

**General Meeting**

December 5, 2017

Superior-Elmhurst, IL

Program representatives in attendance:

**Advocate Children’s Transport:** Nina Ortegon, Jenn Watts & Dr. Ira Horowitz

**Air Evac Lifeteam:** John Landis, Aaron Bradshaw, Brandon Buckman & Randy Faxon

**Air Methods:** Bobby Groves

**Flight For Life:** Kari Cieslak

**Lifestar:** Liesl Moeck & Lisa Labuda

**Medforce:** Sam Cain & Carol Zimmerman

**OSF Life Flight:** Karen Arndt, Jason Zilm & JD Pearson

**REACT:** Danielle Swenson

**Statflight:** Jeremy Quire & Michael Schilling

**Superior:** Cherie Pepping & Steph Fortin

**UCAN:** Kelley Holdren & Steve Espinoza

**Associate Member:** Jerry Lay

Joining by phone:

**Aerocare:** Becky Werth

**Air Evac Lifeteam**: John Landis

**Flight For Life:** Tammy Chatman

**Lurie Children’s Hospital Transport:** Laura Westley & Mia Martinez

**REACT:** Kristi Lohmar

**IDoT Aeronautics:** Linda Schumm

Programs not in attendance:

Airlife, Saints Flight

Kelley Holdren opened the meeting at 1105. The meeting began with a discussion and summary regarding the previous emergency conference call (11/08/17) and initial discussion of the bylaws (specifically Article VI: Officers). Suggestions included adding the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer for shared responsibility within the Board of Directors.

For purposes of electing a new executive board for IAACCT, Aaron Bradshaw motioned that the current two executive board positions be expanded to a total of four consisting of President, Vice President (President Elect), Secretary and Treasurer. Motioned seconded by Cherrie Pepping. Vote carried through with unanimous response, no “nays”.

Nina Ortegon motioned to have the current bylaws suspended in order to vote in new executive board members. The motioned was seconded by Becky Werth. Vote carried through with unanimous response and no “nays”.

Elections held with the voting members and results are as follows:

President: Kelley Holdren, UCAN

Vice President (President Elect): Aaron Bradshaw, Air-Evac

Secretary: Karie Cieslak

Treasurer: Karen Arndt

**Organization News:**

Tammy Chatman reported AMTC next year will be 10/22/18-10/24/18 in Phoenix, AZ, submissions for presentations due by 12/31/17.

No update on NAACS at this time.

Kelley reported the ASTNA CCTMC conference will be 4/09/18-4/11/18 in San Antonio, registration now open. TPATC online now available, there will be a new website redesign and more online education moving forward.

Karen reported that the ACCT strategic planning committee met and discussed to vote on the top 10 GAMUT metrics, including 6 metrics to start reporting. HR 3780 air ambulance quality & accountability act, discussion and legislative actions to be continued. Leadership & development meeting Philadelphia, PA 3/18.

Lastly, Cherie Pepping briefly discussed 3 bills (HB 5217, HB 5218 & HB 5219) circulating in MI regarding bill share and participating healthcare networks giving up front quotes for non-emergent transports.

\*Sam Cain to place conference and educational opportunities in the future on the website.

**IDoT Aeronautics:**

Linda Schumm reported the Mercy Rockford inspection has been completed. IL as a state is submitting for one of the spots for the Drone Integration Pilot Program (DIP), through the FAA. 3 year pilot program for public/private partnerships for safe drone integration and providing a safe way to share low level air space. Multiple agencies on board, Tammy Chatman to be the representative from IAACCT for this group.

**Aviation Updates:**

Jerry Lay passed around two hand-outs regarding intermediate cords and helmets causing neck injury when left plugged in and impending egress. Discussed concern of absence of NVG observing obstruction lights on towers, Jerry to send out contact person information for those that wish to have. Breese hospital construction to heliport moved slightly, awaiting IDPH inspection. IDOT inspection passed/complete. Geese carcasses possibly found inside Bell 407 aircraft in AK, be aware. New York-noise restriction and aircraft, judge ruled illegal, it went to court and the noise ordinance was thrown out. Drones-A MI drone operator was found interrupting EMS operations, county currently handling.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education Committee:** Looking at planning an educational opportunity, more to come.

**Disaster & Safety:** Letters of agreement are still a work in progress including possible position statement. New helipad safety video to start work on. Also, beginning to work on how we report unmanned aircrafts, as there is no state reporting system yet. Discussion regarding submission through hazard report. This would go to Sam Cain’s email, which would be sent to group. Karen Arndt discussed the current calling tree and asked that all members verify their contact numbers and alert/inform their communication center re: calling tree. Sam Cain also discussed in relation to safety the ethical behavior and professionalism as it relates to the group as a whole and using the group as a forum for safety.

**Government Affairs:** Nikole Ozier planning another legislative day for spring, more to come.

**IDPH:** No update.

**Emerging Issues:** No update.

**EMS Alliance:** Karen Arndt to check on status, no further update.

**Regional Hazards:** No update.

**New Business:**

If anyone is interested in hosting a meeting, please let Kelley know. Meetings are bimonthly, the second Tuesday of the month. All members were asked to look over the bylaws before the next meeting and plan to provide feedback. Also, looking to get a complete report out from each committee after the next meeting. Cherie Pepping announced that as of 12/01/17 Superior would have a third helicopter live at the Kankakee airport.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 9th, 2018 at OSF Aviation-Peoria, IL.

**Adjournment:**

Carol Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Espinoza seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1408.

*Respectfully submitted, Kari Cieslak, Interim Secretary*