



## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



### Annual Meeting & Reception

Monday, October 28, 2019  
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
Colorado Convention Center  
Room 610

### MINUTES

#### Participants

Over 80 participants were in attendance including Section Officers: Emily B Sagalyn, MD, FACEP, Chair; Tara Taylor-Jean Haston, DO, FACEP, Chair-Elect; David Young, MD, Susanne J Spano, MD, FACEP, Councilor; Brendan Milliner, MD, Alternate Councilor, as well as Maude S. Hancock, Staff Liaison and representatives from BTG Inc. Heather Ambrose and Vidya Nair, PharmD.

#### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of 2018 meeting minutes
3. Councilor Report
4. Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest Results
5. Educational Presentation: Venomics and Antivenomics by Eric Lavonas, MD, FACEP
6. Discuss the AMA's Medical Student Section Assembly Proposed Resolution: "Advancing the Role of Outdoor Recreation in Public Health"
7. Committee Chair Reports
8. Elections for Committee Chairs
9. Section Goals / Activities for 2019-20
  - a. Refer to the 2018 minutes for the list of committees and objectives
  - b. Incorporate goals and activities identified into committee objectives
  - c. Set timeline for progress reports and completion of objectives

#### Major Points Discussed

1. Dr. Sagalyn welcomed everyone to the meeting. The section officers in attendance: Emily B Sagalyn, MD, FACEP (Chair), Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP (Chair-Elect) and Dave Young, MD (Secretary/Newsletter Editor) introduced themselves. She thanked BTG for sponsoring our meeting and reception and invited everyone to stay for the reception immediately following the meeting at 5:30pm.
2. The 2019 annual meeting minutes were approved.



3. Brendan Milliner, MD, Section Alternate Councilor reported on the Council meeting. No resolutions presented this year pertained specifically to wilderness medicine, but he highlighted the resolutions on rural emergency care. Dr. Milliner invited section members who have ideas for potential resolutions related to wilderness medicine that could be considered at next year's Council meeting to contact him.
4. Carlton E Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP provided background on the annual Wilderness Medicine Section Photo Contest. 59 photos were submitted this year. The judges were evenly split on their top two selections and decided that there should be two winners this year. The winning photographs are:

*Engulfed - Dolomites, Italy, by Tiffany Chow*  
*Following a USFS hand crew on the Island Fire, by Aaron Stutz, MD*
5. Eric Lavonas, MD, MS, FACEP, Toxicologist and Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Denver Health / University of Colorado gave an educational presentation on the topic of venomics and antivenomics. He presented the outcome of a research project which was funded by a grant from BTG Pharmaceuticals.
6. Carlton E Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP brought the section members' attention to the AMA's Medical Student Section Assembly Proposed Resolution: "Advancing the Role of Outdoor Recreation in Public Health". He discussed the merits of the resolution and its non-controversial nature and asked the section if they would support it. No one was opposed.
7. The Chairs and members in attendance from the various section committees reported on their latest accomplishments and activities and discussed potential initiatives for the 2019-20 section year:
  - a. **Residency Committee:** Lauren Altschuh, MD discussed the EMRA MedWAR taking place on Wednesday, October 30, the last day of ACEP19, at Castlewood Canyon State Park, south of Denver. 11 teams of residents and medical students are scheduled to participate. She also reported on the EMRA Wilderness Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 10/27 and highlighted the Committee's goal to enhance resident and medical student collaboration with the WMS.
  - b. **Fellowship Directors Committee:** Susanne J Spano, MD, FACEP reported that the committee concluded their meeting 30 minutes earlier. 15 attended the meeting in person and 7 by phone. 15 wilderness medicine fellowship programs were represented. Discussion items included the November 1 fellowship offer date as well as tapping the expertise within the group to develop their own matching software and to host the test bank. They also discussed the options available for external peer review of fellowship programs. SAEM has received 5 submissions, with 2 more under review. The Wilderness Medical Society should go live with their review program in about 6 months. The WMS will review all programs and specialties that create WM fellowships.
  - c. **Liaison Committee:** Lillian J Lockwood, MD, FACEP reported on the pre-conference activity ACEP X-TREME held at Denver City Park on Saturday, 10/26. The event provided disaster and wilderness training for 25 attendees with varying levels of medical training. Dr. Lockwood and her team managed over 80 local volunteers, various props and two K-9 dogs. She thanked and congratulated the 20 instructors who are members of the Wilderness and/or Disaster sections for their time, expertise and excellent teaching skills.
  - d. **Activities Committee:** Dave Young, MD reported that no social activity was planned or held in 2019. The committee combined efforts with the Liaison Committee to plan and execute ACEP X-TREME. ACEP20 will be in Dallas, TX.



- e. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP provided background on the project and talked about the experience in 2017. In addition to promoting education about wilderness medicine and generating interest with non-section members, the project increased member involvement opportunities. She mentioned that it was a heavy lift for the few section members and staff who lead the initiative and that if we were to try to repeat the experience that we should consider collaborating and sharing the space with other sections (Pediatric, Telehealth and Wellness, etc.). The committee will evaluate options, including a smaller scale event and/or cross-section collaboration.
- f. **Environmental and Human Health Committee:** Renee Salas, MD, MPH, MS could not be in attendance and Jay Lemery, MD, FACEP briefly commented on the importance of this discussion and that we have the dual mandate of protecting the wilderness and raising awareness of how climate change is harming our health. He mentioned the GME Fellowship on Climate and Health Science Policy at the University of Colorado.

#### 8. Elections for Committee Chairs

- a. **Residency Committee:** As Chair of the EMRA Wilderness Medicine, Lauren Altschuh, MD remains Chair until 4/2020 when Vice Chair Yevgeniy Maksimenko, MD takes over.
- b. **Fellowship Directors Committee:** Chair: Henderson D McGinnis, MD, FACEP
- c. **Liaison Committee:** Chair: Lillian J Lockwood, MD, FACEP
- d. **Activities Committee:** Chair: Angela F Gardner, MD, FACEP; Member: Daniel A Hubbard
- e. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Chair: Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP; Members: Geoffrey Blair Comp, DO and Linda Sanders, MD.
- f. **Environmental and Human Health Committee:** Chair: Open

#### Other Business

John Dietrich Anderson, MD, FACEP proposed forming a sub-community of the section for members that are interested in wilderness medicine and career opportunities outside of the traditional academic setting. A sign-up sheet was made available to those in attendance and an announcement will be sent to the section when the community is set up on engaged.

Dr. Sagalyn closed the meeting by encouraging attendees to keep the excitement going and to get involved with the section. Most attendees participated in the reception sponsored by BTG that immediately followed the meeting.