



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 16
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Mandalay Bay Convention Center
Islander Ballroom I

MINUTES

Participants

47 section members in attendance included Marion McDevitt, DO, FACEP, Chair; Lori Weichenthal, MD, FACEP, Chair-Elect; Emily B. Sagalyn, MD, FACEP, Secretary; Susanne Spano, MD, FACEP, Councilor; Henderson McGinnis, MD, FACEP, Alternate Councilor; Martha Barrett, MD, FACEP; Holly A Bartimus, MD, FACEP; Christopher M Bazzoli, MD; Chad William Becker, DO; Geoffrey Blair Comp, DO; Cindy Bitter, MD, FACEP; Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP; Julio M. De Pena Batista, MD, FACEP; Angela F Gardner, MD, FACEP; Tara Taylor-Jean Haston, DO; Bruce E Harvey, MD, FACEP; Seth Collings Hawkins, MD, FACEP; Carlton E. Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP; Justin P Hensley, MD, FACEP; Jacob Jensen, DO; Gregory Alan Juhl, MD, FACEP; Carrie Jurkiewicz, MD; Dersim Kaya, MD; Erik Kvamme, MD; Brian A Lentz; Grant Lipman, MD, FACEP; Darryl Macias, MD, FACEP; Nathaniel Ronald Mann, MD; Brett A Matzek, MD, FACEP; Vicki Mazzorana, MD, FACEP; Scott E McIntosh, MD; Joshua M Mularella, DO; Rachel D Munn, DO; Leza Naydich; Maria Nemethy, MD, FACEP; Anne Newbold, DO, FACEP; Jerome Rogich; Marc S Rosenthal, DO, FACEP; Joshua Richard Rudner, DO; Daniel N Saada, MD; Linda Sanders, MD; Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Jessica Slim, MD; Eric R Stendell, MD, FACEP; David F Toro, MD, FACEP; Hemant H Vankawala, MD, FACEP; Megann Young, MD, FACEP.

10 others participating in the meeting included: Charles Hessel Abramson, DO, FACEP; Alexander B Beyer, MD; Russell Davidson, MD; Meaghan Francis Dehning, MD; Seth Gerard; Lawrence Goldberg, MD; Asim P. Iqbal, MD; Nora Klinker, MD; Jonathan R. Nichol, DO; Matthew D Wilson, MD.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of 2015 meeting minutes
3. Councilor Report
4. Board Liaison Report and Simulated/Artificial Outdoor Setting “Exhibit” Concept at ACEP17
5. Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest Results

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6. Roundtable Discussions
7. Election of Officers
8. Committee Chair Reports
9. Elections for Committee Chairs
10. Section Goals / Activities for 2016-17

Major Points Discussed

1. Drs. McDevitt and Weichenthal welcomed everyone to the meeting and the section officers introduced themselves. Outgoing Chair: Marion McDevitt, DO, FACEP; Incoming Chair: Lori Weichenthal, MD, FACEP; and Secretary: Emily Sagalyn, MD, FACEP.
2. The 2015 meeting minutes were approved.
3. Dr. Spano, Section Councilor, reported on the council meeting. No council resolutions were directly related to wilderness medicine. One resolution that was adopted by the Council that may be of interest to our members is Resolution 20(16): Support & Advocacy for 24/7 Hyperbaric Medicine Availability.
4. Dr. Kang, Board liaison, introduced himself and discussed the idea of bringing wilderness into the exhibit hall at ACEP17 in DC. This simulated outdoor setting could include a climbing wall, simulations, procedure skills stations, etc. The objectives are:
 - a. Feature and raise the visibility of wilderness medicine (and other sections if/when involved)
 - b. Provide some new/exciting aspect to ACEP17 and the Exhibit Hall
 - c. Allow members (junior and senior alike) to participate, contribute, and build their resume
 - d. Not lose money for the College, even better would be to generate positive income
 - e. Allow the exhibitors to have access to a new market/forum

The section leadership and membership were receptive to the idea and agreed to discuss it further in the roundtable discussions.

5. Dr. Heine gave a brief overview of the **annual photo contest** and announced the winner and honorable mention. The winning photograph is “The Best Ending to a Hospital Conference Yet” by Anne Zink, MD, FACEP. An honorable mention went to Linda Keyes, MD, FACEP for her piece “Long Line Rescue, Kathmandu Valley, Nepal”. Again this year, due to the high audio-visual costs of renting a monitor and run the photos on a loop in the convention center, the photos were posted on the wilderness medicine website: <https://www.acep.org/Wilderness-Section-Microsite/2016-Wilderness-Medicine-Section-Photo-Contest/> and presented at our annual section meeting.
6. **Roundtable Discussions: Where would you like the Wilderness Medicine Section to go?** Attendees broke into smaller groups of approximately 10 members and discussed what they want out of the section and where they would like to take the section. Some of the items discussed and reported back to the entire group included:



- a. Section being the clearinghouse of information for med students, residents, mentors about grant opportunities, CME opportunities, electives, etc.
- b. Regional opportunities in areas not so conducive to wilderness medicine
- c. More focus, unified with ACGME
- d. Mentorship
- e. Liaison between International (Global Health), Disaster and Wilderness
- f. Better collaboration with WMS, official or unofficial
- g. Showing that wilderness medicine applies to other areas of emergency medicine
- h. Finding jobs
- i. Promote social connections
- j. Discussion board
- k. Research collaboration
- l. Teaching procedures
- m. More events or getting more of our EM colleagues involved

Dr. Hawkins mentioned that he is trying to get a pre-conference course off the ground for Wilderness EMS Medical Directors at future ACEP conferences. Anyone interested in this or in helping coordinate, please contact [Dr. Hawkins](#).

7. Election of Officers for the 2016-18 section years:

Chair - Lori Weichenthal, MD, FACEP

Chair-elect - Emily B. Sagalyn, MD, FACEP

Secretary/Newsletter Editor - Taylor Haston, DO

Immediate Past Chair - Marion McDevitt, DO, FACEP

Councilor - Henderson D. McGinnis, MD, FACEP

Alternate Councilor - Susanne J. Spano, MD, FACEP

8. Committee Chair Reports

a. Education/Simulation Committee

Chair: Nicholas Kanaan, MD

Members: Nicole Battaglioli, MD

Objective: Plan and implement the Wilderness Medicine Simulation at ACEP16 in Vegas and start planning for ACEP17 in Washington, DC.

Report:

Dr. Kanaan submitted a course proposal to hold a high fidelity simulation at ACEP16 and it was accepted. The simulations (2 sessions, same content repeated) are taking place on Monday, October 17 from 12:30pm-2:20pm and from 3:30pm-5:30pm at Mandalay Bay Convention Center. Dr. Caudell submitted a proposal to repeat the simulation at ACEP17. Reply letter to be expected in February/March 2017.

b. Residency Committee

(Chaired by EMRA Wilderness Division Chair. Officers are elected at SAEM)

Chair (2016-17): Carrie Jurkiewicz, MD

Vice-Chair (2016-17): Geoffrey Comp, DO



Objective: To provide seamless access to wilderness medicine research opportunities, educational materials, mentorship, and wilderness elective experiences.

Report:

The EMRA Wilderness Medicine Division will meet on Tuesday, 10/18 from 2pm-3:30pm and invites all residents and medical students to attend. It will also hold its first EMRA MedWar on Wednesday, 10/19 at Red Rock Canyon. Dr. Jurkiewicz thanked the ACEP Wilderness Medicine Section for its support of the event. Special thanks went to Drs. Caudell and Haston who were instrumental in planning the race and to all the section members who agreed to serve as proctors and volunteers.

c. Fellowship Committee

Chair: Julio M. De Pena Batista, MD, FACEP

Objective: Complete the Test Bank. Questions from the test bank will be used for fellowships or medical student electives exit exams.

Report:

Dr. De Pena Batista reported that the test bank project is back and table after a brief hiatus. Anyone interested to contribute questions to contact [Jennifer Dow, MD, FACEP](#).

d. Fellowship Directors Committee:

Chair: Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP

Objective: Represent and serve as a resource to the directors of the fellowship programs in wilderness medicine.

Report:

The group re-confirmed their commitment to a no offer date of Nov. 1 at 9am PDT. This means that no binding OR non-binding offers are to be made to potential fellows prior to Nov. 1. The caveat is internal or pre-arranged matches where you have a long standing agreement with that applicant.

e. Liaison Committee

Chair: Henderson D. McGinnis, MD, FACEP

Members: Lillian J. Lockwood, MD, Disaster Section Member

Objective: Work with other sections and committees with similar goals, where there is crossover, such as International, Disaster, etc.

Report:

More work should be done to complement the work of the Wilderness Medical Society as well as the work of other ACEP sections. It would be helpful to know what other sections do. Those who are members of other sections in addition to Wilderness should inform us of what their other section is doing.

f. Workshop Committee

Chair: Joshua Poles, MD



Objective: Secure a speaker for section meeting at ACEP16

Report:

The section focused on the high-fidelity simulation and decided to dedicate time during the section meeting to continuing the discussion started by Dr. Auerbach at ACEP15 in Boston.

g. Activities Committee

Chair: Hillary Irons, MD, PhD

Members: Vicki Mazzorana, MD, FACEP

Objective: Support EMRA and their planning efforts to host a MedWar pre-conference at ACEP16 in Vegas

Report:

Objective was accomplished. The section supported EMRA and their planning efforts to host a MedWar. It will be held on Wednesday, 10/19 at Red Rock Canyon. Many section members agreed to serve as proctors and volunteers on the day of the event.

9. Elections for Committee Chairs for the 2016-17 section year:

a. **Education/Simulation:** Martha Barrett, MD, FACEP

b. **Residency:** Geoffrey Blair Comp, DO

c. **Fellowship:** Julio M. De Pena Batista, MD, FACEP

d. **Fellowship Directors:** Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP

e. **Liaison:** Linda Sanders, MD

f. **Activities:** Matthew D. Wilson, MD

g. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP

10. Section Goals / Activities for 2016-17

Based on the roundtable discussions, the section decided to focus on the below goals in the upcoming section year:

- Research collaboration
- Section to become a clearinghouse of information for members about various opportunities: grants, CME, electives, etc.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4pm.