# Leadership & Administration

## Call-to-Order President’s Welcome

Dana Sechler, President

## Secretary’s Report

Cody Doucette, Secretary

* Approval of January 4, 2018 minutes.
* Acknowledgement of votes approved online between face-to-face meetings.
  + On January 6, President Sechler initiated an online vote to determine PAAW’s interest in sending a letter of support for outbound State EMS director James Newlun. The initiative was supported unanimously by the board, and the letter was crafted and sent.
  + On January 24, President Sechler initiated an online vote to determine PAAW’s interest in supporting a bill that would offer grants to high schoolers for EMS classes. The initiative was supported unanimously by the board, and President Sechler testified at the Capitol on its behalf.

## Treasurer’s Report

Tom Tornstrom, Treasurer

* PAAW account balances and financial standing.

## Content Strategist’s Report

Samantha Hilker, Hilker PSM

* Podcast system transition.
* Content recap and upcoming highlights.
* Service spotlights.

## Administrator’s Report

Amanda Riordan, American Ambulance Association

* Membership renewals.
* Website and content updates

# Government Relations, Legislative, & Regulatory Updates

## Lobbyist’s Report

Michael Brozek, Midwest Strategies

* Update on recent lobbying activities.
* Meeting with Secretary of the Department of Health Services (DHS) Linda Seemeyer.

## Wisconsin Legislative & Regulatory Initiatives

Dana Sechler, President

* Community EMS Bill and Flexible Staffing Bill rulemaking
* Medicaid letter/reimbursement
* DHS Rule 110 (Two Paramedic Rule)

## Stretcher Vans

Chris Anderson, Vice President & Patrick Ryan, Director

* Legislative champion.
* Next steps.

## Assembly Bill 434 (Worker’s Comp for Public Safety PTSD)

Larry Knuth, Director

* The drafter of the bill previously confirmed to Director Knuth that the bill does not distinguish between employees of private and public entities.
* Updates and next steps

## Federal Update

Dana Sechler, President / Amanda Riordan, AAA

* The ambulance Medicare add-ons have been renewed through 2022.
* Cost collection is required, but AAA will work closely with CMS to minimize the burden on providers.
* The pay-for for the add-on extension was a reduction of 13% for dialysis transports.

# Committee Reports

## Midwest EMS Expo

Tom Tornstrom, Treasurer & Amanda Riordan, American Ambulance Association

* Exhibitor update.
* Attendee update.
* Hotel blocks open.

# New Business

## Virtual Credit Cards for Payments on Patient Accounts

Dana Sechler, President

# Other Business

## Items from the floor.

# Adjourn

Next Meeting:

* May 1, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at the La Crosse Center in conjunction with the Midwest EMS Expo. Exact location TBD.