

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona
April 25, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present:

Juan F. Acosta, D.O., MS, FACOEP-D
Michael Allswede, D.O.
Michael Applewhite, D.O., FACOEP
Victor Aramayo, D.O.
Alwin Arendse, D.O.
Brian Ault, D.O.
Jennifer Axelband, D.O., FACOEP
Jeremy Barnes, D.O.
Thomas J. Bell, D.O.
Timothy Bikman
David E. Blanchard, D.O., FACOEP
Janice M. Blau, D.O.
Gary Bonfante, D.O., FACOEP
Joshua Bozek, D.O.
Michael Steve Brandon, D.O.
April Brill, D.O., FACOEP
Jeffrey D. Butler, D.O., FACOEP
Lynn A. Campbell, D.O.
Julia Casner, D.O.
Barbara Celestina, D.O., FACOEP
Jack Chambers, D.O., FACOEP
Michael James Chapman, D.O.
James P. Chiavaras, D.O., FACOEP
G. Christiansen, D.O., MEd, FACOEP-D
Ronald S. Cohen, D.O.
Adam Colombo, D.O.
Jeffrey W. Couturier, D.O., FACOEP
Colin Croshaw, D.O.
Stephanie D'Agostino, D.O.
Jack F. David, D.O., FACOEP
Stephanie L. Davis, D.O., FACOEP
Mae Faye De La Calzada, D.O.
Brian Scott Dean, D.O.
Robert G. Dinwoodie, D.O., MBA, FACOEP

Anita W. Eisenhart, D.O., FACOEP
John E. Everett, D.O.
Deborah M. Fernon, D.O.
Jack B. Field, D.O.
Jon Finch, D.O.
Donald Findlay, D.O.
Marie R. Fleury, D.O.
Kevin T. Franks, D.O.
Kaitlin M. Fries
Denzil K. Frost, D.O.
Mitchel M. Garfield, D.O., FACOEP
Charles Phillip Garriott, D.O.
Brent J. Gear, D.O., FACOEP
Christine Giesa, D.O., FACOEP-D
Giles Gifford
Benjamin R. Godfrey, D.O.
Edward E. Goetten, D.O.
David Goff, D.O.
Christine Goss, D.O.
Thomas E. Green, D.O.
Brian Greenberg, D.O.
Stephen R. Grider D.O., FACEP, FACOEP
Ashley Guthrie, D.O.
Michael Guttenberg, D.O., FACOEP
Regina Hammock, D.O.
Mary Katherine Harper, D.O.
John Havlick, D.O.
Mary C. Hendricks, D.O.
Robert A. Holm, D.O.
Chad Timothy Holmes, D.O.
Joanne Hullings D.O., FACOEP
Alfred C. Husen, D.O.
Karen S. Jiles, D.O.
Kevin R. Johnson, D.O.

Samuel N. F. Johnson, D.O.,
 Grace Dizon Retiro Jones, D.O.
 George M. Kaiser, D.O., FACOEP
 Randy Kellenberger, D.O., FACOEP, CPA
 Sara Elizabeth Kelly, D.O.
 Howard D. Kessler, D.O., FACOEP
 Kelly Klocek, D.O.
 Patrick Klocek, D.O.
 Judith M. Knoll, D.O., FACOEP
 Drew A. Koch, D.O., FACOEP-D
 Megan McGrew Koenig D.O., MBA, MS
 Katarzyna Koscielna, D.O.
 Brian Kostuk, D.O.
 Rajesh S. Kothari, D.O., FACOEP
 Gary Lai, D.O.
 Paula C. Lange, D.O., FACOEP
 David A. Larkin, D.O., FACOEP
 Teddy Lee, D.O., FACOEP
 Lionel Lee, D.O.,
 Joseph C. Lee, D.O.,
 Jaime C. Lent D.O., FACEP
 David L. Levy, D.O., FACOEP
 Tucker Evan Lienhop, D.O.
 Beth A. Longenecker, D.O., FACOEP
 Jeremy Lott, D.O.
 Peter Lunny, D.O.
 Ralynne Elizabeth Maitland, D.O.
 Marc Mancinelli, D.O.
 Annette M. Mann, D.O., FACOEP
 Ronald L. McAdam, D.O.
 Cathleen McGovern, D.O., FACOEP
 Christopher McIntosh, D.O.
 Charles McIntosh, D.O., FACOEP
 Donald Meade, D.O.
 Cory W. Meeder, D.O.
 Jon S. Mettert, D.O.
 Cameron M. Meyer
 Stephen D. Mifsud, D.O., FACOEP
 Mark A. Mitchell, D.O., FACOEP
 Anthony Murino, D.O.
 Deborah Murray, D.O.
 Kevin P. Neenan, D.O.
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Daniel E. Oberdick, D.O., FACOEP
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 Arnold Schiller, D.O.
 Scott H. Schleifer, D.O.
 Valerie Ann Schmidt, D.O.
 Jane Sennett, D.O., FACOEP
 Martha Shadel, D.O., FACOEP
 Duane Siberski, D.O., FACOEP
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 Trent William Smith, D.O.
 Carly Marie Snyder, D.O.
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 Scott A. Thomas, D.O., FACOEP
 Lindsay Tjiattas-Saleski, D.O.
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 Danielle K. Turrin, D.O.
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Stephen J. Vetrano, D.O., FACOEP
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The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by the President, Mark A. Mitchell, D.O., FACOEP who asked those assembled to stand and repeat the Osteopathic Oath with him. At this time he entertained a motion to approve the Minutes, as written. There was one amendment and the name of Thomas E. Green, D.O., FACOEP was added as an attendee. The motion as amended was seconded and a vote was taken to approve these Minutes, as amended.

At this time, Dr. Mitchell welcomed Adrienne White-Faines, the CEO and Executive Director of the American Osteopathic Association. Mrs. White-Faines thanked the members for welcoming her to this meeting and explained that Dr. Norman Vinn, MBA, AOA President was unable to attend because he was attending a meeting of the ACGME. She informed those gathered that the AOA had approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) that will create a Single Pathway for medical education in the US and Canada by June 30, 2020.

She stated that with this agreement the students graduating from osteopathic colleges of medicine will have the ability to be placed in accredited programs. There will continue to be an osteopathic component in the programs with osteopathic emphasis which will be able to take both osteopathic and allopathic graduates. Specialty colleges like ACOEP will have a seat on the Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the ACGME so that our voice will be heard.

Mrs. Faines-White stated that all this should be finalized at the House of Delegates in July and that the AOA will continue to have a voice in GME accreditation and will represent osteopathic interests on the ACGME.

Dr. Mitchell asked if there were any questions, and a member asked about program director credentialing. Mrs. White-Faines stated that this is being worked out on a specialty-by-specialty basis and will be finalized by the 7/1/2015 deadline.

Dr. Mitchell thanked Mrs. White-Faines for addressing our membership and introduced Anthony Ottiviani, D.O., President of American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF). Dr. Ottiviani stated that the AOF supports all specialty areas and programs with research grants, conducts medical missions and provides scholarships to students and residents. It is currently celebrating its 65th anniversary. At this time, the AOF Executive Director, Stephen Downey, showed a brief video on the programs offered by the American Osteopathic Foundation.

Dr. Mitchell thanked Dr. Ottiviani and Mr. Downey and thanked them for the great work being done by the AOF.

President's Report – Dr. Mitchell welcomed and thanked the members for their attendance at this meeting. He addressed the audience stating that the osteopathic profession needs to transition to meet the needs of the students and young physicians in training now. While the Single Pathway opens opportunity for students and residents to see what's out there, the ACOEP has to remain the osteopathic home for our emergency medicine residents, physicians and students.

To achieve this, the ACOEP will need to change. We will need to challenge our committees to develop to bring online CME to members, not currently available to attend our meetings. We also have to educate our members on who ACOEP and how we work for them. And to do that we need engagement by our members.

He stated that the ACOEP Board has never lost its vision of where we are going and what changes we need to make to expand our functions and services to our membership and the emergency medicine community. And we are changing.

Several years ago we challenged our members to become involved in the committees and on the Board of the College. We cannot afford to let our elections be a popularity contest to see who can win an election – no – we need to have diverse board not only embracing different ethnicities and sexes but who embrace and bring new ideas to the Board. We can't do this if we don't know that you're interested in working with the Board or running for office. The nomination process is open and anyone seeking a nomination needs to just send his or her CV, picture and a letter of introduction telling us why you think you can serve on the Board. We just need you to engage.

You can become involved in committees, involved in governance, or as mentors. We just need to know who you are. This year we had about 20 people apply for committee positions – all twenty were accepted and place on a committee of their choice. We cannot always accommodate your first choice, but once you are involved you can change committees as you grow professionally in the College.

At this time he asked to go off the record.

President-elect Report - Dr. John "Chuck" Prestosh addressed the membership and thanked them for their support. He reported that both he and Dr. Mitchell attended to AOA Midyear Meeting at which the agreement on the MOU was announced. While this caused concern among the specialty groups and especially the program directors, the ACOEP Executive Committee members have been able to meet face-to-face with AOA decision-makers and have provided them with our feedback about the equivalency of our certification process. However, because this is a fluid situation, no one will know anything formal until July.

He stated that since his election as President-elect he was able to represent the College at DO Day on the Hill and visited the Emergency Medicine Clubs at PCOM and Rocky Vista. He expressed his pride in the students who welcome input from the ACOEP members and staff.

Secretary's Report – Dr. David Levy informed the membership that the ACOEP will have a new 'user-friendly' member database in place at the beginning of June. This new database will allow for more functionality and will allow members to vote when they pay dues and to more easily track attendance at membership meetings, committee appointments and such to provide a much more fully rounded view of your membership in the ACOEP.

Likewise, since last November, the ACOEP has debuted a newly revised member website. This has allowed ACOEP staff a better ability to update and add information more easily and quickly.

We have made a liaison member of the Practice Management Committee at ACEP and we will be sharing a database of policies rather than creating our own documents. During the summer, the Executive Board will be developing revised position descriptions for the Board of the ACOEP, developing and revising our orientation and Board manuals for easier use by those on the Board.

Treasurer's Report – Dr. Mark Rosenberg, reported that the fiscal year-end audit went well however our assets did decrease by approximately \$37,903 during the year. The loss of revenue was caused by a lower attendance at the Scientific Assembly in Denver and a lower attendance at the Intense Review. As such we are holding this year's expenses in tow and as of March 31, 2014, the budget has shown a 54% growth in Net Income and Net Expenses have dropped by 5.5%. This has primarily been the result of the ACOEP staff doing work that was previously outsourced and their taking on other roles to maintain costs.

Immediate Past President – Dr. Gregory Christiansen reported that as part of his position he gets to represent ACOEP at the Emergency Medicine Action Fund (EMAF) an advocacy group representing all the emergency medicine groups. At its recent meeting industry leaders focused on two items of specific interest to the ACOEP – rural access to emergency care and the inconsistency of the emergency medicine numbers assigned to Medicare / Medicaid by the Department of Social Services. These issues will be addressed more completely in future editions of The Pulse.

Dr. Christiansen also stated that the nominations process for the Board and for the College's major awards have been reviewed and will be announced in the July issue of The Pulse and on the website. He also encouraged members to be sure to participate in the nominations processes of the College, which will be added to the website shortly.

As the Board Liaison to the Committee on Graduate Medical Education, Dr. Christiansen reported the diligence with which the Committee has been working to ensure that should the

Single Pathway be adopted the emergency medicine transition should go smoothly. The Committee has worked for years to ensure that our programs were on par with our allopathic counterparts to ensure the quality of the physicians we graduate from these programs.

Executive Director – Ms. Wachtler thanked the membership and the Board for standing by her as she recovered from her recent illness. She thanked the many members who sent cards, emails and texts to her during her illness to check up on her. She also thanked her staff, without whom, the ACOEP would not have continued to make progress during her absence. She asked the audience to stand up and acknowledge those staff members present and the ones who were tending the office in Chicago. She acknowledged the following staff: Tom Baxter, Lorelei Crabb, Andrea Jerabek, Kristen Kennedy, Adam Levy, Geri Phifer, Jaclyn Ronovsky, Gina Schmidt, Erin Sernoffsky, Sonya Stephens, and Stephanie Whitmer.

Ms. Wachtler reported that staff changes have been made over the winter and that existing staff has picked up some of the tasks assigned to the former employee. She stated that since November the website has continued to mature and change and will continue to grow and be updated on a regular basis. Additionally she encouraged the members to participate in member surveys that will assist the College to understand the needs of the members when formulating future CME programs.

Student Chapter - Kaitlin Fries, National Student President, presented the report of the activities of the Student Chapter. She stated that the format of the lectures has changed to mimic the rapid-fire, shorter lecture format that keeps the participants more involved. She also reported that the Student Chapter has been participating with their Resident counterparts in contributing to The Fast Track on a quarterly basis.

Student Dr. Fries stated that the communications between the National Chapter and the Local Chapters continues to occur on a quarterly basis as well as monthly e-blasts from the Central Office to keep members informed and updated. Additionally, the Student lectures are recorded and available to students via podcasts from their Facebook account.

To prepare students for their role in research on a residency level, all chapters have been encouraged to begin doing journal club at their local sites to prepare them for the requirements for residency training.

The National Chapter has been working to develop standards for local chapters to develop continuity between the chapters. These standards will be put into effect in the 2014-15 academic year and will require a report from the local chapter recording its activities which will be assigned a point value. The goal will be to encourage quality educational activity and promote service with their communities while encouraging students to participate nationally.

She announced the establishment of three new local chapters at Campbell University, School of Osteopathic Medicine (NC), Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (AL), and Western University, College of Osteopathic Medicine - Northwest (OR).

Finally, Student Dr. Fries announced the final approval of the Student Chapter Bylaws and thanked the office and Board for the assistance that was provided to them this past year.

Resident Chapter – M. Steven Brandon, D.O., the National Resident President presented his report by illustrating the new projects that have been developed by the Resident Chapter. One of the incentives has been the redevelopment of the Resident conferences which now contain a larger selection of activities which have been shortened to provide the ability to have a faster turnaround of topics. Additionally the Chapter has introduced labs into their format to increase skills for resident-attendees.

The Resident publication, The Fast Track has taken off and the content and editing have increased its reader satisfaction. The publication, which has one theme for each quarterly issue has been an attractive feature. All past edition are available on the ACOEP-RC website.

The Chapter will again provide an orientation/welcome packet to new residents to introduce these new physicians to emergency medicine, ACOEP and the Resident Chapter. Begun last year, this was an overwhelming success.

The Chapter's one over-riding goal for this year is to increase its online presence to do this they have improved their Facebook and Twitter use and have hosted contests online with giveaways to great success.

Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine - Sherry Turner, D.O., FACOEP, President of the Foundation presented its report to the Membership. Dr. Turner stated that in the last four calendar years (2010 – 2013), Foundation has been able to go from a group solely supported by the ACOEP to an independent arm of the College by increasing its net income over 100% during this time. Sponsorship has gone from less than \$30,000 annually to over \$75,000 annually and donations have increased from \$25,000 annually to almost \$80,000 annually. This has been done by the Foundation Board and members of the ACOEP believing in the mission of the Foundation.

During this time, the Foundation has worked to develop research evaluation to residents, and now has more events that provide credible research projects to the members of ACOEP and attendees at meetings. The Foundation has also incorporated two very successful events to add to its fundraising goals; the Legacy Gala and the 5K Run for Research.

At this time, Dr. Turner segued into announcing the winners for the 5K held on Wednesday morning. The winners were (for the Men) Peter Lundy, D.O. (1st Place), James Hensel, D.O. (2nd

Place), and Timothy Bickman (3rd Place). The winning women participants were Danielle Cross, D.O. (1st Place), Stacy Kendall, D.O. (2nd Place), and Anjali Patel (3rd Place).

The Case Study Winners for 2014 were: First Place, Karan Parmar, D.O. (St. Barnabas Hospital), Second Place, Christine Goss, D.O. (Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center), and Third Place, Joshua Barr, D.O. (Arrowhead Regional Medical Center). Dr. Turner also thanked the judges for the events: Michael Allswede, D.O., Dale Carrison, D.O., Elizabeth May, D.O., John Seagraves, D.O., and Shelly Zimmerman.

As her final item of business, Dr. Turner announced that there was some change on the Foundation Board. Dr. Douglas Webster has stepped off the Board because of business conflicts and two new members have been elected to fill his one-year position and a position that has been empty and was newly funded. The new members are Aimee Washington Blogovich, D.O., and Shelly Zimmerman, D.O.

American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine – Dr. Donald Phillips, the Executive Director of the Board presented the Board’s report. He informed the members that the AOBEM has now joined the CAQ for Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine as part of the conjoint board certification process. Additionally AOBEM diplomates who have obtained fellowship training in critical care medicine may now sit for the critical care medicine CAQ under the jurisdiction of the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery.

Dr. Phillips informed members that there has been an error on the AOBEM’s web for several years in which diplomates were informed that they needed fewer CME hours than required by ACOEP and AOBEM. This link to AOA’s CME Department did not list the specific requirements for all specialties and listed only generic requirements. This has now been changed; however, during the period that this error was listed the diplomates applying for recertification will not be penalized. The correct number of CME credits is 150 over a three year period with 50 of those hours being specifically in emergency medicine.

The AOBEM has once again been an exhibitor at the ACOEP’s Spring Seminar and staff will be there to assist anyone needing assistance.

Dr. Phillips stated that the AOBEM will now be visiting residency programs to inform residents about osteopathic certification and it has hopes to visit every program at least once in a three-year period. Additionally, he asked that anyone seeking to be an examiner should contact the AOBEM and they will gladly assist the physician to fulfill these positions. Interested physicians will need to be certified for a minimum of three years, and include a current CV, a letter of recommendation from the department chair, program director (if core faculty), an AOBEM member or other recognized leader to him at the AOBEM office.

At this time, Dr. Mitchell opened the floor for questions and other announcements.

Dr. Michael Allswede announced that the Foundation and ACOEP have jointly sponsored a faculty development track at the upcoming Scientific Assembly. It will be a full-day track on Tuesday of the Convention week and its purpose is to build skills of core faculty and physicians seeking faculty positions as program faculty and researchers.

One question was directed to the Board regarding the impact of the CMS patient satisfaction survey for reimbursement amounts. The Board stated the reimbursement is a big issue that the ACOEP is advocating for and the development of reimbursement mechanisms that make sense and are beneficial for all emergency physicians.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Dr. Mitchell entertained a motion for adjournment of the membership until Sunday, October 12th at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. Hearing a motion that was duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Levy, D.O., FACOEP
Secretary