

**American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Peabody Hotel**  
**Orlando, Florida**  
**October 23, 2005**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

Juan F. Acosta, D.O.	Michael D'Ambrosio, D.O.	Jeffrey G. Harris, D.O., JD
John C. Agee, D.O.	Jeffrey Davies, D.O.	Janice L. Hart, D.O.
Fahim S. Ahmed, D.O.	Paula W. DeJesus, D.O.	Oliver Hayes, III, D.O.
Jamil A. Alarafi, D.O.	Nadia Denis, D.O.	Joseph J. Heck, D.O.
D. Gregory Alexander, D.O.	Michael R. Denney, D.O.	Brad Hiles, D.O.
Dario D. Altamirano, D.O.	Paul C. DePonte, D.O.	Douglas M. Hill, D.O.
Leonardo Altamirano, D.O.	Derek, J. DeTemple, D.O.	Kevin V. Hua, D.O.
Thomas Amadio, D.O.	Stephen L. DeWitt, D.O.	Raymond G. Hughes, D.O.
Harry M. Arters, D.O.	Lisa J. DeWitt, D.O.	Emily Hurst, D.O.
Larry R. Bachle, D.O.	Elaine Diaz, D.O.	Leo Huynh, D.O.
Fred Bailor, Jr., D.O.	Paul DiModica, D.O.	Brenda Jacobsen, D.O.
Gaiti Bakhsh, D.O.	Emilissa Domingo, D.O.	Alan R. Janssen, D.O.
Raj Baman, D.O.	Joseph Dougherty, D.O.	Anthony Jennings, D.O.
Levente Batizy, D.O.	G. Philip Douglass, D.O.	Jody Johnsen, D.O.
Gary R. Beasley, D.O.	William R. Downs, Jr., D.O.	Bobby Johnson Jr., D.O.
John W. Becher, Jr., D.O.	Michael Q. Doyle, D.O.	Samuel N. F. Johnson, D.O.
Peter A. Bell, D.O.	Paul Dubiel, D.O.	Scott D. Jolly, D.O.
Robert M. Biernbaum, D.O.	Lee A. Dudley, D.O.	Jennifer L. Jones, D.O.
Ronald M. Bishop, D.O.	Todd Duthaler, D.O.	Wayne Jones, D.O.
Brad A. Blaker, D.O.	Anita Eisenhart, D.O.	B. Bryan Jordan, D.O.
Brian S. Blaustein, D.O.	Jack B. Field, D.O.	Risty J. Kalivas, D.O.
David Bohroquez, D.O.	Jon Finch, D.O.	Mark D. Kalna, D.O.
Gary Bonfante, D.O.	Charles A. Finch, Jr., D.O.	Patrick Karson, D.O.
Allyson Borgstedte, D.O.	Frank Flores, D.O.	Michael Kelley, D.O.
Thomas A. Brabson, D.O.	Marc E. Flores, D.O.	Drew A. Koch, D.O.
Akesh P. Brahmhatt, D.O.	Mark Foppe, D.O.	Rajesh S. Kothari, D.O.
Matthew S. Brice, D.O.	Gregory Frailey, D.O.	David A. Kraus, D.O.
Donald L. Brizendine, D.O.	William E. Franklin, D.O.	Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O.
Donald J. Brock, D.O.	William R. Fraser, D.O.	Jay Kugler, D.O.
Timothy Bumann, D.O.	Wayne E. Freeman, Jr., D.O.	Jeffrey M. Kuklinski, D.O.
Gregory K. Burnette, D.O.	Howard Friedland, D.O.	Nicole Lang, D.O.
Ronald M. Cable, D.O.	Joseph M. Frontino, D.O.	Bret S. Langerman, D.O.
Joseph J. Calabro, D.O.	Gregory Fuller, D.O.	Teddy Lee, D.O.
Arthur G. Calise, D.O.	Calixto Garcia, D.O.	David L. Levy, D.O.
Victoria A. Camba, D.O.	Raul Garcia-Rodriguez, D.O.	Brandon Lewis, D.O.
Nicole Ceccacci, D.O.	Tressa K. Gardner, D.O.	Beth A. Longenecker, D.O.
Angela Cheers, D.O.	Alan R. Goodrich, D.O.	Freda Lozanoff, D.O.
Mamachen Cherian, D.O.	Terrence Goyke, D.O.	Fredric Ludwin, D.O.
Heather Childers, D.O.	John W. Graneto, D.O.	James Lundy, D.O.
A. Dale Chisum, D.O.	Thomas E. Green, D.O.	Khoa C. Luong, D.O.
Ben H. Chlapek, D.O.	Jeffry D. Greenlee, D.O.	Mary Lynn Magarelli, D.O.
Gregory Christiansen, D.O.	Michael Guttenberg, D.O.	Frank Magro, D.O.
Grant D. Comnick, D.O.	William Halacoglu, D.O.	Raymond J. Malta, D.O.
Steven M. Conroy, D.O.	David W. Hale, Jr., D.O.	Chris Marker, D.O.
Mario Cosenza, D.O.	Linda M. Hanekamp, D.O.	Majushree Matadial, D.O.
Kimberly Cunagin, D.O.	Douglas M. Harmon, Jr., D.O.	Michael Matthews, D.O.

John Mathew, D.O.  
J. Matzner-Abrams, D.O.  
Marty D. McBee, D.O.  
Matthew T. McCarthy, D.O.  
Gerald W. McClallen, D.O.  
James McMullen, Jr., D.O.  
Scott T. Miekley, D.O.  
Jonathan Mihok, D.O.  
Melody Milliron, D.O.  
Brian Miller, D.O.  
David E. Miller, D.O.  
Glenn J. Milos, D.O.  
Mark A. Mitchell, D.O.  
Javier Morales, D.O.  
M. Morgenstern, D.O., Ph.D.  
Housam Moursi, D.O.  
Terrence Mulligan, D.O.  
David P. Neckritz, D.O.  
Joe A. Nelson, D.O.  
Tariq Noohani, D.O.  
Thomas O'Hare, D.O.  
Teresa K. O'Dowd, D.O.  
Joseph Obebe, D.O.  
Daniel J. Olsson, D.O.  
Price P. Omondi, D.O.  
Michael H. Oster, D.O.  
Stephen S. Outten, D.O.  
Hema Pandit, D.O.  
Kristyna Paradis, D.O.  
Haley Parker-Winter, D.O.  
Stephen J. Parrillo, D.O.  
Ernest F. Patti, D.O.  
Donald Phillips, D.O.  
Katherine J. Pitus, D.O.  
Steven D. Poe, D.O.  
Christopher Posey, D.O.  
John C. Prestosh, D.O.

Stephen A. Pulley, D.O.  
A. Qabazard, D.O.  
Fred Rawlins, D.O.  
Kellee Reed, D.O.  
Jody Rein, D.O.  
Karen Rickert, D.O.  
Brian J. Robb, D.O.  
Ellen B. Rodman, D.O.  
J. Allen Roseberry, D.O.  
Mark S. Rosenberg, D.O.  
Charles S. Ross, D.O.  
John W. Rubin, D.O.  
Otto F. Sabando, D.O.  
Teresa Sacco, D.O.  
Tamer Salib, D.O.  
Victor J. Scali, D.O.  
Arnold Schiller, D.O.  
Cary N. Schneider, D.O.  
Jeffrey Schroeder, D.O.  
Henry R. Schuitema, D.O.  
Sandra Schwemmer, D.O.  
Thomas Seglio, D.O.  
Neena M. Shah, D.O.  
Daniel P. Sheesley, D.O.  
Ashwin Shetty, D.O.  
Scott Shisler, D.O.  
James B. Shuler, D.O.  
Duane Siberski, D.O.  
Juan Sinisterra, D.O.  
Kevin J. Sirchio, D.O.  
Theodore A. Spevack, D.O.  
Kenyon Sprankle, Jr., D.O.  
Jon Spryridakis, D.O.  
Robyn Steenstra, D.O.  
Jennifer Stevenson, D.O.  
Jeffrey Stuart, D.O.

Murry B. Sturkie, D.O.  
Robert E. Suter, D.O.  
Ali Taqi, D.O.  
Nina L. Taylor, D.O.  
Timothy Thompson, D.O.  
Charles W. Tolan, D.O.  
Kevin Tomlinson, D.O.  
Robert T. Torman, D.O.  
Garrett Trance, D.O.  
Paul A. Traficanti, D.O.  
Avi Trope, D.O.  
James M. Turner, D.O.  
Jason N. Vieder, D.O.  
Rona Wadle, D.O.  
Nicole Wadsworth, D.O.  
Matthew A. Wakeley, D.O.  
Brian M. Walters, D.O.  
Neil Wang, D.O.  
Michael P. Ward, D.O.  
Susan Watson, D.O.  
Jennifer L. Waxler, D.O.  
David Weaver, D.O.  
Scott Weeks, D.O.  
John Weilbacker, D.O.  
Fred G. Wenger, Jr., D.O.  
Kimberly Wilcox-White, D.O.  
Christian Willingham, D.O.  
John Wolozen, D.O.  
Jody Wozniak, D.O.  
Michael Yangouyian, D.O.  
James Yenger, D.O.  
John Zambito, D.O.  
Shelly Zimmerman, D.O.  
Kristy Ziontz, D.O.  
Rahmon Zuckerman, D.O.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Paula Willoughby DeJesus, D.O., FACOEP, President of the ACOEP.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the April 2005 Membership Meeting was made and duly seconded. The members present voted to accept the Minutes as written.

**Introduction of Candidates for Office.** Dr. DeJesus introduced the six physicians running for the three available positions on the Board of Directors of ACOEP and asked each to present a brief statement. The Candidates included: Lisa J. DeWitt, D.O., Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., Beth A. Longenecker, D.O., Steven J. Parrillo, D.O., Donald Phillips, D.O., and Michael Ward, D.O.

### **Reports of the Officers**

**President** – Dr. DeJesus reported to the Membership on the College's thirtieth anniversary and the large influx of growth that the College has experienced in the last year. She also spoke about the College's

interaction with other agencies and revised organizational chart that has been developed as part of the strategic planning process.

**President-elect** – Dr. Bell's report emphasized the EM Working Group meeting that he and Dr. DeJesus attended on behalf of the College and the overview of this meeting that brought together many of the groups representing the varied interests in emergency medicine.

**Secretary** – Dr. Brabson informed the Membership of his activities at the AOA Leadership Conference that he attended on behalf of the ACOEP in September. The focus of the conference was on building leadership with an organization and also provided Medicare Prescription Plan information to participants.

**Treasurer** – Dr. Kuchinski gave a brief summary of the budget for FY 2005-06 and emphasized the fact that no dues would be raised to supplement the budget. He also spoke briefly about the change in financial managers for 2006.

**Executive Director** – Ms. Wachtler informed the Membership of changes within the staffing of the office and of membership trends.

### **Chapter Reports**

**Student Chapter** - Student Dr. Selley reported activities in which the Chapter has been involved. He reported that the Chapter has been holding monthly conference calls to coordinate the activity of the various local chapters. Additionally, he spoke briefly about the Resident Expo, which was taking place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and featured displays from 12 residency programs. He hoped that this would be expanded upon in 2006 and features all the programs. At this time, he thanked the College for its support this year and introduced the new Student Chapter President, Josh Linebaugh.

**Resident Chapter** – Dr. Brandon Lewis, new Resident Chapter President, informed the Membership that the Chapter would be interfacing with Members this year and that the Chapter was hosting an Ultrasound Track on Monday for resident representatives and he expected that the turnout should be favorable.

### **Committee Reports**

**Continuing Medical Education** - Dr. Eisenhart presented the Committee's report stating that the point of major discussion was the revamping of the Intense Review Committee and the new role of the Administrator of the Committee as opposed to the program director's role in the course. At this point, they are endorsing three people to work side-by-side with the program director and co-director providing on-site direction and the administrator working with the preparing agendas and questions.

The Committee is currently working with the Meetings Coordinator in hopes of bringing back the Spring Seminar to Scottsdale, if financially possible. The Coordinator and Executive Director will be conducting site visits to properties in the spring and reporting back to the Committee on potential sites 2008 and after.

The Committee has sought out funding sources and has empowered the various subcommittees to seek funding without endorsing products or services through unrestricted educational grants. The Committee has also sought to develop a rotational process in which training would occur that would allow leadership to change within the various programs following intense training and preparation.

At this time, the Spring Seminar is currently seeking two speakers, one on Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) in women and one on neurological deficits.

**Communications** – Dr. Koch presented the Committee's report emphasizing the Committee's review of website vendor proposals which would occur after the meeting. The Committee also reviewed its Goals and Objectives as well as created a mission statement, which would be finalized prior to the end of the year.

The Committee discussed the allocation and placement of articles and stated that it was the decision of the Editor to place the articles and to reject articles that are not routinely submitted on time. It also formed a proofreading Committee that would be responsible for the proofing of the final draft of the edition prior to publication.

**Emergency Medical Services** - Dr. Jones gave the EMS report. The Committee would like to draft a letter on the qualifications for the CAQ in EMS to AOBEM to request extension of the practice track in this subspecialty area, which has closed. The Committee also requested that its Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee be changed to an Ad Hoc Committee that would be activated and whose members identified at the direction of the Committee Chair. At this time, the Committee felt that it was not needed at this time and its activities should be incorporated into the full EMS Committee.

The Committee completed its revamp of the Goals and Objectives and added one final strategy to its plan. The plan would be completed and submitted to the Office following the completion of the Convention.

**Geriatric Ad Hoc Committee** – Dr. Paradis presented a brief report of this Ad Hoc Committee. She reported that the subcommittee had very little support with the membership and basically, wishes to produce a subspecialty oriented lecture series to be distributed to each residency committee. This should be complete in the Spring at which time the Committee would be disbanded.

**Graduate Medical Education** – Dr. Janssen presented this report informing the Membership that the Committee had been contacted by the AOA to consider eliminating or incorporating the internship and ultimately move away from a four-year program. The Committee did not accept this idea and felt that residents participating in 4-year programs were more mature and better prepared to practice emergency medicine upon graduation. They discussed the incorporation of the PGY1 year and the alteration of the fourth year into a concentration area, so that residents could continue to complete 18 months of total training in Emergency Medicine and concentrate in areas of special interest, such as ED Administration; Toxicology; EMS; Pediatric Emergency Medicine, or Teaching. This would be discussed further and reported to the COPT/AOA in the Spring.

**Governmental Affairs** – Dr. Garcia-Rodriguez reported that the Committee discussed the decline of Medicare funding and the development of a bill to increase EM funding by 1% and based on fee for performance. Another bill is being presented that would be more palatable and beneficial to emergency physicians and this would be reported to the Board in the Spring.

**International Emergency Medicine** – Dr. Mulligan presented a brief update on the Committee's activities and stated that although they did not meeting this fall, a meeting was scheduled for the spring and that the Committee hoped to publish information in an issue of The Pulse on how to get involved in international emergency medicine.

**Pediatric Emergency Medicine** – Dr. Eisenhart reported that the Committee approved a Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives that had been previously developed. Additionally the Committee stated that it would be working with the American College of Osteopathic Pediatricians (ACOP) to develop a CAQ in pediatric emergency medicine. The Committee was also interested in working us to develop a jointly approved document in pediatric emergency medicine fellowship program. At this time, a petition has been developed and distributed to ACOP for support of the CAQ.

The Committee is also pushing forward to obtain a grant through EMSC to develop a committee of allopathic and osteopathic physicians to revamp the Core Curriculum for Pediatric training within emergency medicine.

**Practice Management** – Dr. Waxler reported that the Committee is in the process of reviewing all past practice management statements to revise them and present them to the Board in April. Dr. Waxler also informed the Membership that she was identified as the Violence and Abuse Liaison for the AOA and that information concerning spousal abuse could be accessed on the Internet at [www.womenslaw.org](http://www.womenslaw.org)

**Program Directors** – Dr. Doyle presented this report informing the Membership that the Committee reviewed the concept of shortening the residency program and concluded that the actions of the Committee on GME were on target. They also discussed the process needed to create a network for item writing and that the Testing Subcommittee work with the Office to develop a process for funding the writing of these questions.

**Research** - Dr. Acosta reported that the Research Committee discussed the level of participation in the Resident Research Papers and the quality of items submitted. Although there was a marked improvement in the number of participants, there was still a lack of quality and understanding of acceptable research format. The Committee has made decisions to change deadlines and submission format to ensure that the quality is improved and hoped that this would be a stepping-stone to improving the submissions.

### **Liaison Reports**

**AOBEM** – Dr. DeJesus provided a brief report and elaborated on the development of a joint resolution by the members of ACOEP's CME Committee and staff with input by the AOBEM Board and staff to provide a comprehensive overview of acceptable CME in the specialty of emergency medicine. This was in the process of being reviewed by the AOA's Committee on CME and the Council of Osteopathic Specialists and should be in place in early 2006 so that physicians participating in College-sponsored CME would be able to earn specialty-oriented CME.

**Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine** – Dr. Scali reported that the Foundation has made strides during the past few months with the inclusion of a negative check off now appearing on the dues billing for the ACOEP. However, a number of members (greater than usual) have chosen to call in their dues payment thereby forgoing dealing with the donation for FOEM. The Foundation has funded the Resident Paper Competition for 2005 and hopes to be able to continue to do this in the future.

**American College of Emergency Physicians** – Dr. Suter presented a brief report to the Membership and informed them of the advocacy that ACEP had been providing emergency physicians on tort reform and overcrowding issues during the past year. He also stated that the report card on emergency medicine would be released in early December and would be available to emergency physicians on the Internet.

**Election Results.** Dr. Scali, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the results of the voting had been compiled and the outcome of the election was as follows: Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., Beth A. Longenecker, D.O. and Steven J. Parrillo, D.O.

At this time, Dr. DeJesus invited ACOEP member and newly elected member of the Nevada State Senate, Joseph J. Heck, D.O. to the podium for a few words.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas A. Brabson, D.O., FACOEP  
Secretary