

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel  
Denver, Colorado  
October 14, 2012

MINUTES

**Members Present:**

Sean Messana Abraham, D.O.  
Charles Abramson, D.O.  
Juan F. Acosta, D.O., FACOEP  
Brian Acunto, D.O.  
Olusunmade Adekunle, D.O.  
Anthony Affatato, DO, FACOEP  
Andrew Omoh Agbi, D.O.  
F. Shan Ahmed, DO, FACOEP  
Piyal S. Alam  
D. Gregory Alexander, D.O.  
Michael Allswede, D.O.  
Julia Alpin, D.O.  
Leonardo Altamirano, DO, FACOEP  
Jonathan Anderson  
Alwin Arendse, D.O.  
Justin K. Arnold, D.O.  
Joseph Artale, D.O.  
Harry M. Arters, D.O., FACOEP  
Sarah Arzt, D.O.  
Brian Ault, D.O.  
Wael Azer, D.O.  
Glen Bailey, D.O.  
Fred Bailor, D.O., FACOEP  
Jacob Bair, D.O.  
Modinat Balogun, D.O.  
Stacey Barnes, D.O.  
Levente G. Batizy, D.O., FACOEP  
Julianna Batizy-Morley, D.O.  
Gregory J. Beirne, D.O., FACOEP  
Peter A. Bell, D.O.  
William Bennett, D.O.  
Thomas Benzoni, D.O.  
Sarah E. Berghoff, D.O.  
Rudolph Bescherer, D.O., FACOEP  
Ronald Bishop, D.O., FACOEP  
Wojciech Bober, D.O.  
Suzana Bogdanovska, D.O., FACOEP

David Bohorquez, D.O.  
Gary Bonfante, D.O., FACOEP  
Gregory L. Boris, D.O.  
Aaron Borland, D.O.  
Thomas A. Boyle, D.O., FACOEP  
Joshua Bozek, D.O.  
Thomas Brabson, D.O., FACOEP-D  
Michael S. Brandon, D.O.  
Matthew Brice, D.O.  
April Brill, D.O.  
Wallace M. Broadbent, D.O.  
Jory C. Bulkley, D.O.  
Benjamin A Busch, D.O.  
Nikolai Butki, D.O., FACOEP  
Andrew Butki, D.O.  
Ryan Butler  
Curt Cackovic, D.O.  
Christopher Calandrella, D.O.  
Victoria A. Camba, D.O., FACOEP  
Lynn A. Campbell, D.O.  
Todd Cannon, D.O.  
Terry L. Carr, D.O.  
Dale M. Carrison, D.O., FACOEP  
John Randolph Casey, D.O.  
Anthony Catapano, D.O.  
Christopher M. Catapano, D.O.  
Bradley Paul Chappell, D.O.  
Bharti R. Chaudhari, D.O.  
Timothy J. Cheslock, D.O.  
Gregory Christiansen, D.O., FACOEP  
Kelly D. Chumbley, D.O.  
Michael Cicero, D.O.  
Patrick M. Cody, D.O., FACOEP  
Ronald S. Cohen, D.O.  
Patrick Connolly, D.O.  
Duane Corsi, D.O., FACOEP  
Francis A. Cortez, D.O.

John S. Current, D.O.  
Melissa A. Cusumano, D.O.  
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Joseph Dougherty, D.O., FACOEP  
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Aleksandr Dubrovskiy, D.O.  
Lee Anthony Dudley, D.O.  
Kari Eckman, D.O.  
Anita W. Eisenhart, D.O., FACOEP  
Michael Escoto, D.O.  
James P. Farinosi, D.O.  
Claudine Feliciano, D.O.  
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Patrick Michael Flaherty, D.O.  
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Robert Lee Harding, D.O.  
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Mary-Katherine Harper, D.O.  
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Eric Peter Schneider, D.O.  
Margaret Mary Schoening,  
Todd Schott, D.O.  
Steven Schwartz, D.O.  
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Rachael Sokol, D.O., FACOEP  
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Chantelle Thurow, D.O.  
Robert J. Tomsho, D.O.  
Brent L. Treadaway, D.O.  
Jeremy D. Tucker, D.O.  
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Danielle K. Turrin, D.O.  
John A. Tyrrell, D.O.  
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Georgia Zachopoulos, D.O.  
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The meeting was called to order by the President, Gregory M. Christiansen, D.O., M.Ed., at 5:00 p.m. who entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Membership Meeting of April 2012. A motion was made from the floor and duly seconded and a vote was taken and the Minutes were approved as written.

Dr. Christiansen welcomed everyone to Denver and thanked everyone for participating in the conference and in voting for the members of the Board. He informed members that the results of the electronic voting would be made public in a few minutes by the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

**President's Report** - He stated that Dr. Mitchell, Ms. Wachtler and he attended the AOA's Board of Trustees and House of Delegates meetings in Chicago during the summer and several resolutions were of interest were items dealing with CME fees and services; the recognition of ACGME training (formerly Res. No 29) which clarified and streamlined the recognition process of allopathic residency training; the distinctiveness of OGME programs, and lastly the recognition and certification of allopathically trained physicians who do not meet the four year emergency medicine criteria for board certification. The AOA also passed Resolution H-4 which limited merit-badge course to 8 hours annually.

Dr. Christiansen stated that the PPAC (formerly Governmental Affairs Committee) structure was being changed to emphasize patient advocacy and Health Policy development pertinent to the practice of emergency medicine. Thus while the ACOEP will still support the AOA's general advocacy it will also participate in ACEP's lobbying program in May that is more pertinent to the concerns of emergency medicine physicians and the patients that they care for. He urged members interested in political advocacy to get involved to re-develop this Committee and provide mentorship and professional development to their peers.

Dr. Christiansen also addressed the dilemma facing osteopathic medicine with the ACGME recent rulings that would limit the future training osteopathic physicians in allopathic residencies and fellowship as well as removes any osteopathic physician currently working as faculty in allopathic programs from the ability to participate as training staff to these residency programs. The AOA has been studying the program and will issue a statement after its 2012 OMED meeting. Because this will probably mean an amalgamation of the osteopathic programs with allopathic programs it behooves the ACOEP to fund the development of a three-year residency program and to present it to the CGME for approval later in 2013.

**President-elect:** Dr. Mitchell reported that like Dr. Christiansen he participated in the presentation to the AOA regarding the ACOEP's progress over these past ten years; it was an impressive slide show illustrating the progress of the College in its membership and educational areas and allow its policy development areas and its location.

Dr. Mitchell stated that with the changes occurring in healthcare and with the primary care funding issues, the ACOEP joined other emergency medicine agencies in sending a joint letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services voicing concerns over the proposed rule implementing §1202 of the Affordable Care Act. This would increase Medicaid reimbursement to at least 100% of the Medicare rate for 'primary care services' provided with physicians with 'primary care designation' of family medicine, general internal medicine, or pediatric medicine. Since many patients present first to the emergency department due to lack of access to a primary care provider, emergency medicine physicians should also be included in this designation for higher reimbursement rates when providing care for these patients. He informed the membership that ACOEP would be developing a liaison relationship with EDPMA to forward the relationship.

The College held its first Medical Directors Roundtable in order to develop a group that can brainstorm and share ideas and concerns as well as to develop a mechanism for mentoring younger physicians who are first-time medical directors to allow all emergency physicians to provide the best quality of care to patients and provide organizations like hospitals and the ACOEP to take medical care and policy development to the next level.

**Secretary's Report** – Dr. Prestosh reported that the focus of the Office, for which the Secretary is responsible for, has been on the development and re-development of operational policies. He and Ms. Wachtler have been working to update both employment and board policies and will continue to look at operational policies for the various committees as the year continues and at the request of Member Services will be revising the Bylaws for consideration during the next few months by the Bylaws Committee and the Membership in the spring.

**Treasurer's Report** – Dr. Turner reported that the budget for the fiscal year completed on September 30, 2012 appears to be in line with projections for an excess in the amount of approximately \$50,000. However, this will not be finalized until one month after the close of the fiscal year to allow any unpaid invoices to be accounted for. Dr. Turner stated that the outcome of the 2010-2011 budget year has been provided to the membership and is found on the last page of the Minutes of April 2012.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was developed and approved in July and is balanced with a slight expected profit well within governmental guidelines.

The College is expanding its rental space in anticipation of changes in staffing during the remainder of its lease with AOA. This is expected to be completed in early December.

**Resident Chapter** – Justin Arnold, D.O., President of the Chapter stated that they have been able to increase the participation of residents nationwide. The Chapter provides lectures and workshops to all resident members on leadership development, ultrasound and toxicology. New residents are provided with mentors, if they so desire, and are provided the opportunity to work with students to be mentors to them.

**Student Chapter** – Joseph Sorber, President of the Chapter presented the report of the Chapter stating that the students are very grateful with the opportunity provided to them by the Board and members of the College to participate in the Committees and lectures provided by the College. The program this year has been exceptional and informative to students interested in emergency medicine as a practice type.

**Executive Director's Report** – Ms. Wachtler reported that like Dr. Prestosh and Dr. Turner have reported much internal work has been completed on the College's operational documents and policies. This will continue through the next fiscal year as we review existing policies to see if they are functional and useful to the College.

Staffing of the College has been increased by 2 professional staff members. One position will have the responsibility to maintain hardware, inventory and operation of the College's internal equipment with some responsibility for programming. The second position will work specifically with the Committee on GME and will ultimately assume responsibility for the RISE and Program Directors Committees to allow the Executive Director to concentrate on operational issues.

**Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine** – Juan Acosta, D.O., MS, FACOEP, President of the Foundation reported that the Foundation is alive and well and growing. During this past year, the Foundation has reviewed over 150 senior resident research papers as well as providing all residents and physicians with a venue in which to present their research. Additionally, the 2011 Gala provided them with sufficient resources to expand their research funding endeavors. He invited all to attend this year's Gala, which would be held in conjunction with the meeting on Wednesday evening.

At this time he announced the winners of the various Foundation-sponsored events. **Research Paper Competition** winners were: Third Place: Michael Mesisca, D.O., Arrowhead Medical Center, Colton, CA; Second Place: Amanda Miller, D.O., E W Sparrow Hospital, East Lansing, MI; First Place: Jill Donofrio, D.O., Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI. **Case Poster Competition:** Third Place: Svetlana Zacharchenko, D.O., St. Barnabas Hospital Bronx, NY; Second Place: Blessit George, D.O., St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Patterson, NJ; First Place: Sarah Whyte, D.O., Kent Hospital, Warwick, RI. **Research Study Poster**

**Competition:** Third Place: Laura Fil, D.O., Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip, NY  
Second Place: Kelly Koenig, D.O., Integris Southwest Medical Center, Oklahoma City, OK; First Place: Catherine Ippolito, D.O., Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Chicago, IL.  
**CPC Competition:** Third Place Resident: Jeffrey Hirschi, D.O., MSU-Sparrow Hospital, East Lansing, MI; Third Place Faculty: Nicole Maguire, D.O., Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ; Second Place Resident: Anne Newbold, D.O., Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Chicago, IL; Second Place Faculty: Chris Steinacker, D.O., POH Regional Medical Center, Pontiac, MI; First Place Resident: Michelle Ischayek, D.O., Aria Health, Philadelphia, PA; First Place Faculty: Steve Hollosi, D.O., Charleston Area Medical Center, Charleston, WV. **Oral Abstract Competition:** Third Place: David Zimmerman, D.O., Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, NJ; Second Place: Merkeza Grant, D.O., St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Patterson, NJ; First Place” Shannon Weinstein, D.O., Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip, NY.

**American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine** – Dr. Stone reported there has been much concern expressed about the practice performance requirements for Maintenance of Certification (MOC). This will be very similar to the Part III requirements of the basic certification process and will consist of 5 hours of practice performance and will be a chart review.

There was conversation regarding a CAQ in Critical Care Medicine. AOBIM and AOBEM have held meetings and any physician practicing emergency medicine critical care and is qualified by fellowship in critical care will be able to sit for the examination, as currently being proposed. There will not be a practice track option. This may also be available through anesthesiology and surgery.

The CAQ in Pediatric Emergency Medicine is still being worked on and when the first resident is enrolled in the program (that was recently approved) it will move forward on the completion of this examination process.

At this time Dr. Christiansen recognized Dr. Brabson, Chair of the Nominations Committee. Dr. Brabson stated that this was the second year that the College utilized electronic balloting and that the number of members participating in the process has increased slightly. He reminded that each member who has paid dues for the fiscal year beginning in October is eligible to vote and is provided a key allowing him or her to cast their ballot. The process allows the member to see the biographic sketch of the candidate and a photo and then to cast their ballot. This year the process was opened for more than forty-five days and closed 15 minutes prior to the start of the membership meeting.

All members who sit on Committees are eligible for nomination and the nomination process closes 10 days prior to the Spring Seminar each year. So if you're interested in serving on the Board, please submit your letter informing the Nominations Committee as to why you wish to service and send it with your CV to the ACOEP Office.

The results of this year's election were announced by Dr. Brabson as: Drew A. Koch, D.O., FACOEP-D; John C. Prestosh, D.O., FACOEP; Mark D. Rosenberg, D.O., MBA, FACOEP-D, and Duane Siberski, D.O., FACOEP.

Dr. Christiansen asked that these four physicians and Megan McGrew, D.O., newly elected President of the Resident Chapter and Ashley Guthrie, newly elected President of the Student Chapter step forward to take their oath of office.

He asked each to raise their right hand and repeat after him: I (state your name) hereby swear and affirm that I will do all in my power to uphold the Bylaws of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians and that during my term, I will carry out my duties. To this, I solemnly swear.

Dr. Christiansen thanked the members for their participation and entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hearing such, he asked for a second, which he received and the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Wachtler, BAE, CBA  
Executive Director