



Highlights from the CoAEMSP Board Meeting, August 2, 2024

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TO: Sponsoring Organizations for the CoAEMSP
CoAEMSP Board Members

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The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met on August 2, 2024, via web meeting. The Board has adopted protocols that permit more predictable, consistent, and deliberate communications with sponsors about the board's work. CoAEMSP provides official updates via the Board Highlights to sponsors 30 days following each Board meeting. The highlights from the board meeting follow.

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 54 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation, and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the meeting, there are 756 programs that hold a status.

655 CAAHEP accredited Paramedic programs and **113 programs** that hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**; the LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation.

For a current list of Paramedic programs, visit [here](#).

3. **Election of Officer.** Thomas Henderson, who represents the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), was elected as the organization's Secretary/Treasurer.
4. **Data Committee.** The data collected from the programs' Annual Reports, representing graduates in 2022, is in its preliminary analysis. The initial review reveals that the overall enrollment in paramedic programs has increased by 10%, and the overall graduation rate has increased by 11%.

5. **Program Director Focus Group (PDFG).** Members of the PDFG provide expertise and insights to the CoAEMSP Board of Directors, especially regarding day-to-day operational aspects of CAAHEP-accredited and CoAEMSP Letter of Review paramedic programs. The PDFG is a volunteer group that serves for one year. It is not a governing body, does not set policy, and does not participate in accreditation decisions.

The second cohort for the PDFG started in July and will be seated for one year.

CoAEMSP [posts summaries of the PDFG quarterly meetings.](#)

6. **ACCREDITCON Committee.** The 2024 event was a success, with the highest-attended ACCREDITCON. Planning has started for the 2025 event, which will be held in Anaheim, CA, May 28-June 1, 2025.

As a sponsoring organization of CoAEMSP, you are invited to exhibit. The booth space is complimentary. If you would like to exhibit in 2025, please email jennifer@coaemsp.org.

7. **Finance Committee.** Reviewed the preliminary year-end financials for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024.

Eliminated one fee assessed to programs when they fail to notify the CoAEMSP of a change in program director, dean, or CEO/president, the Failure to Notify Key Personnel.

8. **Strategic Plan.** Assessed progress toward achieving the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan:

- Goal #1: Expand accreditation services with the implementation of voluntary AEMT accreditation → implementing on January 1, 2025
- Goal #2: Develop an overarching data management strategy that results in efficiency and value for staff and constituents → developing technical requirements
- Goal #3: Develop resources and programs to support (new) program directors with the accreditation process → exploring resources to support new program directors. Data from the survey is being reviewed.
- Goal #4: Launch a communications program that promotes and strengthens relationships through a variety of targeted interfaces → introduced a refreshed logo and website on January 1, 2024; hosting Town Halls and the Program Directors Focus Group each quarter for exchange of information, meeting with stakeholders
- Goal #5: Provide accreditation services for paramedic educational programs globally, taking deliberate action to market our services to an international audience → examining and developing CoAEMSP policy to ensure alignment with CAAHEP's policy for international programs.

9. **Future Board Meetings**

2024	November 6-7-8	Anaheim	2026	February 5	web meeting
				April 29-30-May 1	TBD
2025	February 6	web meeting		August 6	web meeting
	April 30-May 1-2	Minneapolis		November 4-5-6	TBD
	August 7	web meeting	2027	February 4	web meeting
	November 5-6-7	Ft Worth		May 5-6-7	TBD
				August 5	web meeting
				November 3-4-5	Atlanta