

**American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa**  
**Chandler, Arizona**  
**April 13, 2007**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

John Agee, D.O.	Leon Gardner, D.O.	E. Scott Morrison, D.O.
Kevin Aister, D.O.	Brent Gear, D.O.	Joshua Morrison, MSII
Victoria Allison, D.O.	Christine Giesa, D.O.	David Neckritz, D.O.
Michael Archer, MSII	Eric Gloss, D.O.	Joe A. Nelson, D.O.
Stephen Backman, D.O.	Edward Goetten, D.O.	Brian Nicholls, D.O.
Harris Baderak, D.O.	David Goff, D.O.	Matthew Nickerson, D.O.
Darryl Beehler, D.O.	Robert Goodman, D.O.	Thomas O'Hare, D.O.
Gregory Beirne, D.O.	Sarah Green, D.O.	Robert Ormanoski, D.O.
Frank Benes, D.O.	Thomas Green, D.O.	Steven Parrillo, D.O.
David Blanchard, D.O.	Anthony Guarracino, D.O.	Kenneth Patton, D.O.
William Bograkos, D.O.	E. Rodrigo Guzman, D.O.	Christine Perry, D.O.
David Bohorquez, D.O.	Gregory Hammons, D.O.	Kimberly Perry, D.O.
Gary Bonfante, D.O.	Douglas Harmon, D.O.	James Polk, D.O.
Chad Boulware, D.O.	Douglas Hill, D.O.	Christopher Posey, D.O.
Matthew Boyer, D.O.	Michael Hoh, D.O.	John Prestosh, D.O.
Thomas Brabson, D.O.	Raymond Hughes, D.O.	Abdulrahman Qabazard, D.O.
Donald Brock, D.O.	Joanne Hullings, D.O.	Denis Reavis, D.O.
Annette Mann Brunetti, D.O.	I. Brady Husky, D.O.	William Reisinger, D.O.
Cesar Carralero, D.O.	Anthony Jennings, D.O.	Karen Rickert, D.O.
Jack Chambers, D.O.	Julie Johns, D.O.	Jeff Rosenberg, D.O.
Sybil Cheng, D.O.	Samuel Johnson, D.O.	Otto Sabando, D.O.
Ben Chlapek, D.O.	Scott Jolly, D.O.	Nandita Sapre, D.O.
Gregory Christiansen, D.O.	Wayne Jones, D.O.	Scott Schleifer, D.O.
Ronald Cohen, D.O.	Stephen Kaiser, D.O.	Cary Schneider, D.O.
Mario Cosenza, D.O.	Randy Kellenberger, D.O.	Monte Sellers, D.O.
John Cunha, D.O.	Howard Kessler, D.O.	George Shervanick, D.O.
Michael Dargay, D.O.	Drew Koch, D.O.	M. Lee Shriner, D.O.
Phillipe DeKerillis, D.O.	Shahrokh Kohanim, D.O.	James Shuler, D.O.
Ronald Dean, D.O.	William Kokx, D.O.	Duane Siberski, D.O.
Paula DeJesus, D.O.	Joseph Kuchinski, D.O.	Bryan Staffin, D.O.
John DeSalvo, D.O.	Michael Kubek, D.O.	Robert Stoecker, D.O.
Derek DeTemple, D.O.	Paula Lange, D.O.	Robert Suter, D.O.
Arthur Dortort, D.O.	Joseph Lee, D.O.	Harrison Tong, D.O.
Tace Dotson, D.O.	Teddy Lee, D.O.	James Turner, D.O.
Martin Dunskey, D.O.	Damian Liebhardt, MSIV	Jeffrey Umfleet, D.O.
Ronald Dupler, D.O.	Kevin Loeb, D.O.	John Viteritti, D.O.
Todd Duthaler, D.O.	Beth Longenecker, D.O.	Darrell Vlachos, D.O.
Anita Eisenhart, D.O.	Dominic Maga, D.O.	Douglas Webster, D.O.
John Everett, D.O.	Paul Martin, D.O.	John Weilbacker, D.O.
James Farinosi, D.O.	Douglas McGee, D.O.	Bruce Whitman, D.O.
Clifford Fields, D.O.	Cathleem McGovern, D.O.	Brian Wiboon, D.O.
Marc Flores, D.O.	Jon Mettert, D.O.	Elaine Wilk, D.O.
Mark Foppe, D.O.	David Miller, D.O.	Jennifer B. Wilson, D.O.
Daniel Friedman, MSIII	Lewis Miller, D.O.	Lara Wiziecki, D.O.
Raul Garcia, D.O.	Glenn Milos, D.O.	
Mitchel Garfield, D.O.	Sarah Minor, D.O.	

The meeting was called to order by the President-elect, Thomas Brabson, D.O., FACOEP, at 12:30 p.m. Dr. Brabson welcomed the members present and thanked them on behalf of Dr. Peter Bell, who was not able to be at the meeting at this time. He then welcomed, AOA Past President and ACOEP Member, Darryl Beehler, D.O., FACOEP to speak on behalf of the American Osteopathic Association.

Dr. Beehler thanked the College for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the AOA and informed the membership that current AOA President, John Strosnider sends his regards however, he was just diagnosed with adenoma-carcinoma of the pancreas and at this time, the AOA hierarchy is at a retreat in Kentucky, so he was not able to be here. Dr. Beehler stated that the theme of Dr. Strosnider's theme for his term in office was to build greatness in the osteopathic profession and to take the organization from good to great. His plan for doing this is to recognize where we came from by remembering those members who have place integral parts in the growth of the profession, including those people who were integral parts of the founding of the specialty organizations. The second part of this campaign is the founding of the Greatness Campaign, which was launched with the AOA Dues notices and asks each member to donate \$1000 over the course of two years. And finally, is the development of the greatness corps, or those people who can go forward and act as mentors for those students and peers to learn more about the osteopathic profession.

Dr. Beehler also asked the members to become involved in advocacy as this is an integral part of the bring issues like emergency medicine reimbursement reforms to the table. The AOA has a current membership of 36,942 which is up some 1900 from the previous year. To speak to the members of Congress and to get the issues brought to the table, it is important to participate in DO Day on the Hill.

Dr. Beehler stated that ACOEP is position of leadership with good staff and expressed his pride in being an emergency physician.

**President-elect Report.** Dr. Brabson thanked Dr. Beehler and reported that the report of Dr. Bell will be placed on the website as will all the reports from the various committee meetings. He then reported that a big project of the College was to move away from the AOA and to meet concurrently but not conjointly with them beginning in 2008. Earlier this week Dr. Beehler was kind enough to meet with the Executive Committee and they expressed the willingness to be part of the family but it was time to move away from the AOA. An analogy that Dr. Bell stated that while the ACOEP wanted to go on vacation with the AOA, it did not want to continue to be sleeping in the same bedroom as the AOA.

**Secretary's Report.** Dr. Jennings presented the Secretary's Report and stated that he was very involved with the formation and appointments to the Committee which was an ongoing process.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dr. Christiansen reported that the Committee reviewed the current status of the financial audit that was conducted at the end of the last fiscal year, September 20, 2006 and felt that the audit was in order. There was some concern addressed about the current Sweep Account utilized by the ACOEP. The issue of assurance that all funds maintained in this account are covered by FDIC or other insurance venues utilized by the bank.

The review of the current fiscal year indicated that we are currently on par with the anticipated revenue/spending as we approach the half-way point in the year. Member retention has risen during this fiscal period and participation in the College's educational program has remained solid, although a bit lower than anticipated.

The Committee reviewed several requests for additional funding made by the ACOEP Office. One issue was to increase spending on marketing the scientific seminar for 2008 and to increase the visibility of the ACOEP within the emergency medicine community. The Committee recommended that marketing of the Seminar and Exhibit space be started and that a report on the working plan and projected spending be reported back to the Committee in July.

Additionally, a request for staff to man the increasing Graduate Medical Education responsibilities of the College be investigated and brought forward with a job description in July and a plan to utilize an additional position for a membership coordinator also is brought forward at that time.

The Committee reviewed two proposals for the financial investing and opted to remain with the current management services.

**Resident Chapter Report.** Dr. Perry stated that the Resident Chapter has been focusing on developing a series of lectures on preparing for practice with last year's topic being based on looking for a job and this year's topic slated to be investment and insurance issues.

**Student Chapter Report.** Student Dr. Morrison thanked the members for their continued support through their purchases and participation in the baseball game. He thanked ECI for their continued support. He also stated that they were working extremely hard to renew interest in the Mentor Program.

**Executive Director's Report.** Ms. Wachtler reported that ACOEP undertook a major staffing reallocation following the 2006 convention which saw many familiar faces leaving and new people coming on board at the office. This change allowed us to make much needed changes in our meeting staff, adding a part-time coordinator to our Meeting staff, which now consists of **Kristin Wattonville** as Meetings Manager and **Mandy Lundeen** splitting her responsibilities between seasonal smaller meetings and membership responsibilities. **Yvonne Treacy** moved from being our Administrative Assistant to Assistant to the Executive Director and expanding her management responsibilities and abilities. **Sandra McGrath** was added to our staff as our part time **Receptionist** providing not only reception but secretarial support to the office. It is our hope to move Mandy to a full-time position within the meetings staff and begin a search for a new Membership Coordinator and a GME Secretary later this year.

**Membership Trends.** After seeing a drop in our membership numbers several years ago, we currently have a membership of 2,415, with 1,749 Active Members (72%); 9 Retired Members (.4%); 15 Life Members (.6%); 5 Associate Members (.2%); 631 Resident Members (25.8%); and 6 Honorary Members (.24%).

During the summer of 2006, the ACOEP marketed a \$15 reduction of tuition costs for any member paying dues during the month of August. To date 33 people have taken advantage of this member benefit. Other member benefits are currently being sought to add to our benefit package. We are also investigating the developing of new member information and calendars that may provide more user friendly to our members.

The ACOEP website ([www.acoep.org](http://www.acoep.org)) has now been totally revamped and most of our new pages are up and running. The latest page to be completed is the Career Center that debuted on March 1. The new Database and Members Only pages will be added in May / June and fully functional on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A new vendor for on-line credit card payments is being investigated and we hope to be able to link with this vendor later this year.

Calendars for events will now feature all meeting dates and locations so that physicians can request needed time in plenty of time as meetings and other events are now arranged for most meetings through 2010 and beyond.

**Foundation Report.** Dr. Kuchinski reported that the Board had elected two new members to the Board and that they would be undertaking a Capital Campaign to help raise funds for future research. He wholeheartedly encouraged the members to take advantage of the research funding available.

**AOBEM Report.** Dr. Staffin reported that members could read his full report in the next issue of The Pulse but in the meantime he provided a breakdown of pass rates for the Part I, Part II, and Part III examinations. The big thing is that this was the very last time that the AOBEM would produce a written Part I examination, and that the test would now be taken at the Pro-Metric labs (formerly Sylvan Learning Centers) across the country. He stated that they are also looking for participants in a Beta test for the new examination for which we are trying to obtain CME credit.

For the Peds CAQ they are looking for people to act as Experts to write questions. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Josette.

**ACEP Report.** Dr. Suter gave a report that ACEP is interested in assisting ACOEP and the emergency medicine community pass the Access to Health Care bills in the Congress and Senate. He encouraged physician participation in the grassroots effort of seeing their physicians in the time that the Senators and Congressmen are in their home districts.

**Constitution and Bylaws Committee.** Dr. Nelson reported that the Committee met by conference call on March 28<sup>th</sup> to address issues on the new Bylaws that were adopted by the AOA at its Mid-year meeting. Issues concerning the placement of several items and wording that may not be in accordance with newly adopted processes at the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists were returned to the ACOEP in February.

The Committee reviewed the letter from the AOA in comparison to the newly adopted bylaws and made changes accordingly, and the resolution is attached for action by the Board.

**CME Committee.** Dr. Eisenhart reported that the committee discussed the 2007 COLA Essentials Meeting, which was determined an overall success. Speakers and lecture topics were highly praised; however, the location was determined the major downfall. At the COLA meeting this year, the test was taken as a group at the end of the session, and it was decided by the committee that this will need to be widely advertised for next year's meeting.

The committee acknowledged the separation from AOA and discussed the reasons for why this is taking place as well as why this will be a positive move forward for ACOEP.

A motion was made and unanimously agreed upon to have at least 25 hours of CME credit given for the 2008 Scientific Seminar, with consideration of state requirements.

The committee discussed the 2008 Spring Seminar and whether or not we need to consider making this a 4 day conference or a 5 day conference. Since 2008 is already contracted for 5 days, a motion was made and accepted to poll the membership through the member survey this fall in order to see how the members feel about changing the format to a 4 day meeting verses a 5 day meeting in 2009.

A motion was made and accepted to give participants the option of receiving a CD-ROM or Paper Syllabus for ALL CME meetings.

Kristin and Mandy gave their site visit report and the committee motioned to go to the Hyatt Grand Cypress Resort for the Spring Seminar of 2009, and the motion was accepted.

The committee made a motion to increase speaker honorarium to \$115 per hour of speaking. This motion was accepted and will go into budget and be recommended to the Board.

The subcommittee chairs will decide this week who will be given which amount of terms to serve on the CME committee.

**EMS Report.** Dr. Whitman reported that t The Committee met at April 10<sup>th</sup> 2007 and reviewed several issues of old business from previous meetings. The Committee also reviewed two Liaison reports from NAEMSP and CoAEMSP. The Committee also received information from Ms. Liz Sibley, Executive Director of CECBEMS who expressed her sincere thanks to the ACOEP and its EMS Committee for its continued support.

The Committee discussed International Life Foundation and agreed to open dialogue with this organization to discuss issues regarding care prior to the arrival of EMS.

The Committee acknowledged that EMS will have speakers for 2007 and 2008 fall Scientific Seminars. Each lecture should be two hour blocks with topics being decided prior to the June deadline established by the CME Committee.

An in depth discussion on how post deployment issues affect the work place was held and how the integration of veterans is occurring in various areas around the county. This issue was felt to have substantial affects on homeland security and could have possible ramifications later with drug abuse, alcohol, firearms and depression.

New business consisted of the rotation of committee members. Each member that was present drew a number. This determined the rotation of the committee members and that everyone would be evaluated with the 360 degree method. The chair drew numbers for the members who were not present.

All proposals for the budget are due by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Each Liaison will be sent an email to get an idea of how much money will be required for their commitment.

The goals and objectives are also important issues to be taken care of and the Committee will finalize these prior to the end of summer.

**Graduate Medical Education.** Dr. Hill reported that the Committee on Graduate Medical Education of the ACOEP met on two occasions since the beginning of January, once in person, and two times on a telephone conference. The influx of meetings was to meet the staggering amount of work that this Committee has been confronted with since the increase in the number of programs and the adoption of new standards in 2002. Additionally, AOA's recent criticism of the scheduling of meetings of this Committee and the constant changing of AOA's regulations of graduate medical education issues has called for increased vigilance and attention to this very important aspect of the College.

During its meetings, the Committee has finalized three revisions of existing subspecialty areas of emergency medical services, toxicology and emergency medicine/family practice; approved a new document for a new subspecialty in pediatric emergency medicine, and finalized revisions in the basic standards for emergency medicine and its accompanying evaluation workbook. One standard, emergency medicine/family practice was revised in conjunction with ACOFP and culminated a 4 year process to incorporate the training of physicians in this area with a truly combined training curriculum that will no longer allow residents to seek certification in family practice at the end of their third year and require the completion of the entire training program prior to obtaining certification in either specialty. The basic standard document for Pediatric Emergency Medicine was created with the American College of Pediatricians (ACOP); ACOEP's Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine and the CGME, however, the ACOP opted for review of the standards and not active involvement in creation of the document. The Committee also amended the internship for emergency medicine opting to make it a PGY-1R as a linked internship with a revised schedule of training for this year. If adopted, all revisions and standards will go into effect at the beginning of the 2008 training year.

The Committee has reviewed four increases in programs adjusting to the new schedule of a 1-4 year training schedule; 2 increases in existing residency programs; and 1 increase in a combined EM/FP program and 1 increase in an emergency medicine residency. 5 inspections of existing programs have been reviewed and 1 new application for a combined EM/IM residency and 1 new EM program. 5 of requests for credit towards the completion of an emergency medicine residency for training in a different specialty (aka advanced standing) has been reviewed. 2 of requests for approval of AGME training in emergency and 4 requests have been reviewed for training in subspecialty areas.

The current number of residency programs in emergency medicine is 40 with 2 applications in process and 3 more in the development stages. Currently approved positions (not counting PGY1 years) are 702.

**Governmental Affairs.** Dr. Garcia reported that the Committee would meet in Washington DC later this month and spoke briefly about the bills in the House and Senate. Additionally he stated that there are current issues about Board Certification in Florida.

**Member Services Committee.** Dr. Siberski reported that the Committee is considering several issues for the benefits of members and will be introducing them shortly.

**Research Report.** Dr. Longenecker stated that the Research Committee had a productive meeting. The committee was delighted to meet Tasmeen Sighn, Executive Director of Emergency Medical Services for Children, National Resource Center. She gave a very informative talk on Funding Research through their organization. The vice chair suggested that if the liaison for EMSC could not attend their June meeting he would love to attend. EMSC suggested that if some residents wanted to join their March 2008 meeting they may be able to fund the trip.

The vice chair let the committee know that no refund was received from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Emergency Medicine. The committee also talked in depth regarding having Research Modules on line. Also would like to purchase some modules and modify them slightly for their needs.

The committee asked that Dr. Acosta would give a report on his progress with getting passwords from NYCOM.

Discussion on research mentor program was tabled.

The vice chair agreed to write an announcement that can be used for the Pulse and an email blast, which would be used to notify the program directors and residents that the deadline is approaching and to seek judges for the competitions. The student chapter representative agreed to get the resident chapters email database.

The committee would love to pursue EMP and EMCARE for a five year commitment to sponsor the awards.

The creation of the budget will be worked on by the Chair and Vice Chair by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

The vice chair will also create a resolution so that attendees receive CME credit for attending the competitions.

Members were chosen based on technological experience and member status.

The staff support will email the goals and objectives to the members and that will be finalized via email ASAP.

**Undergraduate Medical Education.** Dr. Shuler, the new Chair, reported that the The committee discussed the recent activities of the Student Chapter to attract new members, including sending welcome packets and creating groups on Google to provide a forum for students to discuss topics relevant their area of study.

**Student Lecture Series:**

The committee discussed the Student Lecture Series, which currently has 34 lectures. The committee is waiting on a few lectures to be updated and submitted. All lectures must be submitted to ACOEP in May in order to give Omni Press adequate time to produce the CD for release in the fall.

**Student Case Competition:**

There have been no submissions of cases for the current year. There have been multiple attempts to make the Student Case Competition a competitive and positive activity for our students. The lack of submissions of cases over the last several years has resulted in a recommendation that the Student Case Competition be ended. The committee felt that the board should be apprised of the committee's decision and if no further discussion that the Student Case Competition be officially ended at the 2007 Fall Meeting.

**Goals and Objectives:**

The committee laid out their goals and objectives that they will work to attain throughout the course of the year. The goals and objectives will be sent out with the meeting minutes and sent to the Board for review in February.

**IOM Report.** Dr. Willoughby reported that there have been 4 groups evaluating the report and that it is up to the membership must get involved with the passage of the issues now and not later by advocating for the bill and report.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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