

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

New Orleans Hilton Riverside Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

October 12, 2003

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Brian Wiley, D.O.  
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Paula J. Willoughby, D.O.  
Maury Witkoff, D.O.  
Michael Yangouyan, D.O.  
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Timothy G. Ying, D.O.  
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Thomas Zuesi, D.O.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, Victor J. Scali, D.O., FACOEP at 5:20 p.m. At this time Dr. Scali entertained a motion for the acceptance of the Minutes of the meeting of May 1, 2003. A motion was made and seconded for acceptance of the Minutes, as written.

At this time, he informed the membership that prior to beginning the formal meeting the physicians seeking positions on the Board of Directors would be presenting summaries of their qualifications for the positions. Following the presentation, voting was conducted and appointed members of the Nominating Committee were excused from the meeting to count the ballots. They would return following the completion of the count to report the results of the balloting to the membership.

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## Reports

**President.** Dr. Scali gave a brief report on his activities during his first year in office. During this time, the ACOEP has solidified a partnership with the International Center to Heal Our Children (ICHOC) in order to

facilitate the College's first contribution to society. Through this affiliation, the College has established the ACOEP's Community Outreach Alliance (CORA), which will allow member physicians and their spouses to utilize their expertise to bring the program developed with ICHOC and the Children's National Medical Center to communities to educate and assist the healthcare community, educators and parents to recognize and help children heal and cope with the emotional consequences of trauma in our ever-violent world.

The College has also consummated a second partnership with the Emergency Medical Services for Children – National Resource Center, also based at CNMC. We join sixteen of the nation's largest and most prestigious organizations involved in pediatric or emergency care.

Next, we will be upgrading and emphasizing resident research participation in our training programs by investigating the utilization of an Internet based research education program. If approved as a research and learning tool it will be made available to all residents in our training program at no cost. Additionally, to enhance the experience the College has developed a Research Consortium that will provide residencies with multi-center clinical trials through a web-based connect to the pharmaceutical industry.

Additionally, we have now appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine to study the feasibility of establishing a Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. We have also formed an Ad Hoc Committee on Tactical Emergency Medicine

Dr. Scali announced that through the efforts of President –elect, Paula J. Willoughby, D.O., key EMS partnerships have been established with the following organizations: Continuing Education Coordinating Board of Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) and the Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP).

Dr. Scali announced that his goals for the next twelve months would be to investigate the development of a section on Geriatric Emergency Medicine.

**President-elect.** Paula J. Willoughby, D.O., FACOEP presented her report as written. The report included the investigation of various resolutions put forth by the American Osteopathic Association at its Annual Meeting in July 2003. She presented a listing of resolutions that may be pertinent to emergency medicine on an ethics, health policies and professional basis.

**Treasurer / Finance Committee.** Thomas Brabson, D.O., FACOEP presented his report as Treasurer of the organization and chair of the Finance Committee. He announced that the Committee and Board have approved a budget for the 2003-04 fiscal year of just over \$XXXX. Although the figures on the year ending on September 30, 2003 were not available from the auditors, preliminary figures indicate that the College has remained on budget with a surplus of approximately \$XXX over the budget.

**Executive Directors.** Ms. Janice Wachtler, presented her report as written. Her report provided members with an overview of the membership activities of the ACOEP Office between May through September 2003. These activities included the release of approximately 79 members at the end of July due to non-payment of dues.

The Office also worked with the Membership Committee to produce a new Members Benefit brochure listing the benefits provided to members of ACOEP, including travel agency discounts, discounts on car rentals, insurance and estate planning and discounts on American Airlines and CME. Additionally, a new program, called "Recruit a Member" was initiated in August and will run through December 31, 2003. The purpose of this program is to recruit new members and to reward existing members for the endorsement of this new member.

Membership statistics as of September 15<sup>th</sup> indicated a total membership of 1874, including 1383 Active, Active/Charter and Active/Exempt Members (73.8%); 456 Resident Members (24.3%); 18 Intern Members (.96%), 7 Life Members (.37%); 7 Retired Members (.37%), and 3 Honorary Members (.16%).

She also announced the departure of Henrietta Johnson from her position as Records Coordinator. Ms. Julie Evans has replaced Ms. Johnson in the Records Coordinator position. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the ACOEP will add two new members to its staff in the positions of Meetings Coordinator and Office Manager.

## Reports of ACOEP Chapters

**Student Chapter.** There was no formal report from the Student Chapter, however, Dr. Scali wished to thank the Officers and members of the Chapter for their great work over the past year.

**Resident Chapter.** James Turner, D.O. reported that the Resident Chapter held its elections at the convention and announced its projects for the upcoming year. The new officers are James Turner, D.O. (Mount Sinai Hospital), President; Julie Johns, D.O. (St. Barnabas Hospital), President-elect, and Alwin Arendse, D.O. (Doctors Hospital), Secretary/Treasurer. Projects include the updating of the Constitution and Bylaws, creation of Job Descriptions for the Officers, and creating a new residency newsletter and webpage.

## Reports of Affiliated Organizations

**Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine.** Ms. Wachtler thanked all the physicians who have donated to the Foundation during the past year and stated that the Foundation would be establishing a new web site within the next six months, as well as a contributor newsletter.

**American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine.** Dr. Dale Chisum presented his report for the Membership. He announced that the Board is currently undergoing some adjustments since the death of Dr. Field and that he has assumed the interim role of Secretary through the end of December at which time Dr. Bryan Staffin would be named Secretary. He spoke briefly about the initiation of the COLA examinations and stated that further information would be made available through the ACOEP's publication and information distributed by the Board in the early part of 2004.

## Reports of Liaison Organizations

**National Association of EMS Physicians –** Dr. John Becher presented his report as written. Dr. Becher informed the membership that the proceedings from the Neely Conference, "Developing Research Criteria to Define Medical Necessity in EMS" are now posted on the NAEMSP website at [www.naemsp.org](http://www.naemsp.org). ACOEP members can review this document and provide feedback to Dr. Becher for discussion at the January 2004 meeting.

**EMS Committee – ACEP –** Dr. Daniel Olsson presented his report as written. Dr. Olsson informed the membership that there are ongoing projects on EMS Data Collection; Homeland Security and Tactical EMS being developed at ACEP.

## Committee Reports

**Constitution and Bylaws.** Dr. Becher announced that the Committee has developed revisions in the basic documents of the ACOEP that will be circulated to the Membership in the January issue of The Pulse. A vote on these changes will be voted on at the next Membership Meeting.

**Continuing Medical Education.** Dr. Eisenhart gave a brief update to the members on the status of the CME programs. She announced that the 2004 meeting of the Core Curriculum Course will be held at the Great Divide Lodge in Breckenridge, Colorado during the first week of February. This is the first time that any CME program has been scheduled for a cold-weather venue and is an experiment to determine whether the membership will support such a meeting. Additionally she announced the dates of the Intense Review and the Spring Seminar.

**Emergency Medical Services.** Dr. Bograkos announced that in this Year of the Mentor, the EMS Committee wished to recognize Dr. Robert Aranosian for his work in the field of EMS and for mentoring so many physicians in the field of EMS. He also discussed the potential of ACOEP hosting a course pertinent to current issues within Homeland Security. It was decided that a one day course with topics on "prevention, deterrence, and response" be held with the Spring conference and AOA convention. This course will be open to all EMS providers to include our First Responders. Discussion also pertained to USSOCOM's (United States Special Operations Command) Curriculum Education Board and the military standards of medics and paramedics. It was agreed that Emergency Medicine professionals would be quite engaged during the Global War on Terrorism, the evolution of TEMS and the evolution of Homeland Security.

**Governmental Affairs.** Dr. Susan Payson presented the report of the Governmental Affairs Committee. In the area of Health Care Liability Reform she stated that proposals were set forth to the committee regarding Emergency Medicine issues as they pertained to pending legislation in Washington, D.C. She also announced that AOA had scheduled DO Day on the Hill on April 15<sup>th</sup> which is in direct conflict with the ACOEP Spring Seminar meeting. Additionally, the subject of patient advocacy was discussed and she announced that a website called [www.everypatientcounts.org](http://www.everypatientcounts.org) has been organized to assist with this issue.

**Program Directors Committee.** Dr. Victor Almeida presented the committee report. The Committee has been discussing issues that will affect the operation of the residency programs over the next few years. These include the revisions of the basic standards and the adoption of core competencies that will have to be included in the content of the programs beginning in July 2004.

**Publications.** Dr. Drew Koch presented the Committee's report as written. The Committee has been working to incorporate new features into the publication and will include over the next year a new column called, In Focus, that will focus on questions and answers to items of importance to the Emergency Physician. The publication will also feature interviews with physicians in the specialty who are of interest to the membership.

**Research.** Dr. Alan Janssen presented the Committee's report as written. The Committee is investigating an on-line service of the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM) that will allow physicians and residents to learn about the basics of research on-line. The program is being investigated on a trial basis and if acceptable in content and ease of use, this will be presented to the Board for possible inclusion in the Member Benefits of the ACOEP. Additionally, he thanked the membership for their activities in the CPC and Resident Research areas and announced the winning entries in the Resident Research Contest.

**Undergraduate Medical Education.** Dr. Jennings announced that the Committee has conducted the Student Case Competition for 2003 during the last few months. Of the four cases submitted, the winning case was submitted by Student Dr. Jean Readie, titled Transient Global Amnesia in the Emergency Department. As winner she will be provided with airfare to New Orleans, two nights of hotel

accommodations and per diem for this period of time. An award will be presented to Student Dr. Readie at the Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Winners of the Second Place and Third Place will receive copies of textbooks from the ACOEP.

Additionally, the CD-Rom versions of the Student Lecture Series have been prepared and will be available to all members at the ACOEP Booth or outside of the lecture room.

## **Results of Voting**

Dr. Joseph Kuchinski, Chair of the Nominations Committee announced the results of the balloting for members of the Board of Directors. Elected to three-year terms expiring in 2006 are Thomas Brabson, D.O., Mark A. Mitchell, D.O., FACOEP, and Fred "Kip" Wenger, Jr., D.O.,

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by the President, Victor J. Scali, D.O., FACOEP at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Wachtler  
Executive Director