

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Marriott Hotel and Marina
San Diego, California
October 21, 2001

MINUTES

Attendance:

Anthony Affatato, D.O.	Jack B. Field, D.O.	William Kokx, D.O.
Sean Al-Salman, D.O.	Charles A. Finch, D.O.	Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O.
Lance F. Allgower, D.O.	James M. Fitzgerald, D.O.	Jay Kugler, D.O.
Victoria C. Allison, D.O.	Kenneth K. Doroski, D.O.	Christ Kyriakedes, D.O.
Leonardo Altamirano, D.O.	Joseph Dougherty, D.O.	David M. Lang, D.O.
Larry J. Anderson, D.O.	William R. Downs, D.O.	John Larsen, D.O.
Adam A. Ankrum, D.O.	Michael Q. Doyle, D.O.	Kevin J. Loeb, D.O.
Robert D. Aranosian, D.O.	Paul Dubiel, D.O.	Freda Lozanoff, D.O.
Harry M. Arters, D.O.	Martin Dunsky, D.O.	John R. Lucas, D.O.
Mary Lynn Arvanitis, D.O.	Anita W. Eisenhart, D.O.	Ned A. Magen, D.O.
Levente G. Batizy, D.O.	James C. Eutzler, D.O.	Neil Markus, D.O.
Julianna Batizy-Morley, D.O.	Debra A. Hebert, D.O.	Paul G. Martin, D.O.
Gary R. Beasley, D.O.	Joseph J. Heck, D.O.	Paul Mastrokyriakos, D.O.
John W. Becher, D.O.	R. Steven Hemby, D.O.	Robert Mathews, D.O.
Darryl Beehler, D.O.	John Herrick, D.O.	Michael D. Matthews, D.O.
Peter A. Bell, D.O.	James R. Hildebrandt, D.O.	Mary L. Mazza, D.O.
Thomas M. Bell, D.O.	Douglas M. Hill, D.O.	Marty D. McBee, D.O.
Donald G. Beyer, D.O.	J. Gregory Frappier, D.O.	William E. McConnell, D.O.
Tapan R. Bhatt, D.O.	William R. Fraser, D.O.	Douglas McGee, D.O.
Robert M. Biernbaum, D.O.	Gregory R. Fuller, D.O.	Cathleen McGovern, D.O.
Brad A. Blaker, D.O.	Frank D. Gabrin, D.O.	Robert B. McManus, D.O.
Brian S. Blaustein, D.O.	Timothy D. Genetta, D.O.	James L. McMullen, D.O.
Gregory P. Bloxdorf, D.O.	Christina Giacomini, D.O.	Thomas F. Minahan, D.O.
Gary Bonfante, D.O.	Mark E. Giacomini, D.O.	Mark A. Mitchell, D.O.
Thomas Brabson, D.O.	Brett S. Greenfield, D.O.	Cecil A. Moore, D.O.
Bernadette P. Brandon, D.O.	Jeffrey D. Greenlee, D.O.	Michael A. Morgenstern, D.O.
Todd Britt, D.O.	Raymond K. Griffith, D.O.	E. Scott Morrison, D.O.
Howard Brown, D.O.	James R. Giesen, D.O.	Housam Moursi, D.O.
Annette M. Brunetti, D.O.	Richard C. Giovannini, D.O.	Terrence Mulligan, D.O.
Steven Burholz, D.O.	Keischa L. Glenn, D.O.	Michael T. Murphy, D.O.
Denise M. Buruse, D.O.	Alan R. Goodrich, D.O.	Barbara Nichols, D.O.
Joseph J. Calabro, D.O.	John W. Graneto, D.O.	Christopher K. Nichols, D.O.
Samuel C. Carino, D.O.	E. Rodrigo Guzman, D.O.	Thomas O'Hare, D.O.
David Castle, D.O.	Richard Haering, D.O.	Joseph Obebe, D.O.
Barbara A. Celestina, D.O.	David W. Hale, D.O.	Erling Oksenholt, D.O.
Fang-Chin Chiang, D.O.	Ben Huang, D.O.	Daniel J. Olsson, D.O.
A. Dale Chisum, D.O.	Joseph C. Hummel, D.O.	Michael H. Oster, D.O.
Ben H. Chlapek, D.O.	George E. Hutchins, D.O.	George E. Palmer, D.O.
Gregory M. Christiansen, D.O.	Rebecca Isackson, D.O.	Steven J. Parrillo, D.O.
Ronald S. Cohen, D.O.	Alan Itzkowitz, D.O.	Dana F. Parsons, D.O.
Grant D. Connick, D.O.	Alan R. Janssen, D.O.	Jon-Pierre Pazevic, D.O.
Francis A. Cortez, D.O.	Anthony W. Jennings, D.O.	A. Steven Pecora, D.O.
John H. Coyle, D.O.	Steven A. Johnson, D.O.	Kimberly Perry, D.O.
Mark A. Cynar, D.O.	D. Gregory Jones, D.O.	Donald G. Phillips, D.O.
Jack F. David, D.O.	B. Bryan Jordan, D.O.	Gina M. Piazza, D.O.
Derek J. DeTemple, D.O.	George M. Kaiser, D.O.	Deborah Pierce, D.O.
Lisa J. DeWitt, D.O.	Risty T. Kalivas, D.O.	Arnis Pone, D.O.
Ronald D. Dean, D.O.	Michelle A. Kallenborn, D.O.	Christopher M. Posey, D.O.
Maciej Z. Ferenc, D.O.	Michael Kitto, D.O.	John C. Prestosh, D.O.
Benjamin A. Field, D.O.	Shahrokh Kohanim, D.O.	Robert J. Prodingler, D.O.
	Lawrence Kohn, D.O.	Abdulrahman Qabazard, D.O.

Carol Rahter, D.O.
Vincent Rimanelli, D.O.
J. Allen Roseberry, D.O.
Alexander Rosenau, D.O.
Charles S. Ross, D.O.
Ronald Scheer, D.O.
Cary N. Schneider, D.O.
Steven Schwartz, D.O.
Ralph Scolari, D.O.
Lawrence Segal, D.O.
Monte Sellers, D.O.
Martha Shadel, D.O.

Neena M. Shah, D.O.
Daniel P. Sheesley, D.O.
Scott Shisler, D.O.
Steven A. Smith, D.O.
Gregory A. Somich, D.O.
Theodore A. Spevack, D.O.
Kenyon W. Sprankle, D.O.
Joseph W. Stella, D.O.
Jeffrey Stuart, D.O.
Robert E. Suter, D.O.
Lisa A. Tichenor, D.O.
John Viteritti, D.O.
Michael P. Ward, D.O.
David H. Warner, D.O.

Paul E. Weathers, D.O.
John D. Weilbacker, D.O.
David C. Welch, D.O.
Patricia F. White, D.O.
Bruce S. Whitman, D.O.
Brian K. Wiboon, D.O.
Paula J. Willoughby, D.O.
Thomas M. Wills, D.O.
Maury Witkoff, D.O.
Valerie Woodmansee, D.O.
Jody Wozniak, D.O.
Robert T. Wright, D.O.
Shelly Zimmerman-Thorpe, D.O.
Michael D. Zufelt, D.O.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Joseph J. Kuchinski, D.O., FACOEP, at 3:00 p.m.. A moment of silence was observed in the meeting to remember victims of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center and two members of the ACOEP family who had recently passed away.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the April 20, 2001 meeting.

President's Report. Dr. Kuchinski presented his report as written. His report covered the first year of his presidency during which time he has visited three residency programs and represented ACOEP at the AOA Board meetings and House of Delegates. He congratulated the members on their enthusiasm and support of the DO Day on the Hill activities in April and hoped that this will continue in April 2002. He informed the membership that the ACOEP now has three members, Dr. John Becher, Dr. Darryl Beehler, and Dr. Raul Garcia, elected to the Board of Trustees of the AOA, and informed them of other appointments of emergency physicians to committees within that organization.

President-elect Report. Dr. Kuchinski presented Dr. Scali's report as written, informing the Membership that Dr. Scali's mother had passed away just prior to the meeting. Dr. Scali's report dealt with the progress being made in the ACOEP Research Consortium program and its projected implementation date.

Executive Director's Report. Ms. Wachtler's report was presented as written. Her report addressed the staffing needs of the College and possible move to larger quarters. Also, addressed was website reconstruction and its anticipated enactment date. She informed members that the College would be bringing a new database program on line in November which would allow the College to have an integrated meeting and membership database. Meeting planning remains a big part of the activities of the office as does CME accreditation. At this time, the College is undergoing an accreditation review the results of which should be acted on in November at the AOA's Committee on CME meeting.

Secretary's Report. Dr. Willoughby presented her report as written. Her report dealt with document oversight at the office, website, and in publications. She also reported her liaison activities with the AOBEM and the Student Chapter. Dr. Willoughby reported that the AOBEM discussed the process of continuing certification, which would be discussed in more depth by Dr. Field, as well as the creation of a toxicology examination for 2002.

Treasurer's Report. Dr. McGee informed the membership that the Board has adopted the Budget for 2001-02 year. The College is nearing its goal of having sufficient funds in savings to support the College for one year should something catastrophic happen and have devastating fiscal impact on its operations.

Affiliated Organizations

Student Chapter. Student Dr. Lewis, President of the Student Chapter of ACOEP informed the Membership that the Chapter is proposing the creation of two new committees within its structure. The proposed committees would deal with Membership and Communications. The duties for these Committees would be outlined in the Constitution and Bylaws, which are currently being amended to facilitate their creation. Additionally, the position of Secretary/Treasurer was being changed to “Secretary” since there are no fiduciary responsibilities within the Chapter.

Resident Chapter. Dr. Mulligan, President of the Resident Chapter of ACOEP, informed the membership that the Resident Chapter has continued to work on the goals it set in Orlando last fall. Among these are 100% resident membership; inclusion of diagnostic ultrasound in the curriculum for residency training; resident moonlighting, and the creation of a resident’s page within the College’s publication.

Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine. Ms. Wachtler, Executive Director of the Foundation, presented her report as written. Her report announced the winners of FOEM’s Resident Research Awards for 2001. The winners were: First Place, John Belk, D.O. of Genesys Regional Medical Center, Second Place, Sean Tierney, D.O. of St. Barnabas Hospital, and Third Place, Robert Biernbaum, D.O. of Genesys Regional Medical Center. She also informed the Board that the Foundation would be preparing and distributing several brochures prior to the end of the year, and revising its Grant Handbook in hopes of bolstering its support among emergency physicians and peaking the interest of more emergency physicians in participating in the grant programs.

Liaison Reports

American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Field, Secretary of the certifying board, presented his report as written. The report covered statistical information for Parts II and III of the examination conducted earlier in the summer and Part I examination application information.

American College of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Hill, reported on the activities of ACEP. The activities included issues regarding overcrowding / diversion, EMTALA, the nursing shortage, under or uncompensated care, non-physician EM providers, expense / availability of malpractice insurance, and the creation of an expert witness database. Dr. Hill also emphasized the number of residency training program visits he has participated in over his term on the board at ACEP.

Committee Reports

Coding and Reimbursement. The Committee’s report was presented as written.

Education - Undergraduate Medical Education. The Committee’s report was presented as written. The report emphasized the Committee’s concern of the lack of participation in the Student Case Competition despite advertising in the College’s publication, on the website and sending information to the clubs and residency programs. The members of the Committee asked that they be provided with information to distribute at their hospitals. The Committee also announced its plans to revise and reissue the Student Lecture Series. This revised edition would include lectures on abdominal pain, syncope, headache, pregnancy, AMI, febrile infants, fracture management, multiple injury patients, airway obstructions, acute respiratory failure, sexual assault, domestic violence, wilderness and environmental emergencies, toxicological emergencies, biohazards and weapons of mass destruction, chest pain and wound management. The Committee plans to have the 45 to 60 minute lectures available for review in April and for distribution in October.

Education - Graduate Medical Education. The Committee’s report was presented as written. The report provided details on the Committee’s action which included the approval of two new program directors, a

recommendation of approval for a new program and deferral for another proposed program, the granting of approval of credit for advanced standing and the removal of a probationary recommendation from an established program. The Committee has decided that a new manual or workbook should be developed to provide hospitals interested in beginning new programs with a step-by-step procedural guide, and to develop a list of consultants who can assist in the development of these programs.

Education - Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Parrillo presented the Committee's report as written. He emphasized that meetings scheduled for early in 2002 have had information sent out twice, as had the marketing brochure for the Alaska cruise. Another mailing of this information with the Spring Seminar will be sent out in early November. He also provided information on the other courses being offered by the College.

Emergency Medicine Services. Dr. Olsson presented the Committee's report as written. Dr. Olsson emphasized that the Committee had met twice since April during which time they conducted two surveys, one on the state of practice and the other on EMS personnel. The Committee would like to develop an EMS web page within the ACOEP Website. They have also started to develop a STAT pack to store a physician's credentials for rapid credentialing in emergency conditions. The Committee is also working on AED usage and this should be presented to the Practice Management Committee for its consideration in April.

Governmental Affairs. Dr. Kuchinski presented the Committee's report as written. He emphasized that all governmental lobbying at DO Day on the Hill was suspended due to the September 11th attack.

Membership and Credentials. Dr. McGovern presented the Committee's report as written. She spoke about the grant application that she and Ms. Wachtler worked on as well as the potential benefits of this grant. She also presented the membership figures as of October 1: Total membership, 1568. 75% are Active, Active-Charter and Active-Exempt membership (1179); 23% are resident members (356), 1.2% are intern members (19), and the remainder is either retired, life or honorary members.

Practice Management. The report of the Practice Management Committee was presented as written. The Committee has asked that the AED policy be considered at the Spring meeting.

Program Directors. Dr. Cynar presented the report as written. He emphasized the creation of the In-Service Examination for 2002 and Resident Moonlighting.

Publications. The report was presented as written. The report emphasized new features being projected for The Pulse, and the improvements of the website.

Research. The report was presented as written. The report emphasized the lack of participation in the research competition, and announced the winning papers for 2001.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary