

Air Medical Physician Association

951 E. Montana Vista Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah 84124

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Mission Statement

The Air Medical Physician Association is an international organization committed to patient-focused, quality air and critical care transport medicine by promoting excellence in medical direction and clinical care through research, education, safety, leadership, and collaboration

Call for Nominations

Any MD/DO member of AMPA who can demonstrate active involvement in air medical transport may make a nomination for themselves or another active AMPA member for the offices open to election for the fall of 2019. The following must be submitted to the AMPA office no later than August 30, 2019.

- **Letter of Intent** indicating your ability and willingness to serve as a Board of Trustees members for a two year term, and
- **Personal Statement**, which will be distributed to the voting membership with the ballot. **MAXIMUM** of one typed page, single-spaced, describing your qualifications for, and commitment to, serving on the AMPA Board of Trustees.
- **Copy of current CV**
- **Requirements:** **Active** involvement in air medical transport. Candidates **MUST** be available to attend two Board meetings, and six conference calls per year. Please do not seek office if you are not able to participate.



Positions Available

Three

Board Members-at-Large

Two-year term

One

Board Member-at-Large

International Candidate

Two-year term

One

Board Member-at-Large

Physician in Training Candidate

Two-year term

Send your Letter of Intent, Personal Statement and CV electronically to AMPA Nomination Committee c/o Pat Petersen, ppeter1111@aol.com.

Please contact either Brendan Berry (mobilemd1@gmail.com) or Pat Petersen if you have any questions. This is a great opportunity to become involved with AMPA and help to shape the future of air medical transport for physicians.

Non-Voting Board position "Physician in Training"

The Air Medical Physician's Association Board of Directors approved to place a non-voting physician in training member on its board at its Fall 2015 meeting. The rationale behind this decision is to cultivate interest and provide exposure to future leaders of the Association.

Selection Process

Any interested resident or fellow should submit their name with a brief statement about their background and why they would like to join the AMPA Board by [August 30, 2019](#). Their statement should include how they feel they can contribute to the mission of AMPA and should be submitted to Pat Petersen, Executive Director of AMPA at ppeter1111@aol.com. Candidates expressing interest to join the AMPA Board must hold an individual resident or active membership with AMPA.



AMPA President's Message

I write this having recently returned from New Mexico, where I got to enjoy some extraordinarily informative and productive times with some of my favorite people at CCTMC and AMPA's biennial strategic planning meeting. I wasn't at Snowbird in '92, but spending some time talking to those of you who have been with

AMPA a while has reinforced to me the importance of society and fellowship. The physician practice of air and critical transport medicine is one of the most independent and isolated, and the opportunity to collegially share ideas and expertise with each other is often limited by time and geography.

The evolution of the Medical Director Forum into the Air Medical Physician Symposium has contributed significantly to our interactions as a community, and the board is developing additional ways to enhance how we communicate, work, and grow together. One of the things in which participants at our conferences consistently express interest is some form of recognition for their practice as a physician specialist in air and critical care transport medicine. In the coming months, we hope to create novel ways to communicate electronically, new opportunities for committee involvement, and a formal way to acknowledge your experience and contributions to our field.

Brendan Berry, MD, CMTE, FACEP
AMPA President



AMPA Distinguished Physician

The Distinguished Physician Award was established in 1993 to recognize a physician who has significantly contributed to the Air Medicine profession and to recognize lifetime achievement and service to the Air Medical community. The AMPA Board of Trustees will select the award recipient from nominations of AMPA members submitted by the membership in writing to the AMPA office by [September 6, 2019](#).

The Award carries with it travel reimbursement to the 2019 AMPA General Membership Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia and complimentary registration to AMPS conference.

Past AMPA Distinguished Physicians

Alex Jablonowski, MD - '93
Henry C. Bock, MD - '94
Nicholas Benson, MD - '95
Lenworth Jacobs, MD - '96
Norman Snow, MD - '97
Frank Thomas, MD '98
William Rutherford, MD - '99
Ira J. Blumen, MD - '00
Richard Orr, MD - '01
David J. Dries, MD - '02
Kenneth Williams, MD - '03
D. Gregory Powell, MD - '04
Robert E. Falcone, MD - '05
Catherine Carrubba, MD - '06
Stephen H. Thomas, MD - '07
Kenneth Robinson, MD - '08
Eric R. Swanson, MD - '09
Michael W. Brunko, MD - '10
Laurie Romig, MD - '11
Richard Orr, MD - '12
Jack B. Davidoff, MD - '13
Daniel G. Hankins, MD - '14
Russell D. MacDonald, MD - '15
No candidate - '16
Michael Abernethy, MD - '17
Andrew Berry, AM MB BS FRACP - '18

Current AMPA Board of Trustee Members
are not eligible



Medical Director of the Year

**It is time for nominations for AMPA's
Medical Director of the Year**

In 2000, the Air Medical Physician Association instituted a new annual award in addition to the yearly Distinguished Physician Award. In contrast to the Distinguished Physician Award, which is intended to recognize lifetime achievement and service to

AMPA and the air medical community, the Medical Director of the Year is intended to recognize that physician who has made outstanding contributions to his or her own program.

For that reason, AMPA asks that nominations for this award of recognition come from individual programs. We would like to hear from the flight crews, administrators, and/or program staff about the outstanding contributions of their medical director.

The nominee should be an AMPA member and have shown exceptional personal involvement in the program. We are looking for those that are considered an invaluable part of the team's success and whose contributions to medical direction, education, quality care, outreach, safety, and team morale to be part of the essential fabric of the program...in short, a leader.

Nominations should be in the form of a one-page letter, which outlines qualities for which the medical director should be recognized. Nominations should be made electronically to Pat Petersen at the AMPA office to ppeter1111@aol.com by **September 6, 2019**.

The Medical Director of the Year will be announced at the AMPA General Membership meeting in Atlanta. Current AMPA Board members are not eligible for the award.

Past Medical Directors of the Year:

2000 **Jeff Hillesland, MD** - Gundersen Lutheran MedLink AIR
2001 **Eric R. Swanson, MD** - University of Utah AirMed
2002 **Jack B. Davidoff, MD** - Mercy Flight Central
2003 **James G. Leker, MD** - Baptist Life Flight
2004 **Mark E. Maertins, MD** - AIRLIFE Denver
2005 **Andrew C. Hawk, MD** - Care Flight Air & Mobile
2006 **Charles Sheppard, MD** - St. John's Life Line
2007 - **David Meurer, MD** - Shandscair

2008 - **Douglas Floccare, MD** - MIEMSS
 2009 - **Thomas Scaggs, MD** - Carle Foundation Life Flight
 2010 - **Howard Werman, MD** - MedFlight of Ohio
 2011 - **Peter Meyer, MD** - Air Link at Regional West
 2012 - **Norm Dinerman, MD** - Life Flight of Maine
 2013 - **Ira J. Blumen, MD** - University of Chicago Aeromedical Network (UCAN)
 2014 - **Michael Brunko, MD** - Flight for Life Colorado
 2015 - **Suzanne K. Wedel, MD** - Boston Med Flight
 2016 - **Catherine Carrubba, MD** - Aeromed - Tampa General Hospital
 2017 - **R. J. Frascione, MD** - Life Link III
 2018 - **David Thomson, MD** - EastCare

Saturday, November 2, 2019
 Omni Hotel at CNN Center
 Atlanta, Georgia

This conference is designed to provide the final part of a 3-part core curriculum process that is relevant to the success of physicians directing medical management for critical care medical transport teams. Core topics are selected from *Principles & Direction of Air Medical Transport*.

Topics being presented include:

- Lit Review and What's New
- The Comm Center: Equipment, Protocols and Procedures
- Aviation for the Medical Director
- Legal Issues
- HEMS Integration with the EMS System
- Update and Trends in HEMS Program Models
- Stress Recognition and Management
- Program Safety
- Patient Care Limitations and Capabilities

Online registration now available at
www.ampa.org



Welcome to new AMPA Members!

February 2019

Keegan, Thomas - Holly, Michigan
 Naples, Jeffrey - Akron, Ohio
 Ventura, Amanda - Mason, Ohio

March 2019

Rolon, Marina - Katy, Texas
 Stokes, Nathan - Macon, Georgia

April 2019

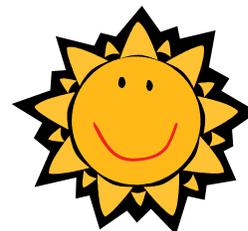
Wallace, Dean - Canton, Ohio

May 2019

Verzwyvelt, Joe - West Salem, Wisconsin

June 2019

Kevin U. Chan - Singapore



SAVE the DATE for AMPS 2019!!

Sunday, November 3 – Atlanta

Medical Director Core Curriculum: Part III

GATHER information, NETWORK, and SHARE!

Come hear the latest about topics such as:

- * doubling the survival rate for severe Traumatic Brain Injury in Arizona
- * the prehospital Whole Blood initiative in Southwest Texas
- * the double-blinded randomized prehospital use of TXA trial
- * strategies for Critical Decision-making by Air Medical Crews
- * bringing Perfusion Protective Ventilation to the lung protective strategy

From speakers such as **Dan Spaite, Dan Davis, Frank Guyette, Randi Schaefer, Steve Bott, Sam Galvagno, Ben Lawner, Doug Floccare,** and many more!

All should find helpful information to bring back and put to use in their home programs.
We hope to see you there!!!

Online registration now open at
www.ampa.org



THANK YOU!

AMPA received a very generous financial donation from **Kevin and Sandra Hutton** to assist continuation of the Annual AMPA Research Seed Grant Award. Since 2011 the Research Seed Grant Award has helped to fund 8 research projects. As a Founding Member of AMPA, Kevin has been supporting the association for nearly 28 years! Thank you.



April 22-23, 2020
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We are going to the Land of Enchantment! Better yet make it a priority to put together a lecture and submit a topic (or several!) to this conference! "Call for Speakers" will be open soon can be downloaded at www.cctmc.net.

The focus of the CCTMC is clinical and designed to address issues pertinent to the prehospital and emergency care of the critically ill and injured patient. Adult and pediatric as well as neonate and obstetrical care discussions are welcome. Presentation of case studies, or topics geared to enhance the professional image of the healthcare professional are also popular. Please only advanced or intermediate topics. Lecture length has been trimmed to 30 minutes, including QA.

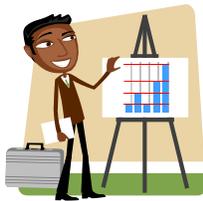
Tips:

- Make your lecture transport specific
- Include critical care ground
- Don't underestimate the knowledge base of the audience - intermediate or advanced topics only please
- Include new or innovative practices/technologies
- Include pharmacology
- Include pathophysiology
- We love research!
- Participants want to hear cutting-edge, state-of-the-art information

Submit as many topics as you would like to offer to:

2019 CCTMC
Attn: Pat Petersen
Ppeter1111@aol.com

Compensation for presenting at CCTMC is a \$100 honorarium per lecture and complimentary registration to the conference



2019 CCTMC **Scientific Forum Winners**

1st Place:

Comparison of Flight Physician Operated Hyper-Angulated and Standard Geometry Video Laryngoscopy Tracheal Intubation on a Helicopter in a Manikin. Kevin Emmerich, Michael Steuerwald, Nick Lepa, Louis Scattish, Ryan Wubben, Brian Jennett, Richard Galgon, Matthew Hollander. University of Wisconsin, Madison.

- Recipient of Outstanding Research Award sponsored by AMPA, ASTNA and IAFCCP
- \$100 cash prize
- Complimentary registration to 2020 CCTMC

2nd Place:

Predictors of Definitive Airway sans Hypoxia/Hypotension on First Attempt (DASH 1A) Success in Traumatically Injured Patients Undergoing Prehospital Intubation. Elizabeth K. Powell, MD, Department of Anesthesiology; William R. Hinckley, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine; Uwe Stolz, PhD, Department of Emergency Medicine; Amanda Ventura, MD,

Department of Emergency Medicine; Jaston T. McMullan, MD, Department of Emergency Medicine. University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

- \$100 cash prize
- Complimentary registration to 2020 CCTMC

3rd Place:

Cardiac Arrest During Aeromedical Transport: A 5-year Retrospective Case Study. Anna E. Condino, MD, PhD, Kyle R. Danielson, MPH, ARNP, Andrew M. McCoy, MD, MS, Andrew J. Latimer, MD, Richard B. Utarnachitt, MD. Department of Emergency Medicine, Airlift Northwest, University of Washington, Seattle.

- \$100 cash prize

Please plan now to submit your original research to CCTMC! Submission details will be provided in January, 2020.

THANK YOU! JOB WELL DONE!



The 2019 CCTMC presented April 15-17 in Albuquerque, New Mexico was another stellar conference! Over 300 health care professionals, and exhibitors participated coming from all over the United States.

The vibe is pure and good, pure as the driven snow.

Cutting edge topics by nation's top critical care providers

The conference was extremely educational and I will be able to take away a bunch of useful information. Thank you so much for everything.

Relevant topics current to practice; the anatomy lab is an amazing experience to apply skills hands-on.

Always a very great learning conference - always come away with some things to take back and implement in practice.

It is most likely the best conference I've ever attended.

It rocks! Quality and variety of education.

As always the best conference for critical care transport available!

Thank you to [AMPA members](#) who presented at **Critical Care Procedural Anatomy Program, Ultrasound Workshop and the 2019 Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference**

Craig Bates, MD, MS, FACEP

Brendan Berry, MD, CMTE, FACEP

Lauri Bolton, MD

Steven Bott, MD

Darren Braude, MD, Paramedic

Jack B. Davidoff, MD, EMT-P

Douglas R. Dixon, MD, FACEP

Bill Hinckley, MD, FAAEM, CMTE

Michael A. Jasumback, MD, FACEP

Michael J. Lauria, MD, NRP, FP-C

Gary McCalla, MD, MBA

Jacob A. Miller, MS, FNP, ACNP, CNS, CCRN,

CFRN, EMT-P, FP-C

Matthew Poremba, DO

Matthew A. Roginski, MD, MPH

Charles W. Sheppard, MD

In addition to amazing speakers at CCTMC, we appreciate the support of our [exhibitors](#). This year they included:

ASTNA

Air Methods Corporation

B. Braun Medical, Inc.

Board of Certificate for Emergency Nursing

CAE Healthcare

emsCharts, Inc.

EMS Management & Consultants

Guardian Air Transport

Guardian Flight

Hamilton Medical, Inc.

IAFCCP

International Biomedical

International Board of Specialty Certification

KARL STORZ Endoscopy-America, Inc.

LifeBlanket

Life Flow by 410 Medical

Lifeguard Air Emergency Services

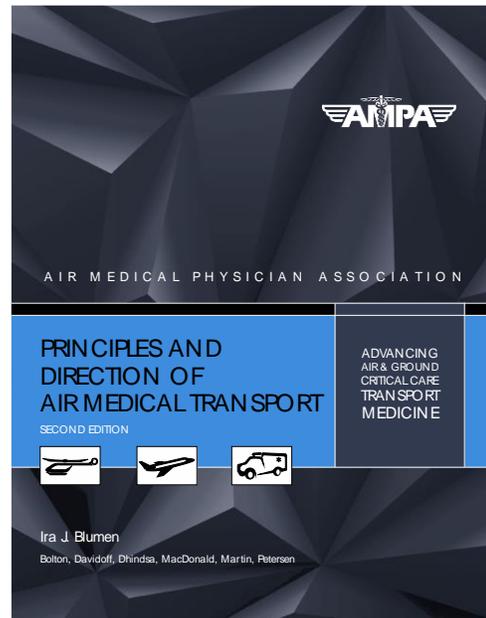
Med Flight Air Ambulance, Inc.

Ninth Brain

North American Rescue, LLC

Quality in Flow (QinFlow)

Teleflex Medical



Principles & Direction of Air Medical Transport, 2nd Edition

Every transport program should have a copy of this text, and if it is not on the crew bookshelf, order one now! Or stop by the AMPA exhibit and purchase the paper text at a reduced conference rate. The AMPA textbook was translated to Chinese in 2019!





Visit the AMPA **Exhibit #938** at AMTC!
You can buy AMPA merchandise; renew your membership; purchase a deeply discounted, conference special print version of *Principles and Direction of Air Medical Transport, 2nd Edition*; and meet your AMPA Board of Trustees.



**Brought to you by AAMS, AMPA,
ASTNA, IAFCCP, IAMTCS,
NEMSPA**

**November 4-6, 2019
Atlanta, Georgia**

AMPA activities at AMTC:

- Board of Trustee Meeting - Friday, November 1, 2019 - Omni Hotel at CNN Center
- Medical Director Core Curriculum: Part III - Saturday, November 2, 2019 - Omni Hotel at CNN Center
- Air Medical Physician Symposium - Sunday, November 3, 2019 - Omni Hotel at CNN Center
- AMPA 28th Annual General Membership Meeting prior to AMPS Conference

The annual AMTC provides up-to-date information on the latest techniques and innovative approaches to air medical practice from community experts while giving attendees lots of opportunities to earn continuing educational credits

Taking Care of Our Own Initiative

MEdevac



The MedEvac Foundation International has joined with Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA) and the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP) to advance the **Taking Care of Our Own** initiative. Eight events across the country are being planned for this year. **Presentations include: Life Saving Behaviors/Emotional Resilience/PTSD: A Personal Story**

Multiple educational **Taking Care of Our Own** events will take place nationally. Next available dates are:

August 2 - Lexington, Kentucky
August 9 - Denver, Colorado
August 20 - Portland, Oregon
September 9 - Fort Worth, Texas
September 24 - St. Louis, Missouri
October 12 - Charlotte, North Carolina

Register at:
https://aams.formstack.com/forms/mfi_tcoot
2019 Registration Fee \$20.00 - includes lunch and CEUs



**Board Meeting Summary
Hotel Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM – April
11, 12, & 13 of 2019**

Executive Committee Members Present: Mr. Gryniuk, Mr. Sittig, Dr. Conn, Dr. Orr

Board Members Present: Ms. Palmer, Dr. Guyette, Mr. Lewis, Dr. Miller, Dr. Holleran, Ms. Rush, Dr. Cohen, Mr. Goff, Dr. Brunko, Ms. Treadwell (Thursday and Friday), Mr. Brisbois, Dr. Stuhlmiller, Ms. Corbett (arrived Friday),

Staff Present: Ms. Frazer, Ms. Eichel, Mr. D. Smith

Members Present: Mr. A. Smith, Mr. Ruff, Dr. Becker, Ms. Montgomery,

Guests: Ms. Sally Veith, Executive Director for AMOA

Call to Order **Dr. Conn**
Meeting called to order at 0805hrs on April 11, 2019.

Introductions / Meeting

Announcements..... **Ms. Frazer**
Ms. Frazer introduced Ms. Sally Veith, Executive Director of AMOA who will be observing the business meeting today. The board members introduced themselves, the organizations they represent, and their backgrounds.

Approval of Minutes: October 2018.....**Dr. Conn**
A motion was made by Dr. Guyette and seconded by Dr. Holleran for approval of the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.
Mr

Treasurer's Report.....**Ms. Frazer**
Ms. Frazer reported for Mr. A. Smith and provided a brief review of our budgetary performance. She noted that the new fee structure started January 1st of this year. A balance sheet (cash and accrual) and a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (cash and accrual) as of March 31, 2019 were distributed for review.

Executive Director's Report
.....**Ms. Frazer / Ms. Eichel**
Ms. Frazer noted that HAI, AMOA, and AAMS is hosting a safety conference in Washington D.C. Ms. Frazer, Ms. Palmer and Mr. Goff will be attending.

Ms. Frazer stated that we completed a site surveyor training class and graduated 16 new surveyors. Ms. Frazer reviewed their backgrounds with the board. Ms. Frazer noted that all have had some experience with CAMTS and our standards through their own programs.

Ms. Frazer discussed her attendance at an EMS nomenclature meeting. The meeting was to discuss changing the term Emergency Medical Services to a term to better embrace the nature of services provided. 26 professional organizations were represented in the discussion. The term "Paramedicine" was proposed but this was not well received. There will be further meetings.

Mr. D. Smith discussed his attendance at HAI. CAMTS continues to exhibit at this conference. Mr. Smith stated there was great interest in our Special Operations standards. Also during HAI, Ms. Palmer was recognized for the lifetime achievement award she received from the Twirly Birds group.

Mr. D. Smith discussed a recent article released by the ITIC comparing the accreditation organizations and their current activities. Mr. Smith prepared a document reviewing the accredited programs listed on the NAAMTA and EURAMI websites. The EURAMI website is current and demonstrates only currently accredited programs. The NAMMTA website was more confusing with one webpage showing that all of their accredited programs have expired. Another webpage shows a world map with dots for accredited programs and conflicting expiration dates. Mr. Smith suggested we contact our accredited programs that are also listed on the NAAMTA website that may have expired accreditations and encourage them to ask NAAMTA to remove their listings.

Mr. D. Smith also encouraged the board to remember the Ralph Rogers Foundation and Dr. Suzanne Wedel grant and consider donations. The Ralph Rogers Foundation currently does not have enough funds to support distribution of an award.

Mr. D. Smith provided cards through our insurer that provides contact information for global medical assistance for site surveyors and board members when traveling on CAMTS business.

Ms. Frazer discussed the International Society for Quality which may be an affiliation that CAMTS-Global wants to pursue participation.

Ms. Frazer stated that our July meeting will have international representation from CAMTS-Global board members as well as a physician from Thailand. If board members would like to visit

Friday Harbor prior to the meeting, they should immediately contact Ms. Frazer.

Ms. Frazer stated she had a recent conversation with Mr. Howard Ragsdale from the Medevac Foundation. Mr. Ragsdale asked that the board bring any specific ideas regarding what types of research they should be focused on in the short term.

Mr. D. Smith stated that a General Accounting Office report has just been released concerning the practices of balance billing for transports. The report is available on the GAO website.

practitioners in the transport setting. Dr. Guyette shared his experiences in managing APRNs and PAs that work with his transport service.

Dr. Conn asked if the approval of HPS programs has increased. Dr. Holleran stated it comes and goes. She did say the overall quality of those being submitted is improving and the textbook previously discussed should further help.

Standards.....Mr. D. Smith

Mr. Smith states we have not had a standards committee meeting since the release of the 11th edition. He stated that suggested changes for the next edition have been coming into the office. Mr. Smith discussed that we are an ANSI approved standards organization, but our standards are not ANSI standards and we may want to generate actual ANSI standards in conjunction with CAAS. CAAS has created ground ambulance ANSI standards related to the government’s KKK specifications for ambulances.

Policies.....Ms. Frazer

Ms. Frazer discussed our Rule of 12 policy regarding the minimum number of transports required to be eligible for accreditation. The board reviewed suggested changes to the language in the Accreditation Eligibility Requirements policy. The board debated whether a minimum number of transports should be set for each mode. The policy was amended per discussion.

An update to the policy regarding Conditional Accreditation was discussed and concerns regarding having conditionally accredited programs listed as all others. The board debated the topic and the decision was made to not make any changes to the current policy at this time.

The board reviewed the policy regarding progress reports. Ms. Frazer reminded the board that we do have the ability to levy fines for late progress reports that are greater than 30 days past due.

The board reviewed updated changes to the Safety Culture Survey policy. Mr. Gryniuk suggested we separate the EMTs and Paramedics into separate categories in the survey demographics. The board agreed.

The board reviewed proposed changes to the policy covering HPS simulations. The board discussed that HPS scenarios need to be updated between accreditation cycles.

The board discussed the policy related to the required reporting of changes to the CAMTS office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Aviation Advisory Committee

.....**Mr. Brisbois / Ms. Frazer**

Mr. Brisbois stated they have made some recommendations for changes related to rotor wing maintenance for the next edition of the standards.

Education & Practice Committee

.....**Dr. Holleran / Ms. Frazer**

Dr. Holleran stated that ASTNA is working on a simulation textbook to help improve consistency in the community. Ms. Corbett indicated the book would be available by this October and is being written by individuals who work in simulation. The board discussed that if programs are using this textbook, we may not need to see video demonstrations of their simulations in order to approve them. The board discussed transitioning flight paramedics to flight nurse positions. Ms. Frazer is receiving a lot of questions asking whether these paramedics require the same experience as required in the standards. The board debated the merits of allowing this. Some programs do allow a shortened experience time for flight paramedics transitioning to be a flight nurse due to their advanced practice. Dr. Holleran suggested we ask the professional nursing associations for their stance on the practice.

Ms. Corbett shared that RT’s in North Carolina are being allowed an advanced practice for return from NICU trips for very stable infants. The State EMS Office allows them to perform these BLS transports with only an RT and EMT driver. The RT’s are allowed to administer medications not typically managed by RT’s.

Dr. Holleran asked that we also consider changing the name of this committee to the “Education & Practice Committee”. The board was in agreement.

Dr. Holleran also raised concerns as to how we will address the practice of advanced nurse

The board discussed the Board of Directors job description and required attendance. It was suggested to change the language to an “expectation to attend 3 out of 4 meetings annually”.

A motion was made by Dr. Orr and seconded by Mr. Sittig to approve the changes to policies as amended in discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Quality Management.....Ms. Eichel

Ms. Eichel reviewed a quality management report for quarter 1 of 2019 with the board. Site surveyor training to standardize a site visit following a crash will be completed.

Ms. Eichel stated she and Dr. Miller are working on a standardized Safety Culture Survey report for sharing with the program and the board reviewers. The results will be able to be used for benchmarking by programs and the board in the future.

Ms. Eichel reviewed the new Critical Elements format. Programs receive a three-page report regarding their critical element scoring with specific feedback on what may be missing from their protocol. The physicians on the board discussed what scoring requires a response from the program for follow-up and creates a deficiency for the program. The board discussed that a score under 50 would be a reasonable trigger. The board discussed holding medical directors more accountable for ensuring the program medical practices are kept updated. The physicians discussed adding a check box to each critical element that would identify if the protocol meets BLS, ALS, Emergency Critical Care (ECC), or Intensive Critical Care (ICC). They further suggested meeting prior to the full board meeting either in person or by conference call so they could review the protocols as a group rather than as individuals. Writing an article for publication in the Air Medical Journal regarding CAMTS’ expectations for medical protocols was also discussed.

Ms. Eichel reviewed data and comments received in the program evaluations of the site survey, the board evaluation of the site surveyors, and the site surveyor’s evaluation of one another.

Marketing/PR Committee.....Ms. Palmer

Ms. Palmer stated she remains active updating our blog and discussed some recent phone calls she has received regarding safety practices. She received some negative feedback regarding some of the recent blog posts as some felt it gave the impression that the industry is not safe. The blogs have been reminders of best historic safety

practices. Ms. Palmer, Ms. Frazer, and Mr. Goff will be attending the upcoming industry safety meeting in Washington D.C. Ms. Palmer will also be presenting at some additional upcoming safety meetings in the industry.

CAMTS Global.....Ms. Frazer

Ms. Frazer stated the CAMTS-Global board will be meeting in July as part of our Washington meeting. There are two new programs in process for CAMTS-Global.

Additional Business.....Ms. Frazer

Ms. Frazer distributed out a spreadsheet showing the numbers that specific skills are being reported as being completed by programs. This may help us better understand the difference between ECC and ICC programs.

Dr. Stuhlmiller asked if we can create a database rule that validates the numbers being submitted by applicant programs so that the numbers they report cannot be contradictory. There was also discussion regarding whether we should expand our patient types to better address those that fall into the “Other” category. The board decided to not make any changes at this time. There was discussion on changing areas of Concern and Deficiency to “Non-compliance” to alleviate the time spent debating between the two findings. The board agreed to give this further thought before making a change.

ACCREDITATION DELIBERATIONS.

.....The Board

Dr. Orr reviewed our Mission Statement, Vision and Values, as well as the rules of conduct for program deliberations. There were 20 Full Accreditations, 2 Provisional Actions, 1 Deferred and 4 Probational Accreditations. Congratulations to the following Programs!

New Accreditation:

UT Lifestar – Knoxville, TN.....RW

Reaccreditations:

AeroCare – Sugar Grove, IL.....FW/ME

AeroCare Medical Transport –

Yuma, AZ..... RW/FW

Aeromed – Tampa, FL.....RW

Akron Children’s Transport-

Akron, OH.....RW/FW/G/GALS

Boston Children’s Hospital –

Boston, MA..... RW/FW/G

Carilion Clinic Patient Transportation –

Roanoke, VA..... RW

Children’s Hospital Critical Care Transport –

Omaha, NE..... RW/FW/G/GALS-BLS

Children’s Mercy Critical Care Transport –

Kansas City, MO..... RW/FW/G/GALS-BLS

Gundersen Air – La Crosse, WI..... RW

Hackensack University Medical Center Air Med
 One – NJ.....RW
 Hall Critical Care Transport –
 Bakersfield, CA.....RW/G
 Island Air Ambulance –
 Friday Harbor, WA..... FW
 Lehigh Valley MedEvac – Allentown,
 PA.....RW/G
 Life Link III – Minneapolis, MN.....RW/FW
 LifeFlight Eagle – Kansas City, MO RW/G
 Lifeguard Air Emergency Services –
 Albuquerque, NM..... RW/FW/G
 MedCenter Air –
 Charlotte, NC.....RW/FWG/GALS-
 BLS/ME
 REACH Air Medical Services –
 Santa Rosa, CA>>.....RW/FW
 San Juan Regional AirCare –
 Farmington, NM.....>>>.....RW/FW
 SKYLIFE – Fresno, CA..... RW/FW
 STARS – Calgary.....RW
 UCAN – Chicago, IL.....RW/G
 UNC Carolina Air Care –
 Durham, NC.....RW/FW/G

Meeting Adjourned at 1220 hours. The next meeting will be held in Seattle July 11,12,13, 2019.

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