

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Marriott Harbor Beach Resort
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
April 5, 2013

MINUTES

Members Present:

Juan F. Acosta, D.O., M.S., FACOEP
Brian Acunto, D.O.
F. Shan Ahmed, D.O., M.S., FACOEP, FACEP
McKaila Allcorn, D.O.
Michael Allswede, D.O.
Julia Alpin, D.O.
Robert Anderson, D.O.
Michael Applewhite, D.O., FACOEP
Arash Armin, D.O., FACOEP
Jennifer Axelband, D.O., FACOEP
Larry Bachle, D.O. FACOEP
Harris Baderak, D.O. FACOEP
Michael Baumgardner, D.O.
Gregory J. Beirne, D.O. FACOEP, FACEP
Jessica Bennett
Rudolph Bescherrer, Jr., D.O., FACOEP
Frank Biondolillo, D.O., FACEP, FAAEM
Gregory Bloxdorf, D.O. FACOEP
Gary Bonfante, D.O. FACOEP
Thomas Boyle, D.O., FACOEP
Thomas Brabson, D.O., MBA, FACOEP-D
April Brill, D.O.
Benjamin Busch, D.O.
Ed Byrnes, D.O.
Arthur Calise, D.O. FACOEP
Jacqueline Cappiello Dzedzic, D.O.
Terry Carr, D.O.
John Casey, D.O.
Anthony Catapano, D.O.
Jack Chambers, D.O., FACOEP
Michael Chapman, D.O.
Timothy Cheslock, D.O.
Gregory M. Christiansen, D.O., M.Ed, FACOEP
Ryan Coates, D.O.
Michael Colonna
Mario Cosenza, D.O. FACOEP, FACEP
Patrick Cullinan, D.O.
Paul D'Amico, D.O., FACOEP

Michael Dargay, D.O. FACOEP
Jeffery Davies, D.O., FACOEP
Daniel DeFeo, D.O.
Paula DeJesus, D.O., MHPE, FACOEP-D
Julia DiCicco, D.O.
John Ditchman, D.O.
Ravi Dodda, D.O.
Martin Dunskey, D.O. FACOEP
Kelly Dyess, D.O.
Adam Dziedzic, D.O.
Anita W. Eisenhart, D.O. FACOEP
Michael Escoto, D.O.
Robert Esposito, D.O.
Jeffery Evans, D.O.
James Farinosi, D.O.
Jack Field, D.O.
Jon Finch, D.O.
Donald Findlay, D.O.
C. H. Fowlkes, D.O.
Gregory Frailey, D.O. FACOEP
Kaitlin Fries
Nikole Funk, D.O.
Charles Garriott, D.O.
Eric Gloss, D.O., FACOEP
Shane Gober, D.O.
Edward Goetten, D.O.
David Goff, D.O.
Laurie Gorgas, D.O.
Ashley Guthrie
Regina Hammock, D.O.
Douglas Harmon, D.O., FACOEP
Karl Harnish, D.O.
Mary-Katherine Harper, D.O.
Valerie Hart, D.O. FACOEP
James Hill, D.O.
Michael Hoh, D.O. FACOEP
Steven Hollosi, D.O.
Robert Holm, D.O.
Timothy Holt, D.O.

Philip Howren, D.O. FACOEP
Raymond G. Hughes, D.O. FACOEP
Melissa Huston, D.O.
Kimberly Irvin, D.O.
Louis Isaacson, D.O.
Julie Johns, D.O., FACOEP
Julia Johnson, D.O.
Christopher Johnson, D.O.
Jennifer Jones
Stephen Kaiser, D.O. FACOEP
Risty Kalivas, D.O. FACOEP
Andrew Kalnow
Antonios Katsetos, D.O.
Randy Kellenberger, D.O., FACOEP, CPA
Sara Kelly, D.O.
Howard Kessler, D.O. FACOEP
Ronald Klebacher, D.O.
Drew A. Koch, D.O. FACOEP-D
Jay Kugler, D.O. FACOEP
Nancy Labrador-Goodwin, D.O.
Paula Lange, D.O. FACOEP
Nicole Lang-Gems, D.O. FACOEP
Teddy Lee, D.O. FACOEP
David L. Levy, D.O. FACOEP
Andrew Little, D.O.
Kevin Loeb, D.O. FACOEP
Holly Loud, D.O.
Dominic Maga, D.O.
Ralynne Maitland, D.O.
David T. Malicke, D.O. FACOEP
Anthony Mangiaracina, D.O., FACOEP
Annette Mann, D.O., FACOEP
Gerald McClallen, D.O., FACOEP
Charles McIntosh, D.O. FACOEP
Justin McNamee, D.O.
Brian Miller, D.O., FACOEP
Mark A. Mitchell, D.O. FACOEP
Thomas Mucci, D.O., FACOEP-D
Deborah Murray, D.O.
David Neckritz, D.O. FACOEP
Joe A. Nelson, D.O. FACOEP
Dean Nottingham, D.O.
Thomas Olmsted, D.O.
Michael Oster, D.O. FACOEP
Nicole Ottens, D.O.
Diane Paratore, D.O. FACOEP
Nilesh Patel, D.O.
Kimberly Perry, D.O., MBA, MHCM, FACOEP

Joseph Peterson
Donald Phillips, D.O., FACOEP
David Pierce, D.O.
Jehangir Pirzada, D.O., FACOEP
Scott Plasner, D.O.
Christopher Posey, D.O. FACOEP
John C. Prestosh, D.O., FACOEP
Mark Rosenberg, D.O., MBA, FACOEP-D
Kevin Roth, D.O. FACOEP
Otto M. Sabando, D.O. FACOEP
Julie Sanicola-Johnson, D.O.
David Scheraga, D.O.
Jeremy Selley, D.O.
Victoria Selley, D.O.
Jane Sennett, D.O.
Martha Shadel, D.O., FACOEP
Judd Shelton
Duane Siberski, D.O. FACOEP
John Sillery, D.O.
Purabi Simon, D.O.
Bruce St. Amour, D.O.
Meghan Stahulak, D.O.
Murry B. Sturkie, D.O. FACOEP
Italo Subbarao, D.O.
Michael Summerfield, D.O.
Christopher Tana, D.O.
Ali Taqi, D.O., FACOEP
Addison Tarr, D.O.
Jeffrey Territo, D.O.
Timothy Thomas, D.O.
Christopher Thomas
Michael Todd, D.O. FACOEP
Charles Tolan, D.O.
Tai Tran, D.O.
Sherry Turner, D.O.
Timothy Vayder, D.O., FACOEP
Franklin Veer, D.O.
Stephen Vetrano, D.O., FACOEP
Eric Vinson, D.O.
Aimee Washington, D.O.
Elaine Lombardi Wilk, D.O. FACOEP
Maury Witkoff, D.O. FACOEP
Hans Wolslau, D.O.
Monica Yamada-Oklin, D.O.
Karen Youngdale, D.O.
Rahmon Zuckerman, D.O.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Gregory M. Christiansen, D.O., M.Ed, FACOEP, President of the ACOEP. He asked that the members recite the Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment prior to calling for a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2012 Membership Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes, as written, and a vote was held, and they were unanimously approved.

President's Report - Dr. Christiansen presented the membership with information on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and asked them to remain on the forefront of changes that will affect all medical practices. He stated that it is very important for emergency medicine to have physicians involved in advocacy and that it didn't require them to go to DO Day, but to visit their Congressmen when they were in their home districts when they could concentrate on issues of importance to them and the profession.

President-elect Report - Dr. Mitchell reported that with the changing environment in healthcare and the many unknown factors we are faced with, much effort and energy has been placed on following this on behalf of the ACOEP membership. The development of the memorandum of understanding between the AOA and ACGME is one that has potential to require changes in our Osteopathic Emergency Residency programs. We are working diligently to maintain communications to understand what this means and what the potential impact(s) will be.

He reported that EDPMA and ACOEP presented a response to CMS regarding the plan the design and development of a survey regarding patient experiences with emergency department care. We pointed out many of the issues with the existing survey tools and methodology. Our objective is to be a part of and give input to any system that may be developed to insure that it accurately reflects the experience in the emergency department.

Secretary's Report – Dr. Prestosh reported on the development of residency programs in emergency medicine and the interaction between AOA and ACOEP for inspections of these programs. Beginning in January 2013, the AOA initiated a process in which non-specialists will inspect all AOA postdoctoral training programs. All programs will be inspected on a five-year rotating schedule and all previous recommendations; unless there was an inability to recruit, will be on this schedule.

As of March 1, there are 1,129 resident positions in emergency medicine in 52 programs throughout the United States. Two proposed programs and an increase, if approved by the AOA, change that number to 54 and add 60 additional positions to the existing numbers. This decision will be made later in April by the AOA.

Treasurer's Report - Dr. Levy reported the College was approximately 16% below anticipated income and 39% below expense levels as of mid-March. These figures include most of the income from the Spring Seminar and almost none of the expenses incurred with this function on the College. Going forward, we expect about \$200,000 in expenses for the Spring Seminar and ongoing increases in most expense areas. Utilizing information from the past 5 fiscal years, the ACOEP has generally finished its fiscal years within 20-24% above expected income levels and the same percentage below budgeted expense levels.

Currently, ACOEP has no debt after paying down the remaining \$30,000 from bonds that were not performing or expiring in January. This has set our investments back slightly, but through utilization of these bonds this has allowed us to become debt free. We are currently being asked by the investment house to re-establish this line to facilitate the movement of cash back and for the between the College's investment and checking accounts.

Immediate Past President's Report – Dr. Brabson reported on his activity on the AOA's Bureau of Osteopathic Specialty Societies, on which he acts as the ACOEP's Liaison. At its last meeting AOA informed the members that the ACGME amalgamation is in no means finalized and more meetings will take place during the ensuing months and be finalized by July – hopefully.

Dr. Brabson also represented the College at the EMAF meetings in December and February. He supplied information to the Board on issues that the group has been advocating for and asked if anyone had any questions they should contact him or the group directly.

Resident Chapter President – Dr. Megan McGrew Koenig presented an update of the Resident Chapter activities since the fall. She informed the membership of the development of the joint publication of Student and Resident Chapters, called the Fast Track. This publication will be a virtual publication available through the website.

The Chapter will be facilitating a Leadership Forum called the "Chief's College" as in Chief Residents. This group will allow the Chapter to focus on leaders identified by their peers who may be future leaders in their profession. The emphasis of this program will be the development of a leadership skill set that will be brought back to the individual programs and, hopefully, build leadership within them.

The Chapter, with the assistance of the staff of the ACOEP will be soliciting donations and information to support a welcome packet for each newly matriculating resident in an emergency medicine program. This will be sent to the residents during the first part of the ir program.

Student Chapter Report – Ashley Guthrie, Student Chapter President, presented her report informing the Membership that there were 106 registered participants in the Student Program which began early Thursday morning and will continue through approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Student Dr. Guthrie reported that the Students are currently developing a "Student Survival Guide" and hope to have it placed on their website shortly. Podcasts have been posted with regularity and proved to be very well-received. However, the Chapter wants to develop a more uniform format to ensure quality and consistency. The Chapter, with ECI's support, has launched a Leadership Academy which has 40 participants with eight mentors participating in it.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Wachtler reported that as of January 31, 2013 the major construction/reconstruction of the office was completed. This expansion has allowed us to prepare for and secure needed space for expected growth between now and 2017.

Like Dr. Christiansen, she urged members to become active not only in advocating for healthcare but in carrying the banner for the ACOEP. They can do this by enrolling in Committees for the ACOEP and in involvement on their state levels to become potential Delegates at the AOA's House of Delegates. Often our voice goes unheard, because we are under-represented at this body.

Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine – Dr. Acosta announced the Foundation elected Sherry Turner, D.O. as the new President, Peter Kaplan, Vice President, William Lynch, Jr., Secretary and Douglas P. Webster, D.O., FACOEP-D, Treasurer as its new officers.

He reported the Foundation has developed the **FOEM Research Network (FRN)** to provide a database for funding sources of data collected from AOA-accredited residency programs as pharmaceutical research sites. To date it has approximately 50% of the accredited programs as site members.

American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM) – Dr. Donald Phillips, AOBEM Secretary reported on the Formal Recertification Exam (FRCE) a required part the maintenance of certification process for each certified physician's. Additionally, he announced that emergency medicine physicians could sit for a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Critical Care by applying through American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM). This test is available to anyone who participated in a two-year Fellowship in critical care. The AOBEM is currently negotiating with the boards of surgery and anesthesiology that also have separate CAQ's in critical care to determine if emergency physicians would be considered under their individual categories and certification.

As required by the CMS, physicians will need to register for PQRS (Physician Quality Reporting System) before the end of the calendar year of 2013. This will require physicians to complete an online form verifying their participation in some type of self-assessment. This will be required of all physicians as part of the continuous certification requirements.

Part of the Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) process is Practice Performance Assessment and Improvement (PPI). The AOBEM has developed a process in which the certified physician will need to complete two projects over the course of the 10 year certification period. They have developed an article on this process and will place it out for distribution to the ACOEP Membership.

Dr. Christiansen thanked all the groups presenting reports and thanked the membership for their continuing support. He asked if there were any questions and hearing none, entertained a motion to adjourn. This motion was made and duly seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John C. Prestosh, D.O., FACOEP
Secretary