American College of Emergency Physicians
Section of Air Medical Transport

Monday, October 14, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 pm
Sheraton Hotel
Room: Issaquah A-B

Minutes

Section Officers in attendance: Ethan A. Booker, MD, FACEP (Chair), David F. E. Stuhlmiller, MD, FACEP, CMTE (Chair-Elect), Rose M. Haisler, DO, FACEP (Secretary), Henderson D. McGinnis, MD, FACEP (Councillor), Mischa P. Mirin, MD, FACEP (Alternate Councillor)

Section Members and Guests in attendance: Gaston A. Costa, MD, Eric Vaughan, MD, FACEP; Tiffany Gray, RN; Christopher Poulsen, DO, FACEP; Marc McSherry, MD, FACEP; Joshua Lynch, DO; Melissa Costello, MD, FACEP; Anthony Gilchrest, MPA; Osama Gamal Omar Abdelazia, MD; Bret Wood, DO, FACEP; Bohdan Minczak, MD, PhD, FACEP; Neil Yoder, DO, FACEP; Frank Pettyjohn, MD, FACEP; Douglas Canham, MD, FACEP; Justin Fairless, DO, FAAFM; William Gerard, MD, FACEP; James McCarthy, MD, FACEP; David Lehrfeld, MD; John Madden, MD, FACEP; Rick Baker, NR/CCEMTP; Holllynn Larrabee, MD, FACEP; Michael Pasirstein, MD; Harry Sibold, MD, FACEP; Roy Alson, MD, PhD, FACEP; Jacob Keeperman, MD; Michael Brown, MD; Dan Hankins, MD, FACEP; Ralph Frascone, MD, FACEP; Henderson McGinnis, MD, FACEP; Frank Guyette, MD, FACEP; Robert O’Connor, MD, MPH, FACEP

ACEP staff in attendance: Patrick Elmes, EMT/P (ret), Manager; EMS & Disaster Preparedness; Rick Murray, LP, EMT/P, Director, EMS & Disaster Preparedness

Agenda

I. Call to Order, Opening Remarks
   Dr. Booker

II. Introduction of Members and Guests
    Dr. Booker

III. Board Liaison Remarks
     Dr. O’Connor

IV. Elections
    Dr. Booker/Mr. Elmes

V. CAMTS report
   Dr. Stuhlmiller

VI. EMS Committee report
    Dr. Costello/designee

VII. Community Quality and Benchmarking Initiatives report
     Dr. Stuhlmiller

VIII. Commercial Airliner Medical Kits
    Dr. Pettyjohn

IX. ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report
    Mr. Elmes
X. Councillor Report  Dr. McGinnis

XI. Newsletter Report/Call for Topics  Dr. Haisler

XII. New Business  Dr. Stuhlmiller
   a. Section communication
   b. Education sessions for Scientific Assembly
   c. Call for Council resolutions
   d. Research
   e. Section grant opportunities
   f. Tranexamic acid

XIII. Adjourn

Major Points Discussed

Call to Order, Opening Remarks - Dr. Booker

Dr. Booker called the meeting to order and introduced the Section Officers.

Introduction of Members and Guests - Dr. Booker

Dr. Booker asked that members and guests to introduce themselves around the room.

Board Liaison Remarks - Dr. O’Connor

Dr. O’Connor discussed the Board and Council format for ACEP13. He had no formal report from the ACEP Board of Directors relating to Air Medical.

Elections - Mr. Elmes

Election was by paper ballot, there were no additional nominations from the floor and nominees were elected unanimously. Results:

Chair - David F.E. Stuhlmiller, MD, FACEP, CMTE (moved automatically from Chair Elect)
Chair Elect - Rose M. Haisler, DO
Secretary - Henderson D. McGinnis, MD, FACEP
Councillor - Mischa P. Mirin, MD, FACEP
Alternate Councillor - Gaston A. Costa, MD
Immediate Past Chair - Ethan Booker, MD, FACEP (moved automatically from Chair)

Dr. Booker passed the gavel to Dr. Stuhlmiller. Dr. Stuhlmiller presented Dr. Booker with a Certificate of thanks for his service to the Air Medical Transport Section.

CAMTS Board Report - Dr. Stuhlmiller

Dr. Stuhlmiller gave a brief description of CAMTS. He noted that standards are constantly revised and suggestions can be submitted on the website: www.camts.org. Current representation includes; 23 representatives (6 physicians) on the Board. There are currently 154 accredited programs.
A current initiative is developing levels of accreditation based on level of service provided by defining level of care.

**EMS Committee Report - Dr. Costello**

Very productive year.

Developed and implemented a review course for the EMS boards. The course has been offered three times and they are awaiting feedback to see if product needs to be modified.

The committee completed a helicopter PREP paper.

The committee will address several issues including completing work on guidelines for community based paramedicine and drug shortage issues with FDA and DEA.

Dr. Dan Hankins will receive the Outstanding Contribution for EMS award.

**Community Quality and Benchmarking Initiatives Report - Dr. Stuhlmiller**

Dr. Stuhlmiller noted that value based purchasing is likely coming to medical transport. AMPA is/has developed quality measures including metrics for pediatrics.

AMPA held a one-day quality metric summit in July. Almost 70 participants pre-voted on quality measures for medical transport. The participants identified 30 individual metrics to be developed. See the AMPA website for this list. Dr. Stuhlmiller encouraged involvement in the process. Other needed areas of involvement were discussed.

**Commercial Airliner Medical Kits - Dr. Pettyjohn**

Dr. Pettyjohn discussed Airline Medical Kits. Domestic airlines currently have standards for equipment. The Aerospace Medical Association, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) have been working on developing a standardized medication and equipment list to recommend to all international commercial airlines. The recommended list was shown. The group discussed ACEP support for the recommendations and agreed to support and approve the presented list. A motion was made for the Air Medical Transport Section to write a position paper endorsing the standards to be sent to the ACEP Board of Directors for approval. The motion was adopted.

**ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report - Mr. Murray**

We have recently been awarded a DHS/FEMA grant called “First Responder on Scene Training”. This three year project will bring together stakeholders including EMS, fire, law enforcement and the community to develop training in response to immediate victim care at mass casualty events.

Another recently awarded grant is from HHS/ASPR which is a two year grant for scientific research related to recovery from hurricane Sandy.
Disaster Committee Report - Dr. Alson

Some of the Disaster Committees accomplishments this year included, completion of Special needs Toolkit, a paper on Guidelines for Crisis Standards of Care, an Emergency Medicine Residency Curricula for Residents and the nomination to the ACEP Board of Directors for the 1st annual Disaster Medicine Award.

Councillor Report - Dr. McGinnis

Dr. McGinnis stated that none of the Council actions were directly related to the Section. He reported that some items of interest included, Community Paramedicine, legalization of marijuana and Narcan use.

Dr. McGinnis reported on the Council and ACEP Board of Directors, election results.

Call for Newsletter Topics- Dr. Haisler

Dr. Haisler requested newsletter submissions for the coming year.

New Business - Dr. Stuhlmiller

Section communication was discussed including use of the e-list. It is functional for the dissemination of information but not to ideal to converse. There were no other suggestions to improve communication thus the e-list will be the primary means of communication.

Methods to show value of the Section were discussed which included the submission of Educational offerings for ACEP15, method for the submission of topics, types of topics and how to solicit topics; Grants for research on topics such as TXA, CMS reimbursement, and ROC; Section Grants and/or collaboration with other organizations.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Stuhlmiller at approximately 12:45 PM.