

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DoubleTree Paradise Valley Resort
Scottsdale, Arizona
May 1, 2003

MINUTES

Attendance:

Juan F. Acosta, D.O.	Robert M. Frank, D.O.	Scott Miekley, D.O.
Robert T. Adams, D.O.	Alice Anne Frazier, D.O.	David E. Miller, D.O.
John C. Agee, D.O.	Howard Friedland, D.O.	James Michael Mitchell, D.O.
Suzanne G. Amidon, D.O.	Roger Garcia, D.O.	Mark A. Mitchell, D.O.
Robert D. Aranosian, D.O.	Mitchel M. Garfield, D.O.	Javier Morales, D.O.
Harry M. Arters, D.O.	Leon M. Gardner, D.O.	E. Scott Morrison, D.O.
Dale C. Askins, D.O.	Anthony Ghidorzi, D.O.	Teresa Muns, D.O.
Andrew M. Basile, D.O.	Christine F. Giesa, D.O.	Paul F. Nemeth, D.O.
Levente G. Batizy, D.O.	Edward E. Goetten, D.O.	Mark C. Netzel, D.O.
Julianna Batizy-Morley, D.O.	John W. Graneto, D.O.	Julia Ann O'Brien, D.O.
Gregory J. Beirne, D.O.	Brett S. Greenfield, D.O.	Joseph O. Obebe, D.O.
Peter A. Bell, D.O.	Angela Gruesen, D.O.	Daniel J. Olsson, D.O.
Robert M. Biernbaum, D.O.	Michale Guttenberg, D.O.	Price Paul Omondi, D.O.
Janice M. Blau, D.O.	Bernard J. Heilicser, D.O.	Michael H. Oster, D.O.
Kamala M. Boast, D.O.	Todd Helfman, D.O.	John A. Pakiela, D.O.
Thomas Brabson, D.O.	James Hildebrandt, D.O.	George M. Palmer, D.O.
Donald L. Brizendine, D.O.	Douglas M. Hill, D.O.	Diane M. Paratore, D.O.
Donald J. Brock, D.O.	Michael J. Hoh, D.O.	Steven J. Parrillo, D.O.
Carmen Brown, D.O.	Robert A. Holm, D.O.	Donald G. Phillips, D.O.
Annette M. Brunetti, D.O.	Raymond G. Hughes, D.O.	Katherine J. Pitus, D.O.
Jeffrey D. Butler, D.O.	Lisa Hung, D.O.	Christopher M. Posey, D.O.
Victoria A. Camba, D.O.	Christopher Jackson, D.O.	Abdulrahman, Qabazard, D.O.
Raymond P. Cascarino, D.O.	Alan R. Janssen, D.O.	William Reisinger, D.O.
Jack Chambers, D.O.	Anthony Jennings, D.O.	Karen Rickert, D.O.
James P. Chiavaras, D.O.	Julie Johns, D.O.	Brian Robb, D.O.
Ben H. Chlapek, D.O.	Samuel Johnson, D.O.	Kevin J. Roth, D.O.
Sean Choi, D.O.	Wayne T. Jones, D.O.	Victor J. Scali, D.O.
Gregory Christiansen, D.O.	Atul Joshi, D.O.	Scott Schleifer, D.O.
Thomas A. Cliatt, D.O.	George M. Kaiser, D.O.	Monte Sellers, D.O.
Ronald S. Cohen, D.O.	Randy Kellenberger, D.O.	Jane M. Sennett, D.O.
Grant D. Cornick, D.O.	Howard Kessler, D.O.	Martha Shadel, D.O.
Jeffrey W. Couturier, D.O.	Drew Koch, D.O.	Daniel P. Sheesley, D.O.
Paul D'Amico, D.O.	Rajesh Kothari, D.O.	Scott Shisler, D.O.
Jack G. David, D.O.	David Kraus, D.O.	Duane D. Siberski, D.O.
Brett L. Davis, D.O.	Joseph Kuchinski, D.O.	Juan Sinisterra, D.O.
Lisa J. DeWitt, D.O.	Christ Kyriakedes, D.O.	Robyn Steenstra, D.O.
William DiCindio, D.O.	Paula C. Lange, D.O.	Murry B. Sturkie, D.O.
Robert G. Dinwoodie, D.O.	George P. Librandi, D.O.	Robert E. Suter, D.O.
Arthur J. Dortort, D.O.	P. Bryan Lily, D.O.	Michael F. Todd, D.O.
Anita W. Eisenhart, D.O.	Kevin J. Loeb, D.O.	Lauren Trattner, D.O.
James P. Farinosi, D.O.	Beth Longenecker, D.O.	Avi Trope, D.O.
Clifford J. Fields, D.O.	Khoa C. Luong, D.O.	Tami S. VanVoorst, D.O.
Charles A. Finch, D.O.	William J. Lusk, D.O.	John Viteritti, D.O.
Mark Foppe, D.O.	Melissa Martins, D.O.	Jeannine T. Walters, D.O.
Apiwat Ford, D.O.	Jennifer Matzner-Abrams, D.O.	David H. Warner, D.O.
Iris M. W. Ford, D.O.	Charles McIntosh, D.O.	

Susan Watson, D.O.
Bruce S. Whitman, D.O.
Elaine Lombardi Wilk, D.O.
Bruce A. Wilkie, D.O.
Steven L. Williams, D.O.

Paula J. Willoughby, D.O.
Jody Wozniak, D.O.
Travis Yates, D.O.
Elise J. Zahn, D.O.

The President, Victor J. Scali, D.O., FACOEP, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

A motion was made and duly seconded to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2002 Membership Meeting, as written.

President's Report. Dr. Scali gave a summary of his activities during the first 6 months of his Presidency. These included the approval of the Research Consortium and a grant received from the Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine allowing the Consortium to hire an independent contractor to maintain and administer its database. Additionally, the Consortium has now identified and appointed Dr. Mark Foppe as its Director. As part of his directorship he will be charged with soliciting new members for the subcommittee that will administer this project.

Dr. Scali announced that Dr. Willoughby had to leave and would not be able to present her report in person, however, her report appeared in the meeting material and would be presented as written.

Treasurer's Report. Dr. Brabson presented the Treasurer's and Finance Committee reports. He reported that the College has gained some financial ground despite the economy, and informed the Membership that the College is on track as we neared the middle of our first million-dollar budget year. He asked members to inform the ACOEP if they are having problems with the Association so that changes can be made to their satisfaction. He also spoke briefly on the grants received from AOA over the past years to assist us in working with our student and resident membership and the Recruit-A-Member program being planned for later in 2003. He asked members to remember that ACOEP is responsible for contracting with hotels and the necessity of informing the Office if problems were encountered or if room prices were different than advertised.

Secretary's Report. Dr. Bell reported that the duties of the Secretary require him to work with the Office to ensure the ACOEP is working at its peak. He also reported on his attendance at the AOA Leadership Conference in February 2003 and his activities surrounding DO Day on the Hill.

Executive Director's Report. Ms. Wachtler briefly summarized her report, stating that the office had been relocated and job responsibilities re-assigned during the past six months. Additionally, the College hired Stephen S. Mack, II, as the Receptionist / Administrative Assistant. She reported that all of the dues, certification and membership information have been restored to the server and that the server was now in a ventilated, fire-retardant area of the office to prevent overheating. Procedures are now in place that have the system backed up daily and back up disks stored off-site. She thanked the membership for its patience as moving and restoration work has been done and hoped that the changes would be of great assistance to them as we move forward.

Affiliated Organizations

Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine. Ms. Wachtler gave a brief summary of the Foundation's activities since October, 2002. She reported that grants were given to two residents, Adam Ankrum, D.O. from the Genesys program and Jonathan Mihok, D.O., from the St. Barnabas program. The Foundation also issued a grant of \$5000 to establish a database monitor for the Foundation is currently working with legal counsel to establish the Resident Research Consortium as a formal part of the Foundation.

Liaison Reports

American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine. The report of the AOBEM was accepted as written.

American College of Emergency Physicians. Robert Suter, D.O., FACOEP presented the report as a member of the ACEP Board of Directors. Dr. Suter reported that ACEP is currently in the process of revising its process of identification of expert witnesses and has developed a process of peer review of any testimony presented to determine if the testimony was accurate and consistent with current standards of care.

Additionally, Dr. Suter reported that ACEP is also reviewing its member categories and has voted to not have alternate membership categories allowing EMTs or PA's to be members of the organization. ACEP continues to recognize only those emergency physicians who have been grandfathered into their membership by being members prior to the turn of the century, who are certified in emergency medicine by ABEM or AOBEM or who are residency trained and certified in emergency medicine by these two groups.

National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians (NAEMSP) Dr. Becher's report was accepted as written.

National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT). Dr. Willoughby's report was accepted as written.

Continuing Education Certifying Board for EMS (CECBEMS). Dr. Morrison's report was accepted as written, and Dr. Scali informed the Members that the ACOEP has now been recognized as a "parent" organization of the certifying organization.

Committee on Accreditation for EMS Programs (CoAEMPS). Dr. Willoughby's report was accepted as written and Dr. Scali informed the Members that the ACOEP is being reviewed as a "parent" organization member and when approved we will become a voting member of CHEP.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Medical Education. Dr. Jennings presented a brief report stating that the Student Lecture Series is still under construction with an anticipated completion date in late June 2003. At that time the modules will be in a format that will be easy to download in a pdf format from the website. CD-ROM copies of the series will be done in limited sets. He also reminded the Board members that the Student Case Competition has been moved to the Scientific Seminar and will be included in the research activities at that venue.

Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Eisenhart presented a brief report on the activities of the Committee. She reported that the program, Administrative Aspects of Emergency Medicine, has previously been presented in conjunction with the Intense Review, however, it has failed to draw sufficient participants or the wrong participants to make it a financially independent program. With that in mind, the Committee has recommended that the program be moved to the Spring Seminar venue and made a one-day course preceding the meeting. This move would allow the program to be presented in conjunction with a program with a wider appeal and not just physicians interested in certification or re-certification.

The Intense Review will undergo a minor revamp to include a Radiological Review in the place of the Procedures lecture, which has been typically panned by the participants despite the speaker. Many participants felt that it was not needed at this level. The program will also incorporate a stimulus session (for additional CME) that will be held in the afternoon and evening preceding the program. This year's program was moved from a suburban to urban location to praise from the participants (despite the weather) and the course will be located in this venue for the next two years.

The Committee is currently working on the Toxicology meeting scheduled for early August in Philadelphia and the Core Curriculum Course planned for next February in Breckenridge, Colorado.

This year's Scientific Seminar will be located in New Orleans and based on the success of the Student and Resident lectures from last year, the College has made arrangements with the help of AOA's Research Division

and funding from Pfizer to have a one and one-half day seminar on the aspects of Research on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the meeting. The regular session of the seminar will focus on evidence-based medicine; career alternatives and pediatric emergency medicine.

Emergency Medical Services. Dr. Bograkos who was not able to attend the Board meeting submitted a written report for the Committee.

Governmental Affairs. Dr. Payson gave a brief report on the activities in Washington. She reported that approximately 85 physicians attended the DO Day on the Hill in April 2003 during which time their focus was the Health Act. Issues concerning Medicare Reimbursement were discussed, which although currently an encouraging change will not necessarily increase reimbursement in future years.

Membership and Credentials. Dr. Garcia and Dr. Calise were unable to attend the meeting and therefore the Committee's report was presented as written.

Practice Management. Dr. Dinwoodie presented the report for the Practice Management Committee. He was happy to report that the Committee is very active and is working to update the current policies as well as their goals and objectives. The Committee has recommended that action on proposed policy numbers 8 and 9 be tabled until such time as they can be researched further. Additionally, the Committee recommended that it begin producing a column in **The Pulse** that would focus on issues in practice management. Dr. Scali praised the Committee's efforts to develop policies pertinent to emergency medicine and not just parrot policies already in existence.

Publications. Dr. Koch presented the report of the Publications Committee as printed. He emphasized that the Committee thought that it was time to present the College's main publication, **The Pulse**, on line in a pdf format rather than to present it as individual articles that can be downloaded and with this change the fee structure for advertisements would be increased due to the additional exposure. The Committee also felt that offering an electronic notification to members to allow them to download the publication would offer them convenience while saving money for the College and asked that it be piloted for one year to determine if members are reading the publication on line. They also discussed the student publication, **The Emergent**, which has become a very credible publication during the last year. The Committee also thanked Dr. Bonner for his continuing service to the College and his efforts to secure another \$10,000 grant for the center spread in the publication for the July 2003 through April 2004 issues. A poll of the members present was taken to determine if they would read **The Pulse** if sent to them online. Approximately 45% said they would read the publication in this format.

Research. Dr. Janssen reported that the Research Committee is alive and well and very happy with the recent events surrounding the funding of the Research Consortium through the Foundation. He reported that Dr. Scali has been working with the Department of Education at the AOA and has located a potential vendor for on-line research education through KCOM's School of Healthcare Management for use by program directors and core faculty. He also informed the Board of the change in venue for the Research Paper awards, telling them that the members of the Committee have been able to secure between \$5,000 and \$10,000 to sponsor a luncheon at the Scientific Seminar. Dr. Janssen also announced that the Committee will begin publishing a permanent column in **The Pulse** called Research Corner, however, it may not begin appearing until October 2003.

There being no further business, Dr. Scali adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary