

**American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians**  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort**  
**Scottsdale, Arizona**  
**April 20, 2001**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

John C. Agee, D.O.	James S. Distefano, D.O.	Drew A. Koch, D.O.
Kevin J. Aister, D.O.	Arthur Dortort, D.O.	Timothy C. Koch, D.O.
Paul J. Allegretti, D.O.	Michael Q. Doyle, D.O.	Shahrokh Kohanim, D.O.
David L. Allen, D.O.	Michael C. Eastman, D.O.	William Kokx, D.O.
Victoria C. Allison, D.O.	Anita Eisenhart, D.O.	Andrew Kolp, D.O.
Robert D. Aranosian, D.O.	Alexandra Ely, D.O.	David Kornhaven, D.O.
Dale C. Askins, D.O.	Jeffrey C. Evans, D.O.	Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O.
Stephen Backman, D.O.	Robert J. Faflik, D.O.	Christ Kyriakedes, D.O.
Mary Jane Baladad, D.O.	James P. Farinosi, D.O.	Sheera Lall, D.O.
Levente G. Batizy, D.O.	Harold Feiler, D.O.	Nicole Lang, D.O.
Juliana Batizy-Morley, D.O.	Benjamin A. Field, D.O.	Paula C. Lange, D.O.
John W. Becher, D.O.	Charles A. Finch, D.O.	Teddy Lee, D.O.
Darryl Beehler, D.O.	Frank P. Flores, D.O.	Johanna R. Leuchter, D.O.
Peter A. Bell, D.O.	Mitchel M. Garfield, D.O.	Stephen Lewis, D.O.
Frank J. Benes, D.O.	Christine F. Giesa, D.O.	Kevin Loeb, D.O.
Donald G. Beyer, D.O.	Burton J. Glazier, D.O.	Beth A. Longenecker, D.O.
Mark d. Beyer, D.O.	Eric Gloss, D.O.	Anthony Mangiaracina, D.O.
Tapan Bhatt, D.O.	Edward E. Goetten, D.O.	Eric D. Mann, D.O.
Janice Blau, D.O.	Stephen R. Grider, D.O.	Brett Marcotte, D.O.
Gary Bonfante, D.O.	Raymond K. Griffith, D.O.	Scott Marinelli, D.O.
James M. Bonner, D.O.	Tim Haley, D.O.	Donald F. Massey, D.O.
Thomas Brabson, D.O.	Marion Hardy, D.O.	James T. Massimilian, D.O.
Billy R. Bryan, D.O.	James Hildebrandt, D.O.	John A. Massimilian, D.O.
Denise M. Buruse, D.O.	Douglas M. Hill, D.O.	Susan M. Mastellone, D.O.
Kenneth Byerly, D.O.	Susan Hinchliffe, D.O.	Robert Mathews, D.O.
Samuel C. Carino, D.O.	Michael J. Hoh, D.O.	Gerald W. McClallen, D.O.
Michael B. Carney, D.O.	Timothy M. Holt, D.O.	Martin McDonald, D.O.
Barbara A. Celestina, D.O.	David W. Homer, D.O.	Douglas McGee, D.O.
Charles Celestina, D.O.	Andrea E. Horvath, D.O.	Cathleen McGovern, D.O.
Fang C. Chiang, D.O.	Ben Huang, D.O.	Charles K. McIntosh, D.O.
James P. Chiavaaras, D.O.	Andrew Hughes, D.O.	Jacklyn McParlane, D.O.
A. Dale Chisum, D.O.	Raymond G. Hughes, D.O.	Mark A. Mitchell, D.O.
Ben H. Chlapek, D.O.	Christopher W. Jackson, D.O.	E. Scott Morrison, D.O.
Gregory Christiansen, D.O.	Joseph R. James, D.O.	Tonya Mulloy, D.O.
James M. Clark, D.O.	Anthony W. Jennings, D.O.	Mark C. Netzel, D.O.
Thomas Cliatt, D.O.	Samuel Johnson, D.O.	Barbara Nichols, D.O.
Douglas Coffman, D.O.	Steven N. Johnson, D.O.	Christopher Nichols, D.O.
Ronald S. Cohen, D.O.	Wayne T. Jones, D.O.	Thomas O'Hare, D.O.
Duane Corsi, D.O.	George M. Kaiser, D.O.	Robert Ormanoski, D.O.
John H. Coyle, D.O.	Randy Kellenberger, D.O.	George Palmer, D.O.
KellyAnn Cullen, D.O.	Raymond P. Kelly, D.O.	Kristyna Paradis, D.O.
Jack F. David, D.O.	Kim Kemerer, D.O.	Diane M. Paratore, D.O.
Brett L. Davis, D.O.	Howard D. Kessler, D.O.	Malsuk Park, D.O.
Steven L. Decker, D.O.	Tamara Kile, D.O.	
Scott E. Dellinger, D.O.	Darrel Killebrew, D.O.	
Douglas P. Dero, D.O.	Young Kim, D.O.	

Susan Payson, D.O.  
Jon-Pierre Pazevic, D.O.  
Mark Persin, D.O.  
Mark Peterson, D.O.  
Amy Poholski, D.O.  
David S. Porter, D.O.  
Christopher M. Posey, D.O.  
John C. Prestosh, D.O.  
Jeffrey C. Proudfoot, D.O.  
Abdulrahman Qabazard, D.O.  
Adulrahman Raja, D.O.  
Kim Munster Reaume, D.O.  
Dennis Reavis, D.O.  
Michael J. Reihart, D.O.  
Jody Rein, D.O.  
Ronald Rhule, D.O.  
Karen H. Rickert, D.O.  
Megan E. Riley, D.O.  
Brian J. Robb, D.O.  
Angel Ronda, D.O.

Timothy Ryan, D.O.  
Richard A. Saalborn, D.O.  
Fred E. Sabol, D.O.  
Scott Schleifer, D.O.  
Philip Schumacher, D.O.  
Sandra Schwemmer, D.O.  
Edward M. Sciuлло, D.O.  
Monte Sellers, D.O.  
Marty Shadel, D.O.  
Neena Shah, D.O.  
Scott Shisler, D.O.  
M. Lee Shriner, D.O.  
Lori Lee Siemon, D.O.  
Duane D. Siferski, D.O.  
Sophie Simeakis-Borrelli, D.O.  
Theodore A. Spevack, D.O.  
Larry J. Stalsonburg, D.O.  
Joseph W. Stella, D.O.  
Mark John Stone, D.O.  
Murry B. Sturkie, D.O.

Glenn F. Suacillo, D.O.  
Brian Sweeney, D.O.  
Lisa Ting Toerne, D.O.  
Paul A. Traficanti, D.O.  
Jeffrey C. Umfleet, D.O.  
John L. Urbanek, D.O.  
David a. Wald, D.O.  
Pamela A. C. Walters, D.O.  
Michael P. Ward, D.O.  
David H. Ward, D.O.  
Paul E. Weathers, D.O.  
Douglas P. Webster, D.O.  
Thomas Westenberger, D.O.  
Bruce S. Whitman, D.O.  
Brian K. Wiboon, D.O.  
Steven L. Williams, D.O.  
Paula J. Willoughby, D.O.  
John Winter, D.O.  
Jennifer A. Yorke, D.O.  
Rahmon Zuckerman, D.O.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., FACOEP at 12:30 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the October 30, 2000 meeting, as written.

### Officer Reports

**President's Report.** Dr. Kuchinski presented his report as written. His report covered the first six months of his presidency. He reported on changes in the Administrative Aspects course which was piloted in January 2001 and the concerns voiced by participants at this course concerning the hotel room costs. He also urged members to utilize the college-endorsed travel agency to extend travel benefits to the programs.

**President-elect's Report.** Dr. Scali presented his report as written. His report covered the first six months in office. His report stressed that the College is no longer a small group of physicians working in community hospitals. He stressed that many of our physicians are now in leadership positions in those hospitals and can shape the involvement of that hospital in the now-forming consortium for research. He urged that members get involved in the research consortium and the Foundation.

**Secretary's Report.** Dr. Willoughby's report was presented as written. Her report covered her first six months in office as Secretary. She asked members for feedback in the reporting method of the College and gave a brief summary of her involvement as Liaison to the AOBEM and her work with the Student Chapter of the College.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dr. McGee reported that the ACOEP's interim financial report shows that even though the projected income for the Intense Review and the Spring Seminar, projected spending has been less than planned. Therefore, it appears that the College is within its budget for the fiscal year of 2000-01.

**Executive Director.** Ms. Wachtler gave her report as written. Her report covered the activities of the ACOEP office as well as a breakdown of membership statistics.

### Reports of Affiliated Organizations

**Resident Chapter Report.** The report of the Resident Chapter was presented as written.

**Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine.** Ms. Wachtler presented the report of the Foundation as written. She announced that the Grant Handbook is now completed and available to members and will be submitted to hospitals shortly. She thanked Dr. Pazevic for his work in obtaining grants for the Foundation and announced that there is currently working on the formation of a golf committee to assume the responsibility for producing a golf tournament to accompany the Spring Seminar in 2002.

### **Liaison Reports**

**National Association of EMS Physicians.** Dr. Becher's report on his liaison activities with the NAEMSP was presented as written.

**American College of Emergency Physicians.** Dr. Hill presented his report as written. His report reviewed ACEP's activities as to the Patient's Bill of Rights; Medicare Education and Regulatory Fairness Act of 2001; Office of Inspector General, EMTALA, Ambulance Equipment Guidelines and Ambulance Diversions; ultrasonography in the ED, New Core Content; EMS Week, and residency visits.

**American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine.** Dr. Field presented the AOBEM's report. He informed the Members that there are currently 1034 certified emergency physicians. He also reported that there are significantly fewer non-residency trained physicians taking in the examination. The CAQ examination in toxicology was given in February. However, they are currently waiting for validation of the examination. He stated that the results of the examinations given in 2000 will be sent to the Board following this meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

**CPT Coding.** Dr. Calabro's report on the activities of the C-RAP Committee was presented as written.

**Education Committees - Undergraduate Medical Education.** The Committee report was presented as written. The Committee urged that the Student Guide be placed on the website as soon as possible as well as the announcement for the paper competition.

**Education Committees - Continuing Medical Education.** Dr. Parrillo presented the Committee's report as written. His report covered all of the actions of the subcommittees. He further reported that an informal survey of participants and reported that they do not wish to change the location or venue of the seminar.

**Governmental Affairs.** Dr. Kuchinski presented this report as written. He emphasized the work of AOA's Washington Office Staff and the results of the GOAL program.

**Practice Management.** Dr. Staffin presented the report as written. This report reviewed the practice management policy being considered for passage by the members on Emergency Department Telephone Advice. At this time the Membership was asked to vote on this policy:

A motion was made and seconded that the policy on Emergency Telephone Advice be approved:

### **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE ADVICE**

The public often views the emergency department as a source of medical information.

It is recognized that despite the inadequacies in the appropriate evaluation of patients via a telephone, the expectations of the public continue to exist in regards to the availability of medical information from the emergency department via telephone.

It is the recommendation of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians that emergency physicians do not provide routine medical advice via the telephone.

When hospitals decide to provide telephone medical advice, the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians recommends to its members the following:

- a. Individuals describing potential life or limb threatening emergencies should be instructed to call 9-1-1 or seek emergency care.
- b. Hospitals that choose to serve as a medical advice line should ensure the following:
  - i. Individuals providing the service should receive training specific to the service provided.
  - ii. Individuals providing the service should be covered with appropriate malpractice insurance
  - iii. Assessment and treatment should follow algorithms that conform to recognized practice standards of emergency medicine.
  - iv. complete documentation of each call.
  - v. A CQI process should be in place.
  - vi. Emergency Departments should have formalized procedures on how medical advice via the telephone is provided.

**Publications.** Dr. Koch presented the Committee's report as written. Dr. Koch reported on the content of the College's publication, website content and layout, photography, and advertising.

There being no further business, the Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by the President, Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., FACOEP.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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