Meeting Minutes January 27, 2009

The Alabama Board of Home Medical Equipment Services Providers met on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, in Montgomery, Alabama at the Board Office for the purpose of conducting Board Business. Those in attendance were as follows: Mike Benefield, Chairman; Diane Garrett-Williamson, Vice-Chair; Lewis Fuller, Member; William T. Rogers, Member, Leigh Ann Matthews, Member; Graham Sisson, Member; and Roger Schofield, Member. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; Dana Billingsley, Legal Counsel; and Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent. Those not present were John Beard, Member.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:07 A.M. with a quorum present.

The meeting was advertised on the Board's web site as well as on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

A motion was made by Lewis Fuller to accept the Meeting Minutes from November, 12, 2008 as presented. Leigh Ann Matthews seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At approximately 10:10 A.M. the Oath of Office was administered to William T. Rogers.

A motion was made by Graham Sisson to expand the Board by two members, one being a consumer member and one from the industry, with a continuing effort to recruit a minority member of the industry. Diane Garrett-Williamson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Leigh Ann Matthews to send out a consent order without the notice of hearing; If the plaintiff decides disagree with the consent order, the Board will establish a hearing. Diane Garrett-Williamson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Graham Sisson for a Board Member to attend the next ADMEA meeting to address concerns roused through communication received by the Board Office. Roger Schofield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Mike Benefield, Lewis Fuller, Tim Rogers, Diane Garrett-Williams, Graham Sisson, and Roger Schofield. Abstaining: Leigh Ann Matthews. Voting against: none.

A motion was made by Lewis Fuller to adjourn the Board Meeting. There being no further Board Business, the meeting was adjourned. The time being approximately 11:42 A.M. The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held April 28, 2009 in the Montgomery Board Office.