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| **Regional Conferences** |
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| **Regional Conferences****Northwest:**The NW region conference will be held January 16-17, 2016 at the Grand Hotel in Minot.    All information including the brochure, hotel information, topics, registration is available on our website mid November**Southeast:**  The SE region conference will be held the following weekend on January 29-31, 2016 at the Quality Inn & Suites in Jamestown.  All information including the brochure, hotel information, topics, registration will be available mid November.**Northeast:**The NE region conference will be held a couple weekends later on February 20-21, 2016 at the Red Roof Townhouse in Grand Forks. All information including the brochure, hotel information, topics, registration will be available early December.For all your conference updates and needs visit [www.ndemsa.org](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=wNqI9okwr0yXvZNd7Mg/PWmSje%2bQa1ZVpvy9iZW9PlNOPGQMzquE0cBOGQJdo%2b7btMiSau%2byknd5gA7bU%2bnPWY18vA5ocopJioJgVk8l5VU%3d)Please be sure to book your HOTEL EARLY!  Hotel room blocks book quickly! |

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| **Randall Severson is NDEMSA's Education** **Coordinator****http://None26.wildapricot.org/Resources/Pictures/Randal%20S%20pic.jpg**Randal Severson of Grand Forks was recently hired as the new full time Education Coordinator for the EMS Association. He will begin his duties on November 2, 2015 and will continue to reside in Grand Forks.Some of his responsibilities as the NDEMSA Education Coordinator will include:* Plans, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all of the educational offerings of the North Dakota EMS Association.  This may include actual instruction of material during these education program offerings.
* Coordinates instruction either at the NDEMSA conferences or contracted educational programs, as needed; monitors the activities of instructors/presenters during instructional time.
* Evaluates instructor performance, provides feedback, and develops instructor remediation plans.
* Fulfills NDEMSA educational program administrative requirements, to include maintenance of program, course, and student/participant records, and preparation and submission of data and reports.
* Develops or assists in the creation of marketing materials for conference and education events.
* Participates in continuing professional development programs as appropriate.
* Represents NDEMSA on EMS education-related committees and planning groups.
* Participates in activities that promote the NDEMSA, to include instructor recruiting, and program marketing events, as appropriate.
* May lead, guide, and train staff/student employees, interns, and/or volunteers performing related work; may participate in the recruitment of volunteers, as appropriate to the area of operation.

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| **Contact Us** [**www.ndemsa.org**](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=wNqI9okwr0yXvZNd7Mg/PWmSje%2bQa1ZVpvy9iZW9PlNOPGQMzquE0cBOGQJdo%2b7btMiSau%2byknd5gA7bU%2bnPWY18vA5ocopJioJgVk8l5VU%3d)  **701-221-0567 Phone701-221-0693 Fax1622 East Interstate AvenueBismarck, ND 58503****:: MEMBERSHIP INFORMATIONOne year toDecember 31, 2016:$40.00Two years toDecember 31, 2017$60.00**[**Online Renewal**](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=n3CX3dl08s9551cq178IXLhEZ01eDIhYxM9YqpvwT%2brflHyWWd3dzgyRHz9DKjrGG%2bftIK%2bCr/Y%2bS4lxkvLMC4x7GTV6WEk5sfhlH9rV9/k%3d) **If you expire 12/31/2015 get your membership renewal in soon!**  |

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| Fall is certainly upon us and also begins what is our busiest time of the year here at the Association.  We get back into the swing of things so to speak with preparation for the winter conferences, the annual conference, and all of our other educational offerings.  Typically some meetings get put on hold over the busy summer months and these have begun again also, including our board meeting, task force meetings, and other statewide coalition meetings.  There is never a shortage of EMS-related events on the calendar! I wish you all a wonderful October and I hope to be able to see you at an upcoming association event.Curtis HalmrastPresident, NDEMSA    |
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**Executive Positions Nominations Due December 31st 2016**Executive officer positions up for election in April 2016: President/ Secretary Treasurer. The positions’ description via the bylaws:PRESIDENT: The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and board.  He shall have charge of, and supervise over, the affairs of the association, appoint all committees and designate the chairman of each, and in general, perform and exercise the usual functions of the office of president of an association. The president also shall be chairman of the board, but will not have voting privileges except in the case of a tie by other board members.SECRETARY/TREASURER: The secretary shall have charge of all books, records, and papers of the association, give notice of, attend and keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the members of the association and board, be custodian of the corporate seal, carry out the directives of the president and the board and perform the duties of the office of secretary/treasurer of the association.  He/she shall hold the necessary papers, instruments, and documents executed on behalf of the association in the event there is no physical administrative office. He/she shall make a summarization of meeting proceedings and actions in the newsletter following each meeting. Treasurer duties include reviewing the financial records and processes of the association in conjunction with the NDEMSA office staff.Currently there are no candidates running. If you are interested and eligible, please contact the office for more information. The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2015.**Proposed Policy Change**The North Dakota EMS Association is looking to change the policy procedure involving Nomination and Elections for the purpose of getting the best qualified candidates.The proposed change for Board Officer positions- the Nominations/Election Committee will compile a list of eligible Association members by no later than September 30th of each year.Eligibility defined as having previously served a minimum of one full term, either elected or appointed on the Board of Directors in the past 10 years. Each eligible member will be contacted by a representative of the Nominations/Election Committee to determine their willingness to run for any upcoming vacancy.Eligible members who indicate an interest in running for office will be required to submit an application no later than December 31st of each year.After a meet the candidates period in January the voting for all officer and director positions will take place in late February.The proposed change for the Regional Director Positions (After April 2016) is open positions in each region will be posted for nomination solicitations beginning July 1st and will continue until December 31st in year proceeding the election period.Eligible members who indicate an interest in running for office will be required to submit an application no later than December 31st of each year.All candidates for Primary or Regional Board positions will be required to submit a nomination statement and photo to be published in the Winter Response Time magazine and on NDEMSA social media.For more information on the proposed policy change visit [www.ndemsa.org](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=wNqI9okwr0yXvZNd7Mg/PWmSje%2bQa1ZVpvy9iZW9PlNOPGQMzquE0cBOGQJdo%2b7btMiSau%2byknd5gA7bU%2bnPWY18vA5ocopJioJgVk8l5VU%3d)Important information about the EMS Cruise**EMS Cruise Cabins Now as Much as $340 Less Than Other Sources***Only a few cabins left at these prices!*For just about as long as there has been an EMS Cruise, passengers have been paying less than nearly anyone else who booked the same cabin on the same cruise! That's just a fact; and now, we've done it again! Everyone who has already booked a balcony cabin for the next EMS Cruise paid as much as $340 less for their cabin than current rates ($360 less than our early bird rate for double occupancy). If you were to book this exact same cruise on your own right now from the Carnival website, not only would you not get all of the EMS Cruise extras, including two cocktail parties, $25 per cabin shipboard credit, group photo and everything else, you'd pay $340 more! Oceanview cabins are currently $160 more than the EMS Cruise price and interior cabins are selling for $200 more!You can still cash in on these savings, just like the other 230 passengers have done, but there is a catch: There is only  a handful of cabins left in each category at these prices. When they are sold, even our price will increase. That means if you or someone you know has been waiting to book, you simply can't wait any longer. While we'll be able to get more cabins, they will be priced closer to the current rates.Get more information and book right now by [http://www.emscruise.com](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=9b4DqVXHK7XNpDEadtVmDDa1uL4nEmrl01LsQnzhGOkiDp3i6ckPDY4cqBZskpMvKV1xJdqJSQlr%2bzgiNfPmqwi8FocCzfmD%2b5XeB3OjqIw%3d)/. If you need personal assistance, you can call the EMS Cruise staff at 800-793-6820 or click any of the icons for web, email and the EMS Cruise social media sites.Join nearly 250 EMTs, Paramedics, First Responders, and Firefighters along with their family and friends on the next EMS Cruise, March 12-19, 2016.

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| **October 5th Board Meeting and the 2015 Strategic Planning Execution Report**The NDEMSA Board meeting wase held October 5, 2015 at noon. The meeting took place at the Ramada Inn  Bismarck (1400 East Interchange Ave). The agenda is available online at www. ndemsa.org. Minutes will be added once they are completed in the member area.The Strategic Planning Execution Report will be available for download after it is officially adopted at the October 5th board meeting.  It will be under the About NDEMSA tab and the Strategic Goals page.**E.V.E.N.T Reporting Tool****What is E.V.E.N.T?**http://None26.wildapricot.org/Resources/Pictures/EVENT%20button%20logo.jpgThe EMS Voluntary Event Notification Tool (E.V.E.N.T.) is free, online, anonymous tool that supports the confidential and non-punitive reporting of safety events. Modeled after the Pennsylvania EMS office system, it was developed to help improve the safety and quality of emergency medical services by collecting data for analysis that can be used to develop EMS policies,procedures, and education to prevent similar events from occurring in the future. Event Reporting Systems have been shown to be a key component of quality improvement mechanisms in a variety of fields from aviation to hospitals. For information visit our website on the [E.V.E.N.T page](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=GN2IBtG3X25px0fF%2boIsyKb9CtcIqsDIREevYuAvcwFvt%2bSk%2bhJSTr8LYbMmSe8txbY/XadA4ZDTC5fW39pmgxNd8ie0Qbnzx4UuqVdEWpU%3d).**Savvik Buying Group****"A Cooperative Built With You"**http://None26.wildapricot.org/Resources/Pictures/Grainger%20Logo.pnghttp://None26.wildapricot.org/Resources/Pictures/Heny%20Schein%20Logo.jpghttp://None26.wildapricot.org/Resources/Pictures/Savvik%20Logo.png[SAVVIK Buying Group/NCEMSC](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=3jZJ2lHdmnNeleoC/F0etT2m9mx8f5ZTaj2ePze7k4ye9uzuzts2NNH4tab6sc/g22gh0nv%2brJ446loGf7iFma3Z3whJz2aLafEFme8JUR8%3d) |
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| **The 2015 SW Regional Conference****http://None26.wildapricot.org/resources/EmailTemplates/(copy%201)%20September%20Template/images/11231151_1002872459744304_6535343130951604222_n.jpg** The Southwest conference took place in Medora ND on September 25-27. This year we were privileged to partner up with North Dakota Safety Council and Hess. To provide Oil and Gas Training for Emergency Responders. 116 people joined us for the weekend.    The weekend started with Friday afternoon’s preconference, Regions Burn Center partnered up with SIM ND to provide an afternoon of classroom and hands-on training on Keeping Kids Alive. Saturday tracks consisted of Oil and Gas Training and EMS. Sanford did free health screenings from 8 to 5. Saturday night there was a SIM truck challenge. The participants were judged on teamwork, patient outcome and communication. Sunday consisted of NCCR and LCCR. The speakers did a wonderful job and we thank you for the education. A special thank you to Ron Lawler for doing a bonus "Special Healthcare Needs" presentation.Suzan Hanson and Linda Lindemann were reelected as the SW board of directors.Once again, every member was able to get a door prize due to generous donations from sponsors. The Grand Prize was big screen TV.   Thanks again to all of the sponsors.Next year's SW conference will be held in Medora September 23-25, 2016. |

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| **Taking Applications for Presenters for the 41st EMS Rendezvous**The conference committee is now accepting applications for the 41st EMS Rendezvous. If you are interested in being considered to present at the 2015 North Dakota EMS Rendezvous Conference and Tradeshow you must have your materials submitted by ***October 15, 2015***  All proposals must include the following:* Apply online [here](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=%2bvd3zlfwBGdHOHMEBuQp3Ncx7PsG1np0c2DZBhkjBTLoTm963fnOOsEQnZxy9/TWTFDcce5zFI37Z7OcsLMyVXCuJJVnV4C46YcYyDP/JgM%3d) . Proposals will be held for for 1 year. Please resubmit after that time.
* If you are unfamiliar with the National Continued Competency Program you can find it [here](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=pAR7gJpJekayVywbg68/d5bf34OdVAGqzsN%2ba684K%2bW0FAOWL36f82sbzbJr9PllSVvfjlvExE98AbCjwCKOn7ZB57PNZY6/imHs3OF4rNI%3d). North Dakota is part of the NREMT pilot program. Please look at the categories and pick which one(s) the topic fits into along with the amount of time each category will be presented.
* Presenter's Resume,
* Short Biography of the Presenter and
* A high resolution, publicity photo (if selected, this photo will be used on our website and in the Conference Program Book).

Proposals and extra topics may be submitted via email ndemsa.office@ndemsa.org[Like ND EMS Association on Facebook](http://none26.wildapricot.org/EmailTracker/LinkTracker.ashx?linkAndRecipientCode=rQTYcEJjrUK8nFMivJ7j3EKePTvK%2b/neWyZyj4WF48wwnaCYJB9QO/1UydFiCTIFiii1CWQNbmvlVuzXzX/E0o4GDy/I1Xmu9as%2bKY2MLHE%3d)  |

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