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The following highlights just some the important work completed or being pursued by NAEMSP®'s members through its committees:

Air Medical Services Committee

- Worked jointly with AMPA, the ACEP EMS Committee and Air Medical Section, and the AAEM EMS Committee to achieve consensus approval of a joint position statement on HEMS Safety and Utilization by all of the associated Boards.
- Working jointly with AMPA, ACEP, and AAEM in the creation of a white paper to accompany the position statement on HEMS Safety and Utilization.
- Working to update the existing NAEMSP® position statements relating to Air Medical Transport.
- Monitored the progress of the Model State Air Medical Guidelines project with the expectation of upcoming consideration by the joint NASEMSO/NAEMSP®/AAMS work group
- Held a mid-year committee meeting in October at the Air Medical Transport Conference in St. Louis.

Canadian Relations Ad Hoc Committee

- Recruitment initiatives for Canadian membership in NAEMSP®.
- Organized Canadian-content based pre-conference workshop for the 2012 NAEMSP® Annual Meeting.
- Development of the Canadian national EMS research agenda.
- Discussion of optimal prehospital triage score, including the use of available scoring systems and the creation of a novel score for EMS.
- Recognition of EMS sub-specialization in Canada and abroad.

Communications Committee

- Appointed a new editor for the *NAEMSP® Newsletter* – Joseph A. DeLucia, DO, FACEP, EMT-T.
- Developed a set of business objectives, content framework and design concepts to guide the development of a new NAEMSP® website, which is now in development.
- Helped to grow the number of participants on the NAEMSP® Dialog listserv to more than 300.

EMS Fellow and Fellowship Graduates Ad Hoc Committee

- Revised and updated the EMS Fellowship listing on the NAEMSP® webpage with standardized information for all EMS Fellowship programs.

- Collaborated with the Council of EMS Fellowship Directors on a survey of EMS Fellowships outlining current capabilities for meeting the proposed curriculum requirements.
- Collaborated with the Education Committee on developing plans for an EMS subspecialty review course.
- Disseminated information regarding EMS subspecialty certification for EMS fellows and graduates.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

- Provided input and assistance on topics and speakers on Emergency Preparedness and Response for the 2012 Annual Meeting.
- Discussed ways and means to increase academic activity and submissions to NAEMSP® and other venues on Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Sent representation from NAEMSP® to initiatives such as *Tale of Our Cities: Planning for Interdisciplinary Response to Terrorist Use of Explosives* and *NEMSMA/FEMA Mass Incident Project*.

Education Committee

- Working with Dr. Charles Stewart (Program Manager) on EMS Board Review Course.
- Developed a budget proposal for EMS Board review – Online Course.
- Developed a timeline proposal for EMS Board review – Online Course.
- Working with the Program Committee on getting CE for podcast on top 10 articles presented at NAEMSP® Annual Meeting.
- Finalize Medical Direction Overview Course (MDOC).

Operational EMS Ad Hoc Committee

- The TEMS Sub-Group organized the 2011 Pre-Conference Workshop "CONTOMS Medical Directors Course" for Tactical EMS.
- The Wilderness Medicine Sub-Group developed and conducted in conjunction with the Wilderness Medical Society, the first ever Wilderness EMS Medical Director Course.
- A technical review of the American Red Cross' Emergency Medical Responder Student Manual was performed.
- The TEMS Sub-Group participated in the "Finalizing a National TEMS Curriculum" Workshop.

- The TEMS Sub-Group continues to maintain a liaison relationship with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- The TEMS Sub-Group organized, in cooperation with the Education Committee, a special session in the 2012 Annual Meeting on the Border Patrol & Tactical Medicine: BORSTAR Program.
- The Fire/HazMat Sub-Group organized, in conjunction with the Education Committee and the International Association of Firefighters, a two-day pre-conference Hazardous Materials Operations Course at the 2012 Annual Meeting.
- In recognition of the many activities and accomplishments of the three main Sub-Groups that have made up the Operations Committee, it was decided that NAEMSP® would be best served by establishing each of the Sub-Groups as stand-alone committees.

Pediatrics Committee

- Worked closely with the Program Committee to increase pediatric topic content in the Annual Meeting program. We are pleased to have nationally and internationally recognized speakers presenting topics at the 2012 Annual Meeting, and will look forward to participant evaluations to guide the next year's offerings.
- Participated with the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine in formulation of policy statements and guidelines.

Program Committee

- Planned and developed a scientifically sound and engaging Annual Meeting, which is able to capture the interest of our members and meet their learning needs identified in the annual survey and meeting evaluations.
- Increased the amount of quality research being presented to our members by adding one additional oral research session at the Annual Meeting.
- Provided an opportunity for our Canadian Prehospital Colleagues to hold a pre-conference workshop that is responsive to their country's needs.

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Research Committee

- Reviewed 201 submitted abstracts for potential presentation at the 2011 annual meeting.
- Accepted 20 abstracts for oral presentation and 130 abstracts for poster presentation.
- Incorporated a fifth oral abstract session and a third poster presentation session into the annual meeting to facilitate increased number of accepted abstracts.
- Have begun using abstract management software to electronically judge poster presentations prior to the annual conference to determine eligibility for research awards.

Rural EMS Ad Hoc Committee

- Well-attended committee meeting at NAEMSP® 2011 Annual Meeting in January.
- Conducted a September conference call.
- Listserv established to enhance communication – ruralEMS@jcem.net.
- Listserv topic of STEMI systems of care – Spring 2011.
- Supported three rural EMS-related presentations at NAEMSP® 2012 Annual Meeting in Tucson – Community Paramedics, Challenges in Rural/Frontier EMS, Medical Oversight of Wilderness EMS.
- Began drafting Community Paramedicine white paper as a forerunner to a possible NAEMSP® position paper.
- Distributed NAEMSP® Rural EMS Committee Survey results to committee members.

Standards and Clinical Practice Committee

- The primary function of the NAEMSP® Standards and Clinical Practice (S&P) Committee is to develop the official positions of the association and their respective supporting documents, often referred to as resource papers.
- The S&P Committee is open to all members of the association and we highly encourage members to participate in the work of the committee.
- Some recent positions developed by the committee include:
 - Ambulance Diversion and Emergency Department Off-Load Delay
 - The Use of Epinephrine for the Out-of-hospital Treatment of Anaphylaxis
 - Termination of Resuscitation of Non-traumatic Cardiopulmonary Arrest
 - EMS Provider Determination of Necessity for Transport
 - Off-Label Use of Medical Products
 - Non-invasive Positive Pressure (NIPPV) Ventilation

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