

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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MINUTES

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Michelle Shaprut, D.O.
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Jeremy Tucker, D.O.

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The meeting was called to order on September 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. by Thomas Brabson, D.O., MBA, FACOEP, President of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians. At this time, Dr. Brabson asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the Meeting of April 2009. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes as written. A vote was taken and the Minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Brabson thanked the members for the continued support and informed them that the balloting for members on the Board would be conducted in a few moments, however, since the publication of the information in the July issue of The Pulse, one of the current members of the Board had to resign his position on the Board for personal reasons, and as such his name has been removed from the ballot. At this time he welcomed Dr. Bell to the podium to introduce the candidates.

Dr. Bell asked the following physicians to come forward to address the assembly, Dr. Joseph Gregory Beirne; Dr. William Bograkov; Dr. John "Chuck" Prestosh, and Dr. James Shuler. At this time the four candidates came forward and made brief statements of their qualifications.

Dr. Bell thanked these candidates and turned the meeting back to Dr. Brabson who asked if there were any nominations from the floor of the assembly for a three-year position on the Board of Directors. The names of James M. Turner, D.O., FACOEP (WV) and Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., FACOEP (NJ) were made. Dr. Brabson entertained two motions to approve the appointment of James and M. Turner, D.O., FACOEP and Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., FACOEP, onto the current ballot of the College. In both cases the motions were approved and seconded and upheld by the membership.

At this time, the following physicians were asked to assist in counting the votes: Dr. Bell and Dr. Eisenhart (from the Board), and Douglas P. Webster, D.O., FACOEP, Drew A. Koch, D.O., FACOEP, David T. Malicke, D.O., FACOEP, who retired from the meeting at this time to count ballots.

Dr. Brabson stated that at this time, it was his privilege to introduce the 2009 winner of the Bruce D. Horton, D.O., FACOEP Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Brabson explained that this is given to members who have dedicated their careers to furthering the cause of emergency medicine through any venue of practice, be it clinical or administrative. The 2009 winner was identified as Douglas M. Hill, D.O., FACOEP. Dr. Hill was escorted to the podium and made a short presentation.

Dr. Brabson congratulated Dr. Hill and presented him with the 2009 Horton Award.

Dr. Brabson stated that in 2000 we began recognizing physicians who excelled in the field of emergency medical services. While most of people think that being an EMS physician is manning the command desk in the ED or riding around in ambulances, but those of you who work in the world of EMS know that you are special. These physicians go on assignments that a lot of us would never consider doing. They have worked at mass casualty sites whether man-made or after natural events and stay on long past the time the rest of us have moved onto other things. They work with governmental agencies on the national and state levels and travel nationwide to take care of the citizens of the United States and its allies. It gives me great pleasure to the winner of the 2009, Robert D. Aranosian, D.O., Excellence in EMS Award, someone who walks the walk and talks the talk, Dr. Paula Willoughby DeJesus. Dr. DeJesus was escorted to the podium and made a short acceptance speech.

Dr. Brabson congratulated Dr. DeJesus, stating that we recognize her for her work with the Emergency Management Agency of the City of Chicago and her work with other EMS agencies for the certification of EMS professionals. Dr. DeJesus, it gives me much pleasure to present you with this award.

Dr. Brabson stated that in Medicine, the culture is see one, do one, teach one and the man for whom this award is named, took mentoring his peers very seriously. Each year, we award a physician who exemplifies the mentoring established by Dr. Ben Field during his lifetime and takes that additional step to make an example of what a good “teacher” should be. It gives me great pleasure to present the 2009 Benjamin A. Field, D.O., Mentor of the Year Award to Alan R. Janssen, D.O.

Dr. Brabson congratulated Dr. Janssen, stating that Dr. Janssen has provided the profession of osteopathic emergency medicine with an extraordinary gift, his time and his knowledge. Not only is he the director of the emergency medicine residency at Genesys Regional Medical Center, but his has been a long time member and chair of our GME Committee and a member of the AOBEM.

At this time, Dr. Brabson, thanked the membership for their participation in the identification of these people and hoped that in the future they would help to identify other qualified physicians for these awards. He then began his report on the state of the College.

Dr. Brabson reported that he has been thankful for the collaboration that has been part of his first year in office and commended the Board members for their help and support. He stated that the College has made great strides in collaborating with the many different agencies during this period of time and that they worked with ACEP on a reply to the Institute of Medicine's report on the state of emergency medicine in the US. He also reported that we have been involved with the AOA and ACEP in putting forth statements about healthcare reform. He stated that he hoped to keep up the momentum as he moved into his second year and again thanked the members for their support.

Dr. Anthony Jennings reported on his first year as President-elect and expanded on the College's collaborative activities with the AOA and ACEP on healthcare reform. He hoped to work on the revision of the strategic plan for his term in office and informed the College members that within the next year we would have a revised website that would be more user friendly and updated.

Dr. Mark Mitchell reported on the financial standing of the College and reported that we have moved our physical location to the 15th floor of the AOA building, thus rebuilding some of the frayed ties that resulted from our breaking away from the AOA's Convention.

Ms. Wachtler thanked the membership for their continuing support of the office and introduced the staff of the ACOEP to the membership. She stated that with the move to new quarters it was the hope of the staff to provide more comprehensive operation in a cost-effective "green" environment.

Dr. Jeremy Selley, President of the Resident Chapter of the College reported that the Chapter had held its elections during the past few days and that Dr. Tim Cheslock was elected to the Presidency of the Chapter; Dr. Sherry Turner was elected as President-elect. He also announced that the winners of the Chapter's Jeopardy Tournament were Lehigh Valley Medical Center (First Place); St. Joseph Hospital and Medical Center, Patterson, NJ (Second Place), and Charleston Area Regional Medical Center, Charleston, WV (Third Place).

Dr. Juan Acosta, President of the Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine gave a brief presentation stating that the Foundation's research activities were very well attended and the results of these activities would be announced over the course of the next few days. He thanked the membership for its continuing support and hoped that even in these financially trying time, they would continue to both donate and apply for grant funds that are available through several of the Foundation's mechanisms.

Dr. Mark Stone, Secretary of the American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine stated that he was overwhelmed by the awesome conference put on by the Resident Chapter and he was thrilled to speak to all the young physicians on certification information. He addressed COLA and informed the membership that AOA was now requiring a practice aspect to the recertification testing process. The Board would be meeting in the winter to better refine this and they hoped to have some further information for the membership in the spring.

At this time, Dr. Bell presented Dr. Brabson with the results of the election. Dr. Brabson announced that the following physicians were elected to three year terms (2009-2012) on the ACOEP Board of Directors: Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., FACOEP; John C. Prestosh, D.O., FACOEP, and James M. Turner, D.O., FACOEP. Timothy Cheslock, D.O., and Andrew Little, MS would assume the one year terms of Resident Chapter

and Student Chapter Representatives on the Board. He congratulated all the winners and stated that a new Board meeting would be held the following morning at 6:30 a.m.

At this time, he asked if there was any further business. Hearing none, he entertained a motion for adjournment. This motion was made and duly seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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