

Welcome to the NAEMSP® 2011 Annual Report. My first 12 months in office have been focused on building upon the fine work of my predecessors Drs. Cone and Delbridge. Their foresight and investment in pursuing the American Board of Medical Specialties sub-specialization in EMS Medicine and lobbying to reintroduce the *Field EMS Quality, Innovation and Cost-Effectiveness Improvement Act*, H.R. 3144 were visionary milestones for our organization. As President, it has been my honor to lead our members in successfully completing these important tasks. And as only can be appreciated from a President's perspective, I am indebted to the work of our members, Committee Chairs and Board of Directors.

Let me share a few examples of this perspective. The 14 members of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM) EMS Examination Task Force are all NAEMSP® members. Their arduous task has been to develop the subspecialty defining Core Content of EMS Medicine and write nearly 700 questions for the first examination. In conjunction with ABEM, this effort is being led admirably by Drs. Debra G. Perina and Peter T. Pons. The ABEM is on track to award the first certificates in EMS Medicine in the fall of 2013. Dr. Charles Stewart, the Program Manager for the development of the NAEMSP®/ACEP Subspecialty EMS Board Examination Online Review Course, is organizing his committee that will build a review course designed to help prepare our members for the fall 2013 examination date.

Our partners in Advocates for EMS, the National Association of State EMS Officials, National Association of EMTs and National Association of EMS Educators, under the tutelage of Lisa Tofil and the lobbying firm Holland and Knight, LLP, have convinced Representatives Tim Walz (D-MN) and Sue Myrick (R-NC) to introduce H.R. 3144. Those of you who joined your colleagues at "EMS on the Hill" Day or contacted your member of congress directly know this resolution continues to energize the federal dialogue on the future of EMS in the United States. I would encourage all our members to join in the effort and follow the link (<http://capwiz.com/naemi/issues/alert/?alertid=5749650>) that will automatically send a note to your representative.

The Standards and Clinical Practice Committee, led by Dr. Michael Millin, has published more than a half dozen resource documents supporting NAEMSP® Position Statements. Under the editorial guidance of Dr. Jim Menegazzi, *Prehospital Emergency Care* (PEC) continues to increase its impact factor annually, now 8th out of 23 emergency medicine journals ranked by the Institute for Scientific Information. The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. Kevin Mackey, took us to Bonita Springs, Florida, for another successful meeting with beautiful weather setting great expectations for Tucson's 2012 Annual Meeting. The NAEMSP® National EMS Medical Directors Course & Practicum® and Advanced Topics in Medical Direction™, under the leadership of Dr. Swor and Beth Adams and Dr. Myers, continue to expand the number of student slots to meet our members' demand.

Internationally our members of the Pan-Asian Resuscitation Outcomes Study (PAROS) have co-hosted EMS Medical Director Courses in Seoul, Bangkok and Taipei. Drs. Shin, Pairoj, Ma, Tanaka and Ong have been instrumental in bringing NAEMSP® to Asia. Our Canadian members continue to grow in numbers and are the largest non-US contingency followed, believe it or not, by Korea.

The Board of Directors ratification of a new 5-year strategic plan, focusing on education, research, development/mentorship and advocacy, could not have been possible without cell phones and e-mail turned off for 1.5 days of spirited debate. Look for a posting of the Strategic Plan in the Members-Only section of the NAEMSP® website soon.

From members and meeting attendees who provide the bulk of our revenue, to scientific presenters who share their discoveries and publish in PEC to our committee members and chairs who get the work of the organization done, to the vision of the Board of Directors, all are contributing to our NAEMSP® mission. From my Presidential perspective, the joy of leading NAEMSP® is witnessing that we truly are an organization of members serving members.

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