

**State EMS Advisory Board Meeting  
 Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, Virginia  
 May 8, 2015  
 1:00 pm**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Michel B Aboutanos, MD, MPH, FACS - American College of Surgeons	Sherrin C. Alsop - Virginia Association of Counties	Gary Brown	David Trump, MD, MPH - Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health & Preparedness
Byron F. Andrews, III - Virginia Sate Firefighters Association	Stephen J. Elliott - Thomas Jefferson EMS Council	David Edwards	Amanda Lavin - Office of the Attorney General
Samuel T. Bartle, MD - American Academy of Pediatrics	Joan F. Foster - Virginia Municipal League (Excused)	Michael Berg	Larry A. Oliver - Frederick County Fire & Rescue
Gary P. Critzer - Central Shenandoah EMS Council	S. Denene Hannon - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads (Excused)	Warren Short	Michael B. Player - Peninsulas EMS Council
Valeta C. Daniels - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads	Jason R. Jenkins - Virginia chapter of the International Association of Fire Fighters	Dr. George Lindbeck	Ed Rhodes - VFCA/VAVRS/VAGEMSA/RDG
Richard H. Decker, III - Old Dominion EMS Alliance	Corina D. Nuckols - Associated Public Safety Communications Officials	Tristen Graves	Randy Breton - VAA/Physicians Transport
Lisa M. Dodd, DO - Virginia College of Emergency Physicians	Anita Perry, RN, MSN, CEN, AAS/NREMT-P, CMTE - Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (Excused)	Paul Sharpe	Jennie Collins, Prince William County Fire & Rescue
Jason D. Ferguson - Western Virginia EMS Council		Robin Pearce	Gary Morris, Thomas Jefferson EMS Council
Jonathan D. Henschel - Lord Fairfax EMS Council		Tim Perkins	Wayne Perry, Rappahannock EMS Council
David Hoback - Virginia Fire Chief's Association		Wayne Berry	Rob Lawrence, VAGEMSA / RAA
Sudha Jayaraman, MD, MSc - Medical Society of Virginia		Steve McNeer	Chad Blosser, Central Shenandoah EMS Council
Cheryl Lawson, MD, FACEP - Peninsulas EMS Council		Greg Neiman	Bryan McRay - Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators
Julia Marsden - Consumer		Ken Crumpler	Barb Brown, NOVA
Genemarie W. McGee, MS, BSN, RN, NEA-BC - Tidewater EMS Council		Connie Green	Bob Ramsey - Virginia College of Emergency Physicians
Marilyn K. McLeod, MD, FACEP - Blue Ridge EMS Council		Amanda Davis	Rob Logan, Western Virginia EMS Council
Christopher L. Parker, BSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, CCEMTP - Virginia Emergency Nurses Association / Virginia Nurses Association		Scotty Williams	Robert Trimmer - Chesterfield Fire & EMS

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Ronald Passmore, NRP - Southwest Virginia EMS Council Jose V. Salazar, MPH, NREMT-P - Northern Virginia EMS Council  Kelly G. Southard - Rappahannock EMS Council Matthew J. Tatum - Virginia Association of Governmental EMS Administrators Daniel C. Wildman - Virginia Ambulance Association		Wanda Street  Irene Hamilton	Brad Taylor - HCA  Gary Dalton - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads / Valley Medical Karen Wagner - Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squad / FARC John Dugan, American Heart Association Jeff Michael - Rockingham County Fire/Rescue Eddie Ferguson, Goochland Kendra Sours, Lord Fairfax EMS Council Sam Dahl, Northern Virginia EMS Council Jim Chandler - Tidewater EMS Council Connie Purvis - Blue Ridge EMS Council Mike Harmon, VAGEMSA Adam Alford, ODEMSA Damien Coy - Old Dominion EMS Alliance Rachel Dillion - Old Dominion EMS Alliance Tim McKay, Chesterfield Fire & EMS Christopher Lindsay - HCA Virginia Health System Jeff Meyer - Portsmouth Fire/Rescue

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<b>Call To Order – Gary Critzer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b></li> <li><b>Approval of February 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes</b></li> <li><b>Approval of May 8, 2015 Meeting Agenda</b></li> </ul>	<p>The Chair, Gary Critzer, called the meeting to order at approximately 1 pm.</p> <p>The group stood and gave the Pledge of Allegiance.</p> <p>The February 13, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as presented.</p> <p>The meeting agenda was approved as presented.</p>	
<b>Chairman’s Report – Gary Critzer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Critzer thanked Mike Harmon and Bon Secours for the tumblers that were given to the State EMS Advisory Board members today in recognition of EMS Week.</li> <li>Mr. Critzer announced that this may be the last meeting for board member, Matt Tatum, who is</li> </ul>	

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	<p>scheduled to rotate off the Board on June 30. He thanked Matt Tatum for his service on the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fire-EMS Memorial Service is scheduled on June 6, 2015 at the Richmond International Raceway.</li> <li>• On March 19, Mr. Critzer and Robin Pearce, from OEMS, gave a presentation at the Board of Health meeting regarding the Trauma Designation Manual and how the system in Virginia processes items that come before the State EMS Advisory Board. Following the presentation, even though it was not on the Board of Health's docket to vote on acceptance of the Trauma Designation Manual on March 19, a motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken to accept the Trauma Designation Manual. Other State EMS Advisory Board members in attendance at the meeting were Drs. Aboutanas and Bartle.</li> </ul>	
<b>Vice Chair Report – Genemarie McGee</b>	Ms. McGee did not have a report.	
<b>Chief Deputy Commissioner, Public Health and Preparedness – David H. Trump, MD, MPH, MPA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Trump echoed the comments made by Gary Critzer regarding the presentation made at the Board of Health meeting. He said the Board members appreciated being educated on various aspects of the EMS system, the State EMS Advisory Board and the Trauma Designation Manual.</li> <li>• Dr. Trump gave an update on Ebola. He said the number of cases have drastically declined in Africa. He said that the state public health departments are still monitoring individuals who have returned from the affected countries.</li> <li>• Dr. Trump reported that Virginia was a recipient of a SIM grant, which is an innovation grant for health care in the state. The focus of the grant is to work in partnership with multiple stakeholders to accelerate the adoption of value driven models of wellness and health care throughout Virginia. Regional meetings will be held over the next month or two between the community and health care partners in the regions. Dr. Trump will make sure that Gary Brown gets the tentative dates and locations of the meetings. He wants to make sure the regional councils are aware of the meetings.</li> <li>• The Health Department is working on their Population Health Improvement Plan. The Commissioner aims to make Virginia the healthiest state in the nation.</li> </ul>	
<b>Office of EMS Report – Gary Brown, Director, Scott Winston, Assistant Director and OEMS staff</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Brown announced that Robin Pearce will be making a presentation today regarding the American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma state site visitation that is scheduled for the fall of this year. It is very important, and they want to keep the State EMS Advisory Board members briefed on the upcoming visit.</li> <li>• Mr. Brown was invited, and participated in, the National Security Council's Bystanders: Our Nation's Immediate Responders Roundtable on April 29 at the White House in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. He explained that this is a Presidential directive and that there will be more information forthcoming regarding this initiative.</li> <li>• Mr. Brown gave the Board an update on another national initiative, the EMS Compass. He explained that this is an initiative that is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of EMS and led by the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials (NASEMSO). The EMS Compass initiative will engage</li> </ul>	

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	<p>a wide range of EMS stakeholders to develop performance measures that are relevant to EMS agencies, regulators, and patients. The measures will be based on the latest version of the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) version data and will allow local and state EMS agencies to use their own data meaningfully. He said that they are soliciting nationally for recommendations for performance measures. This information is available on the OEMS website and recommendations must be submitted via the initiative website by May 31 for consideration. The website is <a href="http://www.emscompass.org">www.emscompass.org</a>.</p> <p>Paul Sharpe, from OEMS, is a member of the NASEMSO Data Managers Council. Mr. Sharpe said that because these measures will be based on Version 3 they have been asked not to allow deviations from Version 3. He explained that they will start showing EMS agencies performance publicly with measurements that may not have been previously used. This program is scheduled to be implemented in 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robin Pearce gave a presentation regarding the upcoming evaluation of the state trauma system by the American College of Surgeons. The presentation explained the purpose of the site visit, the benefits, and the desired participants.</li> </ul>  <p>TSC Slide Program for EMS Advisory Board</p>	
<b>Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Gary Critzer</b>	<p>Mr. Critzer gave Bruce Edwards report in his absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He reported that the Board of Health met on March 19. At the meeting, Robin Pearce and he did a lunch presentation on the Trauma Designation Manual.</li> <li>The Board of Health received numerous updates from the various VDH programs.</li> <li>The Board continued to work on the review of the abortion regulations. They have created a workgroup for the abortion facility regulations. There is an EMS representative involved in the workgroup.</li> <li>A letter the Attorney General sent to the Commissioner regarding the abortion regulations was reviewed.</li> </ul>	
<b>Standing Committee Reports and Action Items-</b>		
<b>Executive Committee – Gary Critzer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Executive Committee has met twice, April 6 and May 7. Discussions have included the change in the certification hours and legislative planning for next year. Their primary objective for next year is getting the REPLICA legislation passed in the General Assembly.</li> <li>On yesterday, the Executive Committee considered adding a new standing committee to the State EMS Advisory Board that would address EMS and geriatrics. They will be discussing this more in the coming months and will keep the State EMS Advisory Board up to date on this issue.</li> <li>The committee discussed the current format of the Quarterly Report, the “green book.” VDH is looking at cost saving initiatives, which includes going paperless. The Executive Committee</li> </ul>	

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	agreed that the quarterly report should be sent electronically. Board members who want to receive a hard copy of the report going forward should inform Gary Brown.	
<b>Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) – Robert Trimmer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met on Thursday.</li> <li>• Mr. Trimmer reported that they had requests for 322 items, from 152 agencies, in the amount \$10.7 million. Of that amount 40 ambulances were requested, for a total of \$5.4 million.</li> <li>• The committee had extensive discussion regarding Change No 8 and the cot retention system and how they will deal with that issue, since some ambulances were put in with the systems and some were not; and this will cause a cost difference for the ambulances.</li> <li>• Mr. Trimmer said this is the largest grant request in the last 15 years.</li> </ul>	
<b>Administrative Coordinator – David Hoback</b>	Chief Hoback had no report as Coordinator.	
<b>Rules and Regulations Committee – Jon Henschel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Henschel reported that the committee has no action items.</li> <li>• OEMS has hired a new wage person who will start on May 18 to assist with the background checks.</li> <li>• The committee was informed that an agency is allowed to release a proposed member to work while they wait for a background check if they choose to. Information on this topic is available on the OEMS website under FAQs.</li> <li>• SB 997 that addresses government entities with ordinances under the Code of Virginia to do background checks was approved. They are in the process of creating an online version to make sure the ordinances comply with the Code of Virginia.</li> <li>• The RSAF packet has been approved by the Attorney General and is moving forward.</li> <li>• The “Affiliation” packet is still in the Governor’s Office.</li> <li>• The Technical Language Clean Up Bill is in the process of being assembled.</li> <li>• The committee is looking at mandatory review and revisions of the Rules and Regulations which will begin in January 2016. Please forward Mr. Berg any items that you have for the review and revision.</li> <li>• The K specs have been pushed back from October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2016.</li> <li>• The Narcane Administration policy is being reviewed by the Board of Pharmacy. They will develop protocols pertaining to its use.</li> <li>• There is a comment period online for the proposed CAAS ambulance standards.</li> </ul>	
<b>Legislative &amp; Planning Committee – Rob Logan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joan Foster was unable to attend the meeting, and Rob Logan gave the report from the committee.</li> <li>• The committee met earlier in the day, and they have one information item and one action item.</li> <li>• After the August meeting, OEMS will start the review of the State EMS Plan. The committee asks that all committees begin thinking about any changes and/or revisions that they may have for the State EMS Plan.</li> <li>• The committee discussed the REPLICA bill that failed in the 2015 session. This legislation will be reintroduced in the 2016 session. The committee has developed several strategies to try and encourage the General Assembly to adopt this bill. The committee is bringing forth a motion asking the State EMS Advisory Board to go on record supporting the bill and communicating its support the State Health Commissioner.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MOTION:</b>  <b>The EMS Advisory Board supports the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact bills to be introduced in the 2016 session of the Virginia General Assembly; and directs the Chairman to communicate its support to the Commissioner of health to encourage its inclusion in the governor’s legislative agenda.</b></p>

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<b>Infrastructure Coordinator – Matt Tatum</b>	Mr. Tatum does not have any items to report as Coordinator.	
<b>Transportation Committee – Matt Tatum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met in April to review the ambulance requests for RSAF funding. Mr. Tatum encouraged people submitting grant requests to get readers who are not familiar with their system to proofread the grants to make sure they are understandable to anyone reviewing the grant requests.</li> <li>• Mr. Tatum reminded the Board that the proposed CAAS Standards are online for comments.</li> <li>• The next meeting is scheduled on July 27. This will be a work session to review the ambulance specifications.</li> </ul>	
<b>Communications Committee – Gary Critzer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Critzer reported that the committee met earlier in the day.</li> <li>• The committee had a presentation regarding dispatcher protocols that are being used in King County, Washington.</li> <li>• The committee made a modification to the PSAP Accreditation Program. It formerly had a requirement that they had to have an in-house instructor; however, since so much education is now available online, they have removed that requirement.</li> <li>• The committee added a new member, Derrick Ruble, the PSAP Director from Tazewell County, to fill a vacancy on the committee.</li> <li>• Accreditation applications from a couple of localities were reviewed, and they were sent back to the localities for further clarification.</li> <li>• The next meeting is scheduled on August 7.</li> </ul>	
<b>Emergency Management Committee – David Hoback</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Hoback reported that the Emergency Management Committee met on Thursday.</li> <li>• The committee provided some updates on the Mutual Aid Net Program. The program is moving forward, and they hope that it might be operational before the bike race in Richmond.</li> <li>• The committee discussed the membership roster. They will be reaching out to the regional councils and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for members.</li> </ul>	
<b>Patient Care Coordinator – Marilyn McLeod, MD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. McLeod has no report as Coordinator.</li> </ul>	
<b>Medical Direction Committee – Marilyn McLeod, MD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. McLeod reported that the committee met on April 9, and they have no action items.</li> <li>• At the meeting, the University of Virginia gave a presentation on their stroke research project. The committee discussed paramedics in aortic balloon pump transport. They have established a workgroup to look at those regulations.</li> </ul>	
<b>Medevac Committee – Tim Perkins</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Perry was not in attendance at the meeting, and Tim Perkins gave the report.</li> <li>• The committee met on Thursday, and they have no action items.</li> <li>• A workgroup which was formed to review the revised FAA rules regarding the helicopter air ambulance operations and to determine if it would require any revisions to the EMS</li> </ul>	

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	<p>regulations, met on March 5. The workgroup determined that the FAA regulations do not necessitate any changes to the EMS regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have a committee that continues to work on a research project focused on the transport of ST segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) scene patients and how the patient outcomes might be impacted by transport from the scene versus an inter-facility transport. A majority of the agencies have submitted first quarter data, and that data is being compiled. Anita Perry and Tim Perkins have been invited to present on this project at the May meeting of the Virginia Heart Attack Coalition (VHAC) State Meeting on May 29 in Lynchburg.</li> <li>• The committee is still gathering and assessing weather turndown data. More information on the data can be found in the Quarterly Report.</li> <li>• The committee meets again on August 6.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Trauma System Oversight &amp; Management Committee – Michael Aboutanos, MD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met on March 5, but they did not have a quorum due to weather conditions.</li> <li>• The committee expressed gratitude to the board members, especially Gary Critzer, Bruce Edwards, Dr. Trump, and Dr. Bartle in getting the Trauma Designation Manual approved. Dr. Aboutanos also thanked Paul Sharpe and Robin Pearce for all their efforts.</li> <li>• The Trauma Nurse Coordinators have two task forces, and one of them is on Geriatric Trauma. They have done considerable work on that task force and created recommendations for Geriatric triage and transfer guidelines. The recommendations have been sent to the second task force, which is the Trauma Triage workgroup. The Trauma Triage workgroup will be doing another review and recommendations of the work. The committee will keep the State EMS Advisory Board apprised on its progress.</li> <li>• The Trauma Performance Improvement subcommittee is continuing work on the vital sign documentation and trauma triage recommendations from the 2013 data, which was presented to the State EMS Advisory Board at an earlier meeting. The 2014 data has been obtained, and the most frequently omitted vital sign is the documentation of the Glasgow Coma Scale. The team is working with the Peninsulas EMS Council to develop the presentation of the data.</li> <li>• Work is continuing with the new Injury and Violence Prevention subcommittee. They have the stakeholders participating in the subcommittee.</li> <li>• Dr. Scott Hickey joined the committee as a representative of the American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Hickey is Medical Director from the emergency department at the Chippenham Medical Center, which is a Level 2 Trauma Center.</li> <li>• Gary Brown referenced an article that was in the Richmond Times Dispatch recently entitled "A Day in the Life of a Level 1 Trauma Center." It was an excellent article that featured Dr. Aboutanos. Mr. Brown asked Dr. Aboutanos to brief the board on the article.  <a href="http://m.richmond.com/news/local/article_22b5d4ad-3e49-5c27-a58a-7d2c5f858f69.html?mode=jqm">http://m.richmond.com/news/local/article_22b5d4ad-3e49-5c27-a58a-7d2c5f858f69.html?mode=jqm</a></li> </ul>	
<p><b>EMS for Children Committee – Samuel Bartle, MD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met on April 15.</li> <li>• The committee discussed how they could improve and develop some quality pediatric programs for the EMS Symposium and how to recruit quality instructors to come and present the programs.</li> <li>• The committee is reviewing pediatric medical errors in Virginia. They are considering in doing</li> </ul>	

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	<p>a study with the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research network (PECARN). This is a national collaboration of major hospital centers on pediatric research projects in order to obtain the numbers needed to achieve statistical significance in pediatric scientific studies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee is working on a Heat Stroke Awareness Strategy program for pediatric deaths in Virginia.</li> <li>• The committee is also reviewing the pediatric readiness of Virginia hospital emergency departments.</li> <li>• The committee will be working with the Trauma Committee on the Trauma Triage guidelines.</li> <li>• The committee also discussed how they can help distribute injury prevention messages, especially with the international bike race that will be held in Richmond in September.</li> <li>• Gary Critzer thanked Dr. Bartle for his participation at the Board of Health meeting in March.</li> </ul>	
<b>Professional Development Coordinator – Ron Passmore</b>	Mr. Passmore had no report as Coordinator.	
<b>Training &amp; Certification Committee – Ron Passmore</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met on April 8.</li> <li>• The Continuing Education group completed its work and submitted for approval its final proposal for the 2016 CE Plan. They are bringing forth this action item for the State EMS Advisory Board's approval.</li> </ul>  <p>Appendix E.pdf</p> <p>There was no discussion from the floor and the Chair called for the vote.</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b>  <b>The Training and Certification committee moves to accept the continuing education structure as exemplified in the attachment.</b>  <b>VOTE:</b>  <b>Yeas = 21; Nays = 0; Abstentions = 0.</b>  <b>The motion was carried unanimously.</b></p>
<b>Workforce Development Committee – Jose Salazar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee has no action items.</li> <li>• The EMS Officer I course pilot programs that were planned for April have been postponed to address some logistical and content issues. They have met with OEMS to work out some issues, and they should have an update on the program at the August State EMS Advisory Board meeting.</li> <li>• The Standards of Excellence program information is on the OEMS website. To pilot that program they have asked four jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth to volunteer to complete the process. Only one of the four jurisdictions has submitted their survey, but the other three are working on their surveys.</li> <li>• The Recruitment and Retention network met in February, and they had a motivational guest speaker at the meeting. The next meeting is in July. The Recruitment and Retention page on the OEMS website is being improved, and there should be more resources available on the website page in the future.</li> </ul>	
<b>Provider Health &amp; Safety Committee – Dan Wildman</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee met earlier in the day.</li> <li>• The committee is continuing to distribute safety bulletins. The bulletins are distributed from the OEMS website, the list serve and social media.</li> <li>• The committee discussed how CISM and OSHA related topics could be delivered to providers in different areas of the state.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Regional EMS Council Executive Directors – Michael Player</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Player, the Executive Director from the Peninsulas EMS Council gave the report in Greg Woods absence.</li> <li>• The Regional Directors Group met on Thursday, and they have no action items.</li> <li>• The group is working with the Division of Trauma and Critical Care to obtain data and other information for the American College of Surgeons trauma system review.</li> <li>• The Regional Councils are in the process of migrating to Microsoft 360 in an effort to further collaborate and enhance their IT structure.</li> <li>• The next meeting is scheduled on August 6 at the Courtyard by Marriott.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	None	
<b>Old Business</b>	<p>Valeta Daniels asked if the July 1 new initial certification process is in direct conflict with 2.2.4 of the process, which the State EMS Advisory Board just voted on; which states “align all initial EMS education programs to that of other allied health professionals to promote professionalism of EMS.”</p> <p>Warren Short answered her question, stating that he is not aware of a conflict.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Critzer reminded the group that the Fire-EMS Memorial is June 6 at Richmond International Raceway at noon. He encouraged people to attend.</li> <li>• EMS Week is May 17 – 23.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled on August 7, 2015 at the Courtyard by Marriott, Glen Allen, Va.	