Pediatric Emergency Medicine Section

Annual Meeting

ACEP19 • Denver, CO

Tuesday, October 29, 5:00–7:00 pm

Colorado Convention Center, Room 302

Pediatric EM Section Meeting and Reception Meeting Minutes

Attendance included 50+ members.

Chair Dr. Jason Lowe started the meeting recognizing the 30th anniversary of the section and thanked the Rocky Mountain Children’s Hospital for sponsoring the meeting and introduced the sponsor Aerogen.

Aerogen did a brief and engaging presentation where section members asked multiple questions.

Past Chair Dr. Emily MacNeill did an engaging presentation titled “How to Find Mentorship/Networking in ACEP.”

Dr. MacNeill talked about how easy it is for members to compare themselves to other doctors at the annual meetings and how easy it is to feel unaccomplished even though doctors are in the top 1% for where they are in life. “Take a deep breath; we’re doing okay.” She suggested that the question “What do you want to do?” is a better way to gauge yourself and your accomplishments than “Who do you want to be?” Your path may be different than your mentor, and you only have one opportunity for defining your success. If you want to be chair you have to be in the right place at the right time. And if you do not get that goal position it can be disheartening. Sometimes you can get the position and it’s not what you thought it was. Dr. MacNeill said that it is better to have vague expectations, and if you follow what you want to do there will be lots of opportunities for success. The less you need external validation the better.

Dr. MacNeill also included tips on how to find a good mentor. Committees and sections can provide opportunities: Know yourself, build relationships, one mentor is never enough, and learn about people: the relationship requires two people that know what they’re looking for.

Dr. Lowe thanked Dr. MacNeill and then started on his chair’s report. He spoke about the goal to have joint collaboration between the American Academy of Pediatrics. They have a section that is double the size of ACEP’s peds section.
Dr. Lowe recapped the section’s accomplishments of the past two years while he was chair including the Disaster Section collaboration VR booth from last year and the SimBox section grant booth that signed up 150 community-based physicians.

Section Member Dr. Amanda Price headed up the booth to promote the ACEP SimBox section grant project from 2018. It’s an off-the-shelf guide that includes a quick 30-min simulation that is especially helpful for doctors that don’t see a lot of kids. They include a resource booklet. You can sign up on the website https://www.acepsim.com/. Dr. Price gave a huge thank you to all the section volunteers that staffed the booth during the annual meeting.

Dr. Lowe also mentioned the Peds Assessment Triangle section grant project.

Dr. Jessica Chow from EMRA spoke about the EMRA Mentor/Mentee program. They have and still need incredible mentors to help lead the way to raise the next Peds EM leaders. Dr. Lowe mentioned outgoing officer Dr. Jessica Wall’s research on reasons why EM residents don’t go into a peds fellowship program. Dr. Wall said that lack of mentorship is one of the reasons.

Dr. Sharon Mace then presented on the 30th anniversary of the section.

She started her presentation with a refresher on the state of the world in 1989 and some of the surprising similarities to our current state of affairs in 2019. In 1989 the section had 134 members, and it has now progressed to over 900. The first section chair was Dr. Schafermeyer and the ABEM president at the time was Dr. Tintinnalli. She closed her presentation with the benefits of being a part of a section, including council representation, networking opportunities, friendship, access to grants, research, information, having a platform for your voice, the newsletter, and the web page. It’s $40 a year and $50 for nonmembers. Students and residents are welcome.

Incoming Chair Dr. Taryn Taylor spoke about her plans for the section for the next two years. She is going to spearhead optimizing our social media accounts. She introduced the new section officers and expressed her gratitude to the outgoing chair, Dr. Jason Lowe. Dr. Taylor congratulated the three EMage winners this year. The winners that were present spoke about their cases including the posters with the winning images.

1st: “Helluva Uvula”

Dr. Evan Laveman, Kelly Kelley, Dr. Christopher Redgate

2nd: “Bronchial Atresia in an 18-Month-Old”

Dr. Tanya Dall and Dr. Tyler Ayalin

3rd: “Bruising after a Viral Illness: A Case Consistent with Lupus Anticoagulant – Antiphospholipid Antibody Syndrome”

Dr. Laura A. Scieszka and Dr. Tricia Swan