



Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2024

Embassy Suites Central, Austin, Texas

Registration – Opened at 07:30 with vendors present: BTG Pharmaceuticals, CSL Behring, ESO, and ImageTrend.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Koeppe at 08:02. Agendas were provided and attendance was counted as 84.

Approval of Minutes – There was a motion to approve the published June 11, 2024 General Meeting minutes by Brandi Mendoza with a second had by Maysoon Bader. There were not suggested revisions or edits, and the motion passed.

President’s Announcements – *Dawn Koeppe*

Ms. Koeppe informed the membership that the scheduled bariatric presentation will be rescheduled for the November 2024 meeting.

In recognition of achievement, Ms. Koeppe presented TTCF Challenge coins to Jen Reynolds for TCRN acquisition and to another attendee for CAISS certification.

Treasurer Report – *Jacky Betts*

Mr. Betts presented a written financial report reflecting a July 31, 2024 L&E balance of \$-3,245.26 He encouraged the membership to visit today’s vendors and reported the impact that vendor fees have for the financial stability of the organization. Mr. Betts also stated the importance of pre-registering for General Membership meetings and also the importance of utilizing the TTCF room blocks. He also reported that hotel meeting fees are increasing throughout the region and are not exclusive to the current hotel. The meeting location and fee issue is scheduled for discussion at the November 2024 Strategic Planning meeting. In closing, Mr. Betts noted that there is no TTCF hotel for the November Ft. Worth meeting and suggested members utilize the EMS conference hotel discounts.

Secretary Report – *Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell presented a short PowerPoint report that noted the current TTCF membership census of 140; the announcement of the recently released NTDS 2025 data dictionary; the January 2025 implementation date for using the AIS 2015 version; the ACS's halting of positive Covid collection in the NTDS submissions; the past due date for 2023 cases for submission to the state registry. He also reminded the membership of the TTCF annual auction which will be held at the November 2024 meeting. Quarterly meeting fees vs. annual membership fees were also explained.

Historian Report – *Joseph Murray*

Mr. Murray reported that the TTCF promotional video project has an anticipated 1Q25 completion date.

At Large Report – *Danielle Sherar, Rhonda Manor-Coombes*

The DALs reminded the membership of the November 2024 TTCF silent auction at the Ft. Worth meeting.

Parliamentarian Report and Election – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards led the published election for the positions of: President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, Parliamentarian, and Director At Large # 1. Voting was conducted via QR codes. All valid nominees were given the opportunity to address the membership prior to voting.

Director At Large Position 1 - The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no floor nominations voiced and there was a motion by Mr. Dodwell to close the floor for nominations, with a second voiced by Ms. Turnbow. There were no objections and the motion passed. Voting ensued via QR code. The voting results established Kathy Rodgers as Director At Large Position 1.

Parliamentarian - The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no floor nominations voiced and there was a motion by Ms. Koepp to close the floor for nominations, with a second voiced by Ms. Rodgers. There were no objections and the motion passed. Voting ensued via QR code. The voting results established Maysoon Bader as Parliamentarian.

Treasurer-Elect - The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no floor nominations voiced and there was a motion by Mr. Dodwell to close the floor for nominations, with a second voiced by Ms. Dawn Marek. There were no objections and the motion passed. Running unopposed, the Treasurer-Elect position was awarded to Ms. Melanie Vanderford.

President-Elect - The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were no floor nominations voiced and there was a motion by Ms. Cloud to close the floor for nominations, with a second voiced by Ms. Dawn Marek. There were no objections and the motion passed. Running unopposed, the President-Elect position was awarded to Ms. Danielle Sherar.

Newly elected officers will take the oath of office at the November 2024 meeting and will begin their terms on January 1, 2025.

Trauma Informed Care – Heidi Gilroy, PhD, RN, NPD-BC, NEA-BC, EBP-C Director of Professional Development, Magnet, and Research – Memorial Hermann

Ms. Gilroy presented the attendees a PowerPoint presentation with CEU opportunity.

Trauma Rules Discussion – Dawn Koepp

Ms. Koepp led the membership in a discussion of the proposed 157 trauma rules.

Breakout Meetings – The Level I/II, Level III, and Level IV trauma committees conducted a one-hour breakout session.

Lunch – a buffet lunch was provided to the membership with inaugural meeting attendees partaking in a membership-mentorship meeting.

Ask The Surveyors – TETAF Trauma Surveyor Panel

The membership participated in a Q&A session led by TETAF trauma surveyors

Recreational and Outdoor Safety - Bryan Dulock, Texas Game Warden

Mr. Dulock presented a PowerPoint drowning offering and led a discussion on outdoorsman trauma related issues, including firearm safety.

External Reports

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) OEHS/TS – Jorie Klein, Elizabeth Stevenson, Audrey Green, Katie Foarde

Ms. Stevenson informed the membership that the formal written public comment period relating to the proposed 157 rules has been extended to September 3, 2024 relating to the Labor Day holiday. She also stated that the recent UCC distribution was noted to contain a calculation error and a revised distribution will be forthcoming. It was also noted that the Level 1 / 2, Level 3, and Level 4 DSHS calls will be continued per stakeholder support.

Texas EMS Trauma & Acute Care Foundation – Terri Rowden

Ms. Rowden announced that TETAF is offering their Data Management Course on October 29-30 2024 with sign-up via the TETAF website.

State Trauma Registry – Gavin Sussman

Mr. Sussman announced that all 2023 cases should have been submitted to the state registry as of July 2024. He also noted that the department is offering a virtual report webinar on August 29, 2024 with sign-up via the department's website.

Pediatric Readiness Project – Dr. Remick, Sally Snow

Ms. Snow address the membership with a PowerPoint update relating to the PRP. The presentation and update can be found on the TTCF Special Populations webpage.

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Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards announced the Association's national conference will have a virtual option and will be conducted on September 3-7 2024. She also noted that there is an open call for volunteers to serve on numerous national committees.

Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) – *Courtney Edwards*

Ms. Edwards noted that the ATCN course updates are pending release and that ATLS/ATCN course offerings can be located on the STN website.

American Trauma Society (ATS) – *Brett Dodwell*

Mr. Dodwell reported that 2 new Trauma Registry Courses have been added to the ATS educational calendar, September 28-29 and October 5-6. He also noted that ATS members can attend a Resume Writing for Trauma Professionals webinar on August 27, 2024 for free. He referred the membership to the ATS educational calendar for numerous offerings.

Trauma Centers Association of America – *Lori Adams*

No report offered.

ACS – *Christine Campbell*

No report offered.

Texas Stop the Bleed Coalition – *Suzanne Curran*

Ms. Curran announced that the Coalition continues to work with the state registry epidemiology group in relation to Texas tourniquet data use. It was noted that the Coalition meets monthly on the 'First Fridays' with sign-up via the Coalition website.

Internal Reports

Education – *Jennifer Carr, Maysoon Bader*

Ms. Carr announced the next scheduled TTDEC course is October 22, 2024 via virtual format with registration via the TTCF website homepage. It was also noted that November CEU education will encompass the Bariatric offering originally scheduled for today. Future educational subjects include neurotrauma, Hazmat, and SBIRT.

Injury Prevention – *Ashley Kopech, Amy Tucker*

Ms. Kopech announced her resignation as Committee Chair relating to a new job opportunity and appointed Ms. Tucker as the new Chair, and Ms. Brandi Mendoza as the new Co-Chair. The membership thanked Ms. Kopech for her many years of service to TTCF.

Special Populations – *Kristie Brown, Lydia Camacho*

No report offered.

Registry – *Christine Campbell, Lori Foster*

No report offered, although Mr. Dodwell reported that the Committee leadership is planning on addressing the 2025 NTDS Data Dictionary and Change Log changes at the November 2024 meeting.

Public Relations / Legislative – *Cathy Glenn, Kristi Gamel*

Ms. Gamel reported that workgroup has published 2 new documents to their TTCF webpage relating to the Texas 85th Legislature session and state representatives.

Membership / Mentorship – *Rebecca Crocker, Jenny Olivier*

Ms. Olivier reported 3 inaugural members attended today's meeting where the TTCF website was discussed and the 'e-version' of the new members booklet was distributed.

Fundraising / Finance – *Melanie Vanderford, Suzanne Curran*

The leadership announced that additional 'board' shirts have been ordered, additionally a new order of the 'no crying in trauma' shirts have been ordered.

Level I/II – *Sheryl Cloud, Lori Robb*

Ms. Cloud reported 19 members in attendance at today's meeting where recent surveys and the proposed new 157 rules were discussed. In addition, PRQ document redundancy and medical coverage gaps were discussed. There was a suggestion to create a gap analysis document relating to ACS vs. DSHS requirements relating to Level I and II facilities.

Level III – *Laura Wagley, Colyn Turnbow*

The leadership announced 18 members were in attendance for today's meeting. Discussion included: lessons learned from recent surveys, RN documentation, loop closure, NSAs (Nelson scores and lactic acid as outcome predictor), bariatric best practice guideline, and ICU physician coverage. There was also note of a 'lactate as predictor' poster presentation.

Level IV – *Janice Markwardt, Joy Henry*

The leadership reported 30 members in attendance with discussions on the proposed new 157 rules, EMSTR state registry operations, and introduction of new members. There was also a Q/A session with DSHS and TETAF personnel.

Adjournment – *Dawn Koepf*

The meeting was adjourned by President Koepf at 15:28.

Recorded by,

***Brett Dodwell
TTCF Secretary***