting an official position statement for THE Education Committee that could be presented to the Board.  
Discussion.
      - a. Suggestion is made to ask for an action timeline.
      - b. Aiden Koplovsky will draft the letter and send it to committee members for feedback. This will not be completed prior to January Board meeting.
- b. Committee Chair Re-appointment
  - i. Amy Drinkwater confirmed Aiden Koplovsky's re-appointment as Education Committee Chair.
- c. Board motion to approve PSE sunset
  - i. Board Motion Sunsetting PSEs
  - ii. Chris Azevedo discusses
    - 1. Motion made by Brent Libby to refer this to the rules committee to amend the EMS Rules to allow the implementation of skills portfolios for the EMT and EMR levels. Motion is seconded by Tim Beals.

## **VI. New Business**

- a. Re-Entry Standards and AEMT SMC standards
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the standards document that was sent out to the group. Discussion by the group.
- b. LD244
  - i. Chris Azevedo discusses the coming work by the EMS Education stakeholder group to be put together by Maine EMS to explore opportunities for education and degree pathways.
- c. Future Goals for the Education Committee
  - i. Aiden Koplovsky discusses the committee's projects and progress in last few years. Asks group for priorities for next work.
    - 1. Discussion by the group.
  - ii. Cathy Gosselin asks, do we have any plans for a testing site for re-entry??
    - 1. Aiden Koplovsky discusses.
    - 2. Joanne Lebrun is looking at doing one in March.

- iii. Aiden Koplovsky discusses Instructor Coordinators and how they and related processes function in our state.
  - 1. Discussion of challenges
  - 2. Joanne Lebrun – IC continuing education, assisting unaffiliated persons to maintain skills, leadership,
    - a. Joanne Lebrun discusses possible roles for the Education Committee in the future and how it may be changing.
    - b. “Chief Learning Officers” in the Maine EMS organization, assisting in getting education out of silos.

**VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Agenda items
  - i. Aiden will not be present for meeting in January.
    - 1. Discussion.
    - 2. It was decided by the group to postpone the January meeting until February.
- b. Next meeting date and time: Wednesday, 14 Feb 2023

**VIII. Adjournment: Motion by Dennis Russell and seconded by Paul Froman.**