Bylaws Committee

1. Provide ongoing review of national Bylaws to identify areas in which revisions may be appropriate and submit recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Outcome: The Young Physicians Section submitted a resolution to revise Article IX, Section 2 of the ACEP Bylaws to add a young physician position to the Board of Directors. The committee provide input and the resolution was submitted as a non-Bylaws resolution for the Council to support the concept. If adopted, resolutions to amend the Bylaws, College Manual, and Council Standing Rules will be developed for the 2017 Council. The Bylaws Committee will assist in that process as required.

The Bylaws Committee submitted a resolution to revise the ACEP Bylaws Article V, Section 2 to clarify that previously designated ACEP Fellows under any prior criteria shall retain Fellow status. The Board reviewed the resolution in June 2016 and agreed to cosponsor. The resolution was submitted to the 2016 Council.

2. Continue implementation of the revised Chapter Bylaws Review Plan.

Outcome: The committee continued to utilize the revised Chapter Bylaws Review Plan and contact chapter representatives to discuss committee suggestions to the revised chapter’s Bylaws. The Board approved revisions to the Model Chapter Bylaws in April 2016.

3. Review proposed 2016 Bylaws resolutions to identify conflicts with other portions of the Bylaws and provide comments to the authors as needed.

Outcome: The committee reviewed proposed 2016 Bylaws resolutions as required by the Bylaws.

4. Review 2015 Bylaws amendments adopted by the Board for potential Bylaws Committee action as needed.

Outcome: The committee identified a change needed to Article V, Section 2 regarding ACEP fellows. (See objective one.)

5. Implement a chapter bylaws review process that ensures compliance with the Texas Business Organizations Code (TBOC) guidance and ACEP’s obligation regarding chapter bylaws, including the frequency of chapter bylaws reviews.

Outcome: The committee determined this objective was previously addressed and no further work is required.
Note: The committee is assigned as needed for definitive interpretation of Articles VIII – Council, IX – Board of Directors, X – Officers/Executive Director, XI – Committees, and XIII – Amendments, of the ACEP Bylaws.

Outcome: The committee was not convened in 2015-16 as there were no Bylaws interpretation issues to address.