AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
Disaster Medicine Section Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2013
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm
Washington State Convention Center
Level 3 Room 308

MINUTES

Section Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting include: Ira Nemeth, MD, FACEP (Chairman and Councillor); Joseph Sabato, Jr, MD, FACEP (Chair Elect); Henry A. Curtis, MD, (Newsletter Co-Editor); Eric Weinstein, MD, FACEP (Newsletter Advisor); Christopher Kang, MD, FACEP (Secretary); Andrew Bern, MD, FACEP (Board Liaison)

Section members and guests in attendance: Sara Aberle, MD; John Agee, DO, FACEP; Roy Alson, MD, PhD, FACEP; Selim Altinarik; Anne Bile, RN, CEN; Cindy Bitter, MD, FACEP; Gary Bubly, MD, FACEP; David Callaway, MD, FACEP; Douglas Canham, MD, FACEP; M. Ferundun Celikmen, MD; Gaston Costa, MD; Paul Courtwright, MD; Michael Danenberg, MD, FACEP; Elizabeth Davlantes, MD, Gerard DeMers, DO, DHS; Mark Dillon, MD, MBA; Constance Doyle, MD, FACEP; Clifford Findeiss, MD; Monica Firth, RN; Jon Fuerstenberg, MD; Anthony Gilchrest, MDA, EMT-P; Zan Jafry, MD; Karen Keller, MD; Thomas Kirsch, MD, MPH, FACEP; Kristi Koenig, MD, FACEP, FIFEM; P. Luke LeBas, MD; Kathy Lehman-Huskamp, MD; Walter Limehouse, Jr, MD, FACEP; Sharon Mace, MD, FACEP, FAAP; Vicki Mazzorana, MD, FACEP; Craig Marsden, MD, FACEP; Joan McInerney, MD, FACEP; Will Mills, MD, FACEP; Erin Noste, MD; James Phillips, MD; Ron Price, MD, FACEP; Marc Rosenthal, DO, PhD, FACEP; Carl Schultz, MD, FACEP; Joseph Scott, MD, FACEP; Murat Simsek, MD; Brian Smith, MD; Spencer Smith, MD; Charles Stewart, MD, EMDM, MPH, FACEP; Stefanie Wise, MD

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

AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Opening Remarks Dr. Nemeth
II. Introduction of Members and Guests Dr. Nemeth
III. Disaster Medical Sciences Award Dr. Nemeth
IV. Board Liaison Remarks Dr. Bern
V. Elections Dr. Nemeth
VI. New Chair Remarks Dr. Sabato
VII. Disaster Committee Report/Objectives/Board Items Dr. Alson/Dr. Kang
VIII. ASPR National Healthcare Preparedness Programs Dr. Hunt
IX. Liaison Reports
   T.B.A.

X. ACEP EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report
   Mr. Elmes

XI. Newsletter / Website Report
   Dr. Curtis/Dr. Kang

XII. New Business
   Dr. Sabato

XIII. Adjourn
   Dr. Sabato

**Major Points Discussed**

**Call to Order, Opening Remarks**

Dr. Nemeth called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM.

**Introduction of Members and Guests**

Introduction of Members and Guests by Dr. Ira Nemeth - Approximately 70 people in attendance, including international members, Outgoing Chair of the DPRC Dr. Roy Alson, ACEP Board of Directors Liaison Dr. Andrew Bern, and ACEP President A. Rosenau

**Disaster Medical Sciences Award**

Dr. A. Rosenau presented the inaugural award of the Disaster Medicinal Sciences to Dr. T. Kirsch

**Board Liaison Remarks**

Dr. Bern announced the end of his tenure as an ACEP Board of Directors, and the Disaster Section Board Liaison. He thanked Dr. Nemeth and the Section Officers.

His remarks included a brief history and the evolution of the DMS, touched upon Federal preparedness, encouraged pursuit of Section Grants, recognized past and current Disaster Medicine leaders and mentors and reaffirmed the value and importance of the DMS.

The Section thanked Dr. Bern for his service and commitment to the Section as the Board Liaison.

**Elections**

Dr. Nemeth announced the elections of the Disaster Medicine Section officers for 2014-2015. He opened the floor for additional nominations of which there were none. The nominees on the ballot were elected by acclamation.

Chair - Joseph Sabato Jr, MD, FACEP (moved automatically from Chair Elect)
Chair Elect - Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP
Secretary - Marc S. Rosenthal, DO, FACEP
Councillor - Roy L. Alson, MD, PhD, FACEP
Alternate Councillor - Hannah G. Evans, MD
New Chair Remarks - Dr. Sabato

Dr. Nemeth passed the gavel to Dr. Sabato. Dr. Sabato presented Dr. Nemeth with a certificate of thanks for his service as Chair to the Disaster Medicine Section.

Dr. Sabato discussed his vision and goals for the section which included:
- Review and adherence to DMS Mission Statement
- Establish subcommittees to engage membership, allow greater participation and opportunities for mentorship, and assist committees
- Explore and develop grants
- Identify and secure sponsorships
- Increase collaboration with DPRC, including support of the new DPRC Objectives
- Practice/Leadership (DPRC Objectives 2, 6)
- Research (DPRC Objective 4)
- Education (DPRC Objectives 3, 5, and 8)
- Innovation and Technology (DPRC Objective 7)

Disaster Committee Report Dr.’s Alson and Kang

- Dr. Alson, Outgoing Chair of the DPRC, gave the Disaster Committee report. The current objectives report included completion of an information paper entitled, Guidelines for Crisis Standards of Care, an Emergency Medicine Residency Curricula model, development of leadership training, development of a disaster planning toolkit for the elderly and special needs patients and the revision of three ACEP disaster policies.

- Dr. Kang, Incoming Chair of the DPRC, offered a preview of new objectives for the coming year.

ASPR Presentation

The scheduled ASPR presentation was cancelled.

Liaison Reports

(Liaison representation was limited due to government shut down and travel restrictions)

EMS-C National Resource Center - Anthony Gilcrest gave a report on activities at EMS-C, NRC.

EMS Committee Report - Mr. Elmes

Objectives completed this year included; developed a joint statement with NAEMSP, ENA, NAEMT and NASEMSO on Transfer of Patient Care between EMS Providers and Receiving Facilities and the development of the joint ACEP/NAEMSP EMS Subspecialty Review Course which was offered at three locations. Projects for this coming year will include developing standards and guidelines for Community Paramedicine and a model curriculum for EMS fellowships.
The ACEP, EMS and Disaster Preparedness Staff and Grant Report included completion of a three-year grant through NHTSA called Developing a National EMS Culture of Safety Strategy and a DHS grant promoting disaster preparedness through an online children’s game called Disaster Hero. The department recently has been approved for two new grants. One is a DHS/FEMA, three-year project called “First Responder On-scene Training, involving medical readiness and immediate emergency victim care at mass casualty events and the other is a two year project with HHS/ASPR involving scientific research related to recovery from hurricane Sandy.

Newsletter/Website Report
- Update on the DMS Newsletter by Dr. H. Curtis, aim for three newsletters and invitation for applications to serve as associate editors
- Update on the DMS Website by Dr. C. Kang
- Article photograph submissions for use in the newsletter and website were encouraged

New Business

Dr. Sabato suggested exploring grant ideas with collaboration between other Sections and Chapters including sections of Public Health and Pediatrics.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Sabato at 12:06 pm.