

American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Hyatt Grand Cypress Resort
Orlando, Florida
April 17, 2009

MINUTES

Members Present:

John Agee, D.O.
Robert Anderson, D.O.
Michael P. Applewhite, D.O.
Jennifer Axelband, D.O.
Robert Bazuro, D.O.
Gregory J. Beirne, D.O.
Peter A. Bell, D.O.
Todd A. Bell, D.O.
William Bograkos, D.O.
Marc M. Bonin, D.O.
David Bohorquez, D.O.
Alkesh P. Brahmhatt, D.O.
Joshua Brown
Michelle Butler, D.O.
Nathan Butler
Edward Byrnes, D.O.
Victoria Camba, D.O.
Carla Cameron, D.O.
Michael Chapman, D.O.
Timothy Cheslock, D.O.
Sybil Cheng, D.O.
Gregory Christiansen, D.O.
Ronald S. Cohen, D.O.
Grand Comnick, D.O.
Joseph Crawford
Brittany Cummings, D.O.
John Cunha, D.O.
Christopher Daisy, D.O.
Poorvi Dalal
Paul D'Amico, D.O.
Mark Damon, D.O.
Jessica Vinyard Davis
Stephanie Davis, D.O.
Paula DeJesus, D.O.
Phillippe deKerrillis, D.O.
Joseph Dougherty, D.O.
Paul Dubiel, D.O.
Ronald Dupler, D.O.

Todd Duthaler, D.O.
Anita Eisenhart, D.O.
James Farinosi, D.O.
Maciej Ferenc, D.O.
Donald Findlay, D.O.
John Fosbinder, D.O.
Robert Ford
James J. Foutty, D.O.
Kevin Franks, D.O.
Alice A. Frazier, D.O.
James R. Galloway, D.O.
Leon M. Garner, D.O.
Brent J. Gear, D.O.
Christine F. Giesa, D.O.
Keischa L. Glenn, D.O.
Eric Gloss, D.O.
Edward Goetten, D.O.
David Goff, D.O.
Stephen R. Grider, D.O.
Joseph Guarnaccia, D.O.
Regina Hammock, D.O.
Douglas Harmon, D.O.
M. K. Harper, D.O.
John Havlick, D.O.
Stephanie Heller
Scott Henke, D.O.
David V. Hess, D.O.
Douglas M. Hill, D.O.
Michael Hoh, D.O.
Raymond Hughes, D.O.
David Hulsey, D.O.
Karen Jiles, D.O.
Julie Johns, D.O.
Christopher Johnson, D.O.
Wayne Jones, D.O.
George M. Kaiser, D.O.
Michael Kelley, D.O.
Kelly Klocek, D.O.

Judith M. Knoll, D.O.
Drew A. Koch, D.O.
Jim Kowalczyk
Jay Kugler, D.O.
Gary Lai, D.O.
Farah N. Lalani, D.O.
Paula Lange, D.O.
Nicole Lang-Gems, D.O.
George Librandi, D.O.
Michael LoGuidice, D.O.
Beth A. Longenecker, D.O.
Dominic J. Maga, D.O.
Mary Malcolm, D.O.
Gerald E. Maloney, D.O.
Annette Mann, D.O.
John Massimilian, D.O.
Michael D. Matthews, D.O.
James McMullen, D.O.
Scott T. Miekley, D.O.
Brian F. Miller, D.O.
David E. Miller, D.O.
Mark A. Mitchell, D.O.
Michael Morgenstern, D.O.
E. Scott Morrison, D.O.
Teresa Muns, D.O.
Craig Nattkemper, D.O.
Kevin Neenan, D.O.
Tariq Noohani, D.O.
Julia O'Brien, D.O.
Michael Oster, D.O.
Diane Paratore, D.O.
Steven J. Parrillo, D.O.
Nicholas Perkins
Kimberly Perry, D.O.
Joseph R. Peters, D.O.
Katherine Pitus, D.O.
Christopher Posey, D.O.
John C. Prestosh, D.O.

Shawn Quinn, D.O.
Dennis J. Reavis, D.O.
Brian Risavi, D.O.
Julia Rabollo
Ellen B. Rodman, D.O.
Thaddeus R. Salmon, D.O.
David Scheraga, D.O.
Scott H. Schleifer, D.O.
Mark Schwartz
Jeffery M. Scott, D.O.
Tamara Scott
Jeremy Selley, D.O.
Victoria Selley, D.O.

Jane M. Sennett, D.O.
Regina Sexton, D.O.
Martha Shadel, D.O.
Neena M. Shah, D.O.
M. Lee Shriner, D.O.
James B. Shuler, D.O.
Duane D. Siberski, D.O.
Mark J. Stone, D.O.
Murry B. Sturkie, D.O.
Robert B. Sturkie, D.O.
Robert E. Suter, D.O.
Marie Strohl, D.O.
Tean-Su Tan, D.O.

Michael F. Todd, D.O.
Jeremy D. Tucker, D.O.
Sherry Turner, D.O.
Stephen J. Vetrano, D.O.
D. Sean Vitela, D.O.
Matthew A. Wakeley, D.O.
Jeannine T. Walters, D.O.
Brian Wiley, D.O.
Elaine L. Wilk, D.O.
Maury Witkoff, D.O.
Stephanie Zaugg
Shelly Zimmerman, D.O.

The President, Thomas A. Brabson, D.O., MBA, FACOEP, called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. and entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Membership Meeting of October 2009 as written. An amendment was made to add Victoria Camba, D.O. to the attendance. A motion was made and duly seconded at which time a vote as amended and the Minutes were approved.

President's Report. Dr. Brabson thanked the membership for attending the meeting and stated that the Executive Director, Jan Wachtler, was called back to the office to oversee the beginning of the scheduled move of the ACOEP Office to larger quarters within the AOA Building. He thanked her and the entire staff for their assistance at this meeting and their work for the Association. He also thanked Dr. Christine Giesa and Dr. Julie Johns for their hard work in putting together a successful seminar.

At this time, Dr. Brabson began his formal report to the membership, noting his activities since taking office in October 2008. He reported on his and Dr. Jennings attendance at the AOA Midyear Meeting in Washington, DC in late February and their participation in DO Day on the hill in early March. He was pleased to report the reinvigoration of the Governmental Affairs Committee and his continuing attention to the appointment process. He thanked all the Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs and members for their diligence in moving the agendas of the committees and hoped that this momentum would continue.

Dr. Brabson informed the members of the move to the new office and the growth of the College. He informed the membership that with this move the ACOEP would have more recognition in the building, occupying almost a full floor with recognition on the kiosk in front of the building as well as elevator lobby signage. The College negotiated with the AOA for a very marketable price, and unlike previous ventures in the building, the ACOEP controlled the buildout process from inception to completion. In doing so, the College had to secure financing to establish a line of credit with a good solid, interest rate, that would provide funding for the buildout and furniture purchase and IT upgrades. This also solidified the relationship with the AOA that took a hit when we withdrew from the convention process.

He also mentioned the College's involvement in the development of a document with the AOA, called the Principles of Affiliation. This process was started after the ACOEP voiced its complaints about the Convention reimbursement process and caused the AOA to hold a special meeting in December of 2007 to investigate the complaints. What they found was that the ACOEP was not alone in its dissatisfaction

with AOA's handling of the convention and other affiliate matters and the decision of Dr. Ajluni and Dr. DiMarco was to move toward more transparency in AOA's dealings with its affiliates.

Dr. Brabson also spoke to the findings of the Institute of Medicine and stated that he has been involved with the President of ACEP on issues brought forward by this report. Later in April, two ACOEP representatives will participate in a conference call with the ACEP and will send their feedback to the ACGME on resident work hours and length of training.

He also addressed the ACOEP website, which is being revamped, and issues that the staff has been dealing with on the database. Since entering into an agreement with ARC Solutions in 2006 it took more than 2 years to get a database that was working well. In February, this start up company, filed for bankruptcy and the College is now working with a new company for database services. This new database should be up and functioning in June.

The new database will provide us with the ability to network with members who have like interests or have similar needs. This website and data-base will be more user friendly and searchable, however, members may have to get used to new terms that this out-of-the-box software utilizes.

Dr. Brabson stated that as always, the Committees need interested participants and urged members to come forward with their interests that they can inform Jan of their interests and she will forward information to him. They should send their updated CV's to her with a note as to where they would like to serve. Additionally, he urged members to get involved with governmental affairs on the state and national levels. They can easily do this through GOAL programs on the AOA's website. To date, the College has worked with the AOA to review the Access to EM Services, 09 bill and has added their input to the bill being reviewed currently by Congress. They have also reviewed the Economic Deficit for Medical Students, Physician Workforce Bill. AOA has also informed the College that Emergency Physicians are 8% of the donor base for OPAC and thanked us for this.

Finally, Dr. Brabson stated that the College will be meeting in Boston, MA just prior to the ACEP Convention, from September 29 through October 3rd. Also, the Spring meeting in 2010 will be back in Arizona. However, the Wigwam has declared bankruptcy and the College may be forced to move to another venue in the Scottsdale Area.

President-elect Report. Dr. Jennings thanked Dr. Brabson and the staff for their work in relocating the office and negotiating the new lease and loan procurement.

He mentioned that the Committees are investigating alternate venues for meeting including webinars and web-based meetings and conference calls. He also stated that the College has reactivated the Publications Committee and thanked both Dr. Drew Koch and Dr. Wayne Jones for their steadfast direction of the Committee which has just contracted with an agency to rev up the advertising and stated that beginning in October the newsletter will be available in print and on-line and will be published in color.

He also addressed issues concerning the College's finances. Dr. Mitchell, the College's Treasurer was not available for the meeting and Dr. Jennings discussed the outcome of the audit of the last fiscal year. The audit found no major problems with the College's finances but because of new IRS rulings with regard to the 990 tax filing, we have adopted new and revised financial policies. A written outcome of the audit and College's financial status will be published in the July issue of The Pulse.

Secretary's Report. Dr. Christiansen thanked the membership for its continued support, stating that "he loved this organization." The College has continued to bring forth issues that are of interest to the membership include the IOM/ACGME Work hours issues, stating that we are "at the table" supporting the interests of our residents and members. He also thanked the vendors for their continued support.

Executive Director's Report. Dr. Brabson reiterated that Ms. Wachtler's report was in the packet and she apologized for not being present at the meeting, but was needed back in Chicago. Her written report concentrated on the buildout and subsequent move of the office. If anyone had any questions, they should feel free to contact her at janwachtler@acoep.org.

AOBEM Report. Mark Stone, D.O., FACOEP, Secretary for the certifying board presented the report for the agency and reported that the current written examination has now been computerized and is offered at national centers; this year the recertification examination has also been computerized and offered at these venues. In 2009, the oral board examinations will include information on computer monitors.

The AOBEM is currently offering CAQs in EMS, toxicology and Sports Medicine (which is a conjoint examination). They are now being solicited to participate in a conjoint examination for Underseas and Hyperbaric Medicine.

The AOA has recently adopted new criteria for entry and re-entry into the certification process. They also passed criteria to develop for candidates who have had unsuccessful attempts to pass the certification examination processes. This will be reviewed again by the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists in June.

As far as the COLA Examinations, the Board is now only drawing articles from major journals. Also, since there were problems with the COLA 4 examination there is now a COLA 4B examination being given. COLAs will also now be labeled by years instead of numbers.

Dr. Stone then addressed audience questions regarding Board certification. One question was regarding the 1B classification for CME credit; he explained that the AOA will not consider this for "A" credit because it is not "live" CME and will only grant "A" credit to face-to-face training. A question was presented about a "print" certificate and Dr. Stone stated that he would investigate and answer at a later date. Another question asked about the on-line registration. He stated that they had problems with a vendor and are now researching other carriers, but he would encourage Josette to expedite the phone-in registration process.

CECBEMS Report. Ms. Liz Sibley presented Dr. Scott Morrison with the 2009 Founders Award for his work with the organization.

At this time, Dr. Brabson opened the meeting to questions and addressed questions regarding on-line voting, which will be attempted later this year.

Having no further business, Dr. Brabson entertained a motion to adjourn, which was made, duly seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory M. Christiansen, D.O., MA, FACOEP
Secretary