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TO: National Registry of EMTs Partner Organizations
NREMT Board Members

FROM: Bob Swor, DO, FACEP, Chair, NREMT Board of Directors
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RE: NREMT Board Meeting – June 2018 Action Summary

The National Registry of EMT (NREMT) Board of Directors met June 12-13, 2018 in Columbus Ohio.

A summary of board actions follows:

1. The NREMT Board of Directors appointed William Seifarth as its 5th Executive Director of the National Registry of EMTs. [A press release can be located HERE.](#) Seifarth will assume full executive director responsibilities on August 24 as Drew Dawson completes his service leading the National Registry as interim executive director.
2. Congratulations to Kim McKenna who has been elected as the Educator At-Large Director for the National Registry Board of Directors. Dr. McKenna is the Director of Education at St. Charles County Ambulance District in St. Peters, Missouri. She is a highly regarded educator and leader within the EMS community and will be a valuable addition to the Board. The Board thanks the very qualified and distinguished candidates who applied for the position for their interest in serving the board and continuing to support the National Registry.
3. The \$5 recertification fee increase originally approved for October 1, 2018 has been delayed to October 1, 2019 to allow for improved stakeholder communications
4. The National Registry Board of Directors adopted a standard that successful completion of an examination can be applied towards initial certification for a period of up to two years (instead of 1 year as previously required) at the June meeting. Staff is reviewing policy language and implementation strategy. Input from State EMS officials is being requested to gauge the anticipated impact. Staff will communicate further details and timeline for the implementation of this change in policy as information becomes available.
5. The Board received a review of challenges associated with recertification. To assist with long term revision of recertification processes, the Board accepted the principles of design for changing the recertification process over the next several years to allow for:
 - a. Fewer and simpler rules
 - b. A coherent, clearly articulated national approach to continued competency
 - c. Transparency, open communication and easy implementation
 - d. Vigorous and consistent enforcement.

6. The Board directed the Certification Committee to update and clarify the Mark King Initiative policy. This updated MKI policy will be recommended to the Executive Committee for interim use for State MKI applications until the Board can adopt a final policy.
7. A senior leadership succession plan policy was adopted by the board.
8. The Board directed the staff to develop policies and processes to approve requests for research projects from collaborative entities for engaging with the National Registry. This will allow for a standardized vetting process for research project requests.
9. The Board directed the National Registry to adopt a strategy to protect intellectual property related to the examinations process which should include:
 - a. Copyright protection of examination content
 - b. Enforceable non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements
 - c. Procedures for security of examination materials
 - d. Procedures for secure administration of protected examination content
10. The Board adopted the following goals for the 5-year strategic plan.

The goal of this plan is to ensure organizational capacity and achieve the following:

 - 1.) National Registry certification for every EMS provider in the United States
 - 2.) Public protection by verifying a competent EMS workforce
 - 3.) Promote competency and quality patient care by incorporating industry best practices and evidence-based practices into the certification processes
 - 4.) The National Registry brand as THE nation-wide brand associated with public protection and trust through National EMS Certification
 - 5.) Increased value of the National Registry to its customers, stakeholders, and partners
 - 6.) Cultivation of an intentional, positive, and inclusive culture
11. The Board voted to maintain the passing standard for the Paramedic exam at 1.25 logits. This decision was based on recommendation from a standard-setting panel meeting held in early 2018.