The Education Committee
2009 Annual Report

The rules for Continuing Education and Instructors were reviewed, finalized, and sent on to Rules and the Board for further action.

The Forms for the applications for the EMS Certificates to Teach were reviewed with the appropriate changes being made and submitted to the Board for approval. The applications were part of the Instructor name changes and rule changes to meet the National Scope of Practice that the Board approved as the minimum standards. The new instructor Certificates are:

- EMS Instructor
- EMS Assistant Instructor
- Continuing Education Instructor
- Physician as Instructor

As a part of this, rules were written and adopted to provide a window for current Special Topics Instructors to make renewal application in the areas of Assistant Instructor and Continuing Education Instructor. The application process is currently being done. A part of this review also included the 8 hour module for a fire instructor who wishes to have the EMS instructor card also.

The sub committees were assigned to review all certification curriculums. The review is to use the National Scope of Practice as the minimum standards, for all skill levels for appropriateness for the level, and skill assessment.

Larry Bennett presented to the committee the "One to One" -- a Fire/EMS employer assistance program that Southwest Providers developed on preemptive treatment for EMS and Firefighters who may admit to having a drug and/or alcohol problem. The committee determined that the program be made available to anyone who wished to use it by reference on the web site. There are a number of programs available to departments and the committee could not recommend to the board that the board recommend only one program.

House Bill 1 brought to the committee the task of new rules, changes to rules, and working in conjunction with fire rules the "one date renewal" for all certificates. The one date is to be the person's birth-date and all EMS and fire certificates would be renewed on that date. The committee met and determined the concepts that would become the rules. Several items are:

- Changing renewal date to birth-date with the same 3 year cycle as current
- Changing the instructor from 2 year cycle to 3 year cycle
- Determining how to deal with the continuing education and the 3 year cycle with one expiration date (prorating the con ed)

In addition, the committee reviewed the rules for the accreditation programs so that all programs taught by the institution have one expiration date. Also reviewed rules for provisional or extended certificates for accredited and CE programs.

For 2010, the committee will continue the review of the curriculum of the programs.