



## Highlights from the CoAEMSP Board Meeting, May 1-2, 2025

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CoAEMSP Board Members

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The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met May 1-2, in Minneapolis, Minn. 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 58 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation, and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the meeting, 769 programs hold a status.

### Paramedic

- **667 CAAHEP-accredited** programs and
- **107 programs** that hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**; the LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation.

### AEMT

- **4 programs** that hold the **CoAEMSP Letter of Review (LoR)**; the LoR is the precursor to CAAHEP accreditation.

For a current list of AEMT and paramedic programs, visit [here](https://coaemsp.org).

3. **Election of Board Members.** The Board voted to elect Adrienne Kramer on behalf of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), who is filling the vacated seat through 2025.
4. **Governance Committee.** The Governance Committee is reviewing its policies for nominations to the Board of Directors and background checks on elected board members, as well as researching the status of emeritus.
5. **Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee presented the investment portfolio in consultation with the financial advisor and the preliminary 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025; presented and gained approval for the budget for 2025-26 fiscal year and the audit for 2024-25 fiscal year.

6. **Professional Development.** Each face-to-face board meeting includes a session on professional development. Staff facilitated a robust conversation about the paths of an AEMT program seeking accreditation. The selected path is determined based on the program sponsor's status of its paramedic program.
7. **ACCREDITCON Committee.** ACCREDITCON is the annual conference by CoAEMSP for AEMT and paramedic education programs. All education sessions are rooted in the accreditation standards. The 2025 event is in Anaheim, CA, May 28-June 1, 2025. Registration is strong. The 2026 event is in New Orleans.

As a sponsoring organization of CoAEMSP, you are invited to exhibit. The booth space is complimentary. If you would like to exhibit in 2026, please email [jennifer@coaemsp.org](mailto:jennifer@coaemsp.org).

8. **Data Committee.** The Data Committee is developing an RFP to develop an accreditation management system (AMS), conducting research through the annual report programs submit, and presented the findings from the clinical/field resources survey that was conducted, with a 75% response.
9. **IDEA Work Group** is renamed Fair Practices Work Group because it better reflects its purpose to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation, mutual respect, and equitable opportunities for success.
10. **Quality Improvement & Site Visits Committee** is reviewing the evaluations completed by site visitors, program directors, and deans of site visits; made aware of complaints about site visitors; identifying processes for improvement within the site visit program; evaluating resources on the website; and will propose a process and plan for the review and recommendations for action for programs not meeting a single threshold for 3 consecutive years on the Annual Report.
11. **Policy Committee.** Several policies were approved by the Board that are specific to programs.

Please refer to the [CoAEMSP Policy & Procedures Manual for Programs](#) for all the policies, including a version that shows tracked changes.

Interpretations for different CAAHEP accreditation standards were approved.

Please refer to the [CoAEMSP Interpretations of the CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines \(2023\)](#) for all the policies, including a version that shows tracked changes.

12. **Strategic Plan.** Assessed progress toward achieving the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan:
  - Goal #1: Expand accreditation services with the implementation of voluntary AEMT accreditation → operational
  - Goal #2: Develop an overarching data management strategy that results in efficiency and value for staff and constituents → in progress, soliciting RFPs
  - Goal #3: Develop resources and programs to support (new) program directors with the accreditation process → Operational, launched the Program Director Workshop in April 2025.

- Goal #4: Launch a communications program that promotes and strengthens relationships through a variety of targeted interfaces → operational
- Goal #5: Provide accreditation services for paramedic educational programs globally, taking deliberate action to market our services to an international audience → operational

13. **CAAHEP.** CAAHEP elected five new members of the Board of Directors who will begin their term on July 1, 2025. The Commission approved the membership application for the Art Therapy Credentials Board, which will sponsor the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE). CAAHEP is reimagining its in-person Symposium conference and exploring new event models that align with its mission and support financial sustainability.

#### 14. Future Board Meetings

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|------|-------------------|-------------|------|----------------|-------------|
| 2025 | July 31           | web meeting | 2027 | February 4     | web meeting |
|      | November 5-6-7    | Ft Worth    |      | May 5-6-7      | TBD         |
|      |                   |             |      | August 5       | web meeting |
| 2026 | February 5        | web meeting |      | November 3-4-5 | TBD         |
|      | April 29-30-May 1 | TBD         |      |                |             |
|      | August 6          | web meeting |      |                |             |
|      | November 4-5-6    | TBD         |      |                |             |