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Advocates for EMS Elects New Officers

February 12, 2009 (Falls Church, Va.) Advocates for EMS (AEMS) elected its 2009 officers during the Annual Board Meeting held in conjunction with the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) Annual Meeting, Jan. 22-23, 2009, in Jacksonville, Fla. Kurt Krumperman, M.S., NREMT-P is the 2009-10 president. Also elected were Fergus Laughridge, CPM (president-elect), Ted Delbridge, M.D., MPH (treasurer), and Joe Grafft, M.S. (secretary). The immediate past president is Bruce Walz, Ph.D., NREMT-P.

President Krumperman is the clinical assistant professor and undergraduate management program director of emergency health services (since Fall 2008) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and chair of the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians' (NAEMT) Advocacy Committee. President-Elect Laughridge is the Nevada state EMS director and immediate past president of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO). Treasurer Delbridge is the chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine in the Brody School of Medicine at the East Carolina University and president of NAEMSP. Secretary Grafft is the past president of the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE). Immediate Past President Walz is a professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Health Services at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), and a past president of the NAEMSE.

Newly appointed Board members are Connie Meyer, RN, MICT, EMS captain, Johnson County Med-Act and the NAEMT president-elect; Ron Pirrallo, MD, MHSA, Milwaukee County EMS, Medical College of Wisconsin and the NAEMSP president-elect; Ritu Sahni, MD, MPH, Oregon Health & Science University and the NAESMP secretary/treasurer; and Robert Waller, executive director, Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services and chair of the NASEMSO Government Information Committee.

AEMS board leadership is comprised of three representatives from NAEMSE, NAEMSP, NAEMT, and NASEMSO. The board also includes one corporate/organization and individual representative from the membership. AEMS offers membership and welcomes contributions from individuals, businesses, or other interested parties. For more information about AEMS and its advocacy efforts visit www.advocatesforems.org.

AEMS is a coalition of the major national EMS organizations, supported by other EMS organizations and the EMS industry, who are dedicated to promoting, educating and increasing awareness among the decision makers in Washington DC in order to positively impact legislation and regulation that affects all of EMS, regardless of delivery being fire-based, volunteer, third service, public or non-governmental, by monitoring and influencing legislation and regulatory activity involving EMS and raising awareness among lawmakers on issues of importance to EMS.