

## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



### Annual Meeting

Monday, October 30  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Marriott Marquis  
Independence Ballroom, Salon D

### MINUTES

#### Participants

33 section members in attendance included: Lori Weichenthal, MD, FACEP, Chair; Tara Taylor-Jean Haston, DO, Secretary; Susanne Spano, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councilor; Paul S Auerbach, MD, MS, FACEP; Graham Brant-Zawadzki, MD; Marc Cassone, DO; Keith Conover, MD, FACEP; Jonathan R Dompeling; Angela F Gardner, MD, FACEP; David Hartnett, MD; Bruce E Harvey, MD, FACEP; Seth Collings Hawkins, MD, FACEP; Carlton E Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP; Hillary R Irons, MD, PhD, FACEP; Crystal L Irwin, DO; Christopher S Kang, MD, FACEP; Matthew Stanley Karp, MD; Lillian J Lockwood, MD; Cassie Lowry Edmark; Meganna Martin, MD; Christopher M McStay, MD, FACEP; Rita Heinzinger Mellema, MD, FACEP, Joshua M Mularella, DO, FACEP; Nicholas Musisca, MD; Jane Olsen; Andre Michael Pennardt, MD, FACEP; Kim Raney Ciofani, MD; Linda Sanders, MD; Thomas Seibert, MD; Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Tiffany Sin; Mario Soto, MD; Megan Trzaskoma, DO

6 others participating in the meeting included: James T Marvel, MD; Sar Medoff, MD; Renee N Salas, MD; Brian Mitchell Strickland, M; Anne Marie Walker, MD, Maude S. Hancock, Staff Liaison

#### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of 2016 meeting minutes
3. Councilor Report
4. Board Liaison Report and *Adventures Outside the ED: A Wilderness Experience in the Exhibit Hall at ACEP17*
5. Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest Results
6. Experiences in the Wilderness (Group Sharing)
7. Committee Chair Reports
8. Elections for Committee Chairs
9. Section Goals / Activities for 2017-18

#### Major Points Discussed

- 1) Dr. Weichenthal welcomed everyone to the meeting and the section officers, Lori Weichenthal, MD, FACEP (Chair) and Taylor Haston, DO (Secretary/ Newsletter Editor) introduced themselves.
- 2) The 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

- 3) Dr. Spano, Section Alternate Councilor reported on the council meeting. Many resolutions presented this year pertained to wilderness medicine. A report will be circulated after ACEP17.
- 4) Dr. Weichenthal discussed her participation in the joint session with the Tactical Section where topics discussed included the Park Service, MCIs & Medical Direction. Questions that came out of the discussion included: What do we really need in disaster settings? Are there any legislative changes that need to be made? What is the scope practice in disaster crises? Can it be increased during disasters? The session was successful and the various sections involved would like to repeat next year. This is an opportunity for section members to get involved.
- 5) Dr. Weichenthal announced that Dr. Lara Philips received a grant from SAEM to organize a Wilderness Medicine resources website from around the world. She prepared a draft which was distributed at the meeting and would like feedback from the section members. She can be contacted directly with changes or additions at [laralea@alum.mit.edu](mailto:laralea@alum.mit.edu).
- 6) Dr. Kang gave brief reports: 1) from the ACEP Board and 2) on the first edition of *Adventures Outside the ED Experience in the Exhibit Hall at ACEP17*. The climbing wall and activities presented were being well-received from attendees. He thanked the sponsors and the volunteers and encouraged section members to come by the area and get certified to teach the Stop the Bleed course.
- 7) Dr. Heine gave an overview of the Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest and announced this year's winner: Dr. Anne Zink, MD, FACEP for her photograph: *The world turn so magic in the winter. Snow Biking, Kink Glacier Alaska*. Dr. Hawkins took the opportunity to encourage cross-section collaboration and to show the Medical Humanities Section's Visual Arts Contest winner at our next meeting and vice-versa.
- 8) Dr. Auerbach said a few words about the section, wilderness medicine and all the exciting activities that we are doing. He invited the members to his book signing in the *Adventures Outside the ED* area at 11:30am.
- 9) Dr. Weichenthal invited the group the section members to break into small groups and share their experiences in the wilderness, and why they love what they do. Several section members then reported back to the larger group. This was an inspiring session and Dr. Haston invited the members to keep it going and to submit their stories to be featured in the section newsletter.
- 10) The Chairs or members in attendance from the various committees gave their reports:
  - i. **Residency Committee:** Dr. Haston discussed the EMRA MedWAR taking place on Wednesday, November 1 at Seneca Creek Park, just outside DC.
  - ii. **Fellowship Directors Committee:** Dr. Spano reported on behalf of the Chair Dr. Caudell as he was currently staffing the *Adventures Outside the ED* area in the exhibit hall. The committee met on Monday, 10/30 with 8 attendees. They discussed the offer date for fellowship programs, the test bank and investing in a matching software. More research needs to be done to assess economic feasibility. Use of the section's 15% of dues was mentioned as potential funding as well as all fellowship programs pitching in. There are now 15 fellowship programs in wilderness medicine including Madigan for active duty only. UC Irvine is the newest program. This report resulted in a group discussion around what happens after fellowship? Several former fellows in attendance including Drs. Haston, Irons, Mularella, Salas, Sanders and Spano shared their experience and where they are now. In summary, some fellows go into academic while others

work in community hospitals and continue to be involved in ultramarathons and other extreme medicine activities.

- iii. **Liaison Committee:** Dr. Linda Sanders reported that she received a section grant in June for a series of video podcasts on race medicine. The videos are scheduled to be filmed at Rock Creek Park, in DC on 10/31. Volunteers are welcomed! The grant was a joint submission with the Sports Medicine section.
- iv. **Activities Committee:** Cassie Lowry Edmark reported on behalf of Dr. Wilson who organized a pre-conference rock climbing activity just outside DC on Saturday 10/28 at 5pm. 8 participated and had a great time.
- v. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Dr. Weichenthal mentioned the success of the first edition of *Adventures Outside the ED: A Wilderness Experience in the ACEP17 Exhibit Hall*. It is a great introduction to non-section members to what we do. She encouraged everyone to stop by and take part in the various activities.

#### 11) Elections for Committee Chairs for the 2017-18 section year:

- a. **Education/Simulation:** The group voted to put this committee on hiatus for a year.
- b. **Residency:** As Chair of the EMRA Wilderness Medicine Division Geoffrey Blair Comp, DO (not in attendance) remains Chair until 4/2018, then Vice Chair Charlie Duke, DO takes over.
- c. **Fellowship:** The group voted to rest this committee for a year.
- d. **Fellowship Directors:** Susanne J. Spano, MD, FACEP
- e. **Liaison:** Linda Sanders, MD. Lillian Lockwood, MD will continue as liaison to the Disaster section.
- f. **Activities:** Crystal Irwin, DO. Dr. Sibold has ideas and contacts and will coordinate with Dr. Irwin.
- g. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP
- h. **NEW-- Environmental and Human Health Committee:** Renee Salas, MD.

#### Other Business

- 1) Dr. Hawkins renewed the discussion to hold an EMS/Wilderness Medical Director Pre-Conference in San Diego. He will work with staff and provide the meeting specifications required by the deadline estimated to be in March 2018.
- 2) The group also discussed joint efforts with other groups and sections to address the challenges we are currently facing. Various course ideas including topics applicable to regular ED docs working in hospitals were discussed. A few members will consider submitting course proposals for ACEP18. The deadline is 11/2/2017.
- 3) The organizers of *Adventures Outside the ED* will debrief on the experience and evaluate plans with staff for ACEP18.

#### Section Goals / Activities for 2017-18

- 1) Facilitate meeting committee goals.
- 2) Contribute to the Wilderness Medicine Resources Website being developed by Dr. Lara Philips.
- 3) Continue to share your experiences in the wilderness, and why you love what you do. Submit your stories to be featured in the section newsletter to Taylor Haston, DO.
- 4) Get involved with the section! Join a committee, submit a course proposal, write for the newsletter, etc.