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The meeting was called to order by the President, Thomas A. Brabson, D.O., MBA, FACOEP-D at 5:10 p.m. at which time Dr. Brabson welcomed the members present and thanked them for their attendance. He then entertained a motion to accept the Minutes of the Membership Meeting of April 29, 2011. Hearing such, he asked for a second and a vote was taken to accept these Minutes, as written.

**President’s Report.** Dr. Brabson reported that he attended several meetings on behalf of the College during the summer, including the Culture of Safety in EMS, the AOA Board of Trustees and House of
Delegates Meetings, and a telephone conference with EMAF. He stated that over the summer the ACOEP had joined an advocacy group, the Emergency Medicine Action Fund (EMAF) that was developed specifically to represent the governmental needs of the emergency medicine community and was brought to be through efforts of ACEP. Key stakeholders, like ACOEP, ACEP, EMRA and AAEM are all part of the Board. The Board of Directors felt that it was very important that we have a voice in this agency so that emergency medicine has a dedicated and united voice with regulatory agencies and the government. Even though the AOA has wanted to have one voice in Washington for osteopathic medicine, and has worked hard to establish that we have felt that at times, emergency medicine was a tacit voice in the advocacy arena. The ACOEP is a staunch supporter of the AOA’s advocacy efforts and has agreed to sponsor their new conference center at the National Osteopathic Advocacy Center (NOAC) in Washington, DC to ensure that they advocate for us within the osteopathic arena.

President-elect Report. Dr. Christiansen stressed the importance of our member involvement in advocacy and urged members to become involved in the process. We can all do this by becoming active participants in events like DO Day on the Hill and the AOA’s Health Council Program to learn about political issues and advocacy. Dr. Christiansen also informed the membership that effective on October 1, 2011, members will receive either a digital copy or paper copy of the emergency medicine journal WestJEM. It has long been a request of the membership for a journal and it was felt that this was one that we could work with to get scholarly publications by our members included and there are opportunities to be reviewers on this publication. He encouraged members to visit their display and to send letters of interest and CVs to Jan for forwarding to the Editorial Board of the publication.

Secretary’s Report. Dr. Mitchell reported that the ACOEP is continuing to update its technology and has now introduced an application to allow digital users to download seminar material to their phones or electronic readers. These will allow us to discontinue the use of jump drives and paper for production of our conference material. Also this year, for the first time ever, we utilized digital technology to cast votes for the Board of Directors election. This was in response to member requests to participate in voting regardless if they attended this membership meeting. Surprisingly, the voting was open from September 1 through October 7 and the number of members voting for Board members increased by approximately 4 percent to only a total of 18% of the members taking the time to vote. We hope that this will change as members become more familiar with the process.

Treasurer’s Report. Dr. Longenecker reported that the College published the outcome of the Audit for the 2009-10 year in July. She explained that this is not done earlier because the Board must first approve the audit and this generally isn’t done until April. The College is developing two new Committees that will be formed during the 2012-13 budget year that will become the Audit Committee and an Investment Committee. These Committees will review the audit information and investments. Members who are interested in being part of these Committees should submit the credentials to the ACOEP for appointment in October 2012.

Resident Chapter Report. Sherry D. Turner, D.O., current President of the Chapter, thanked the Resident Chapter and all its members who worked very hard and have done a phenomenal job over the past year. She stated that the Chapter has had over 100 attendees at its events which have been the largest attendance to date. She also thanked all the sponsors of their events who took time and money to assist the Chapter. As is normal, the Chapter held its elections and the following physicians are now on the Resident Chapter Board of Directors: Justin Arnold, D.O. (Lehigh Valley), President; Megan McGrew, D.O., (Midwestern/CCOM- Provident Hospital), Vice President; Jennifer Liu, D.O. (Botsford), Secretary, and Daniel Suders, D.O. (Ohio Valley), Treasurer.
Student Chapter Report. Student Dr. Andrew Little, President of the Chapter, thanked the Board and the Student Chapter Board for allowing him to serve two terms as President of the Student Chapter. He thanked his Student Chapter Board and Committee members for doing a yeoman’s job to accomplish their goals and objectives this year. The Chapter has sponsored several different courses in the spring hosting more than 150 student members at its events. The 2011-12 Officers are: Joseph Sorber (WVSOM), President; Stephanie Zaugg (OUCOM), Vice President; Shaun Notman (NOVA), Secretary, and Jessica Wentling (UNTHSC-COM), Treasurer.

Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine. Juan F. Acosta, D.O., MS, FACOEP, President of the Foundation reported that the organization has rebounded since its reorganization in 2010 and with its dedicated Board of Trustees has increased its donations, events and presence at the meetings. In 2012, the Foundation hopes to establish itself in other ways by becoming a part of the resident research paper reviews by providing feedback to the residents as they submit their research projects for completion of their resident training research component. Dr. Acosta acknowledged the Board Members and asked them to stand up and be recognized, Peter J. Kaplan, William Lynch, Victor J. Scali, D.O., FACOEP-D, Robert E. Suter, D.O., FACOEP-D, Sherry D. Turner, D.O., Douglas P. Webster, D.O., FACOEP-D, Janice Wachtler, and Stephanie Whitmer.

Executive Director’s Report. Ms. Wachtler thanked the Membership for its continued support and welcomed them to this meeting. She noted that this is the third independent convention sponsored by the ACOEP alone. At this meeting the staff has introduced new digital technology allowing members to download meeting material and we have updated the website to represent the needs of the membership. She introduced the staff of the ACOEP and stated that two staff members, Sonya Stephens and Jaclyn Ronovsky are new beginning in July and February respectively.

At this time, Dr. Brabson introduced Peter A. Bell, D.O., MBA, FACOEP-D, Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee. Dr. Bell stated again that this is a new era for the College as it moved from paper balloting to electronic balloting and announced the newly elected members of the Board of Directors: Christine Giesa, D.O., FACOEP, Beth A. Longenecker, D.O., FACOEP, Mark A. Mitchell, D.O., FACOEP and Robert E. Suter, D.O., FACOEP-D. Each of these members will serve a three year term expiring at the fall meeting in 2014.

Dr. Brabson then asked Dr. Christiansen to step to the microphone to take the Oath of Office. As new President, Dr. Christiansen, thanked his mentors Thomas Brabson, D.O., Victor J. Scali, D.O. and Anthony Jennings, D.O. (to whom he wished well as he recuperated) and thanked the members of the College, the Board, and his family for allowing him to assume the role of President of the ACOEP. His first act as President was to award Dr. Brabson with his Presidential Service Award and to provide him with a present from him and the staff for his service to the College. He then issued the Oath of Office to the new Board Members, including Joseph Sorber, President of the Student Chapter and Justin Arnold, D.O., President of the Resident Chapter as they automatically serve one-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Christiansen’s inaugural presentation spoke to the challenges facing emergency medicine today and the challenges this growth has placed on the College, its infrastructure, advocacy and staffing. During his term on the Board he has witnessed the growth of the College to serve its membership on various levels and has seen it evolve and change to meet these needs. He is proud of the team efforts that he has witnessed on the College’s Board and Committees and within its staff to drive the profession forward, but while we have a team approach we have avoided the “team think” approach to grow into
an active voice in emergency medicine. The need that he hopes to meet is to develop new and better leaders to serve the profession in the future and called upon the membership to come forward and become mentors and role models to young physicians as we can only grow and expand through their presence and influence.

At this time, Dr. Christiansen invited everyone to the Reception for the Members and entertained a motion to adjourn. Hearing such, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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