



TO: National Registry of EMTs Partner Organizations
NREMT Board Members

FROM: Bob Swor, DO, FACEP, Chair, NREMT Board of Directors
Bill Seifarth, Executive Director, NREMT

RE: NREMT Board Meeting – November 2018 Action Summary

The National Registry of EMT (NREMT) Board of Directors met November 13-14, 2018 in Columbus Ohio.

A summary of board actions follows:

1. Congratulations to the following individuals who have been elected or reelected to serve on the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors effective January 1, 2019:
 - Dr. Sylvia Owusu Ansah
 - Dr. Owen Traynor
 - Paul Patrick (2nd term)
 - Kyle Thornton (2nd term)

In addition, the Board and staff extend our gratitude to departing Board member, Dr. Elizabeth Weinstein, for her dedication and commitment serving on the National Registry Board of Directors.

2. The Board approved revisions of several certification policies including:
 - Mark King Initiative Policy
 - Criminal Convictions Policy
 - Terms of Certification Policy
 - Disciplinary Actions Policy
 - Examinations Irregular Behavior Policy
 - Reconsideration of Eligibility Policy
 - Reporting of Possible Misconduct Policy
 - Appeals Policy
 - Certificant Personal Information Policy

Staff will communicate further details and timeline for the implementation of this change in policy as information becomes available.

3. The Board voted to support the “Resolution on The National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors Support for Further Planning on the Concept to develop the *EMS Agenda for*

Continuing Competency and Continuing Education: A Systems Approach.” See Attachment A for resolution.

4. The Board voted to support the “Resolution on The National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors Support for adoption of the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing.” See Attachment B for resolution.
5. The Board approved the strategic plan and 2019 Budget which includes an emphasis on *Strengthening the Core*, which includes focusing on enhancing improving information technology, examinations and continued competency.
6. The Board directed the Communications Committee to oversee efforts to align, update, add and change merchandise sold and distributed by the National Registry to promote consistency in branding.
7. The Board approved to pursue a partnership with First Net and SheerID to providing electronic verification of National Registry status.
8. The Board approved allocating the necessary funds to improve communications with its stakeholders including:
 - Reengineering and modernizing the core functionality and databases of the National Registry
 - Modernizing the National Registry website
 - Developing an image bank of photos for use in National Registry Communication Efforts

ATTACHMENT A

**Resolution on The National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors Support
for Further Planning on the Concept to develop the
*EMS Agenda for Continuing Competency and Continuing Education: A Systems
Approach.***

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competence of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, "The *Education Agenda (National EMS Education Agenda: A Systems Approach)* addresses only the initial education of EMS providers. It does not address continued education or continued competency assurance. It is assumed that the EMS community will establish a process that will address a comprehensive systems approach to both. A similar systems approach to continuing education and continued competency assurance in EMS should be developed."¹

WHEREAS, during its June 2018 meeting, the Board of Directors adopted a motion on the principles of design for recertification, emphasizing the need for a coherent, clearly articulated national approach to continued competency;

WHEREAS, effective models to ensure continuing competency involve the overlap and interdependence of multiple components of the EMS systems, including regulatory, educational, clinical and operational functions;

WHEREAS meaningful continued competency on a local, state and national level are shared interests valued by many organizations, agencies and individuals within and outside of the EMS profession; and

WHEREAS, historical EMS projects of national significance have been convened and supported by the National Registry of EMTs and been successfully addressed through independent national panels, with inter-organizational representation; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors support in concept, to convene, but not directly manage, an independent, national collaborative, consensus based, and data-supported project: *EMS Agenda for Continuing Competency and Continuing Education: A Systems Approach*, and

AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director develop a detailed proposal for presentation to the Certification Committee in preparation for the June 2019 Board meeting which shall include "charges" to the National Steering Committee, cost estimates, a governance structure to ensure independence of the process while providing fiduciary and program accountability to the National Registry, potential funding partners, a detailed concept of operations and other operational parameters.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 14 day of November 2018.

ATTACHMENT B

Resolution on The National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors Support for adoption of the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing.

WHEREAS, the National Registry of EMTs is the Nation's EMS Certification organization with the mission of verifying the initial and on-going competence of emergency medical services (EMS) professionals;

WHEREAS, the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing "provide criteria for the development and evaluation of tests and testing practices and [to] provide guidelines for assessing the validity of interpretations of test scores for the intended test uses.... All professional test developers, sponsors, publishers, and users should make reasonable efforts to satisfy and follow the *Standards* and should encourage others to do so." (p. 1)

WHEREAS, the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* are more comprehensive than, thus ensuring compliance with the current National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA) Standards; WHEREAS, The *National EMS Education Agenda: A Systems Approach* states that the national EMS certifying agency will "adhere to the APA's *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing...*" (p. 31); and

WHEREAS, the Standards and Examinations Committee, after review and discussion, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors adoption of the *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* as the Standard for the National Registry of EMTs to follow for its high-stakes certification examinations; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Registry of EMTs Board of Directors supports adoption of the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing as the Standard for its high-stakes certification examinations, and will make reasonable efforts to be compliant.

Enacted by the National Registry Board of Directors this 14 day of November 2018.