

**Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section
Conference Call
MINUTES**

July 12, 2017

Participants

Members participating for all or part of the call included: Ula Hwang, MD, FACEP, Chair; Kevin Biese, MD, FACEP, Chair-Elect; Tess Hogan, MD, FACEP, Councillor; and Marianna Karounos, DO, MS, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair.

Others participating in all or part of the meeting included: Mark Rosenberg, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison; Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP, Staff Liaison; and Julie Rispoli, Project Manager.

Agenda

Attendance
Newsletter – Outline & Writing up sections
Section Grant – GEMS Podcasts
Co sponsoring the EMRA Council Resolution on drug pricing
GEMS Meeting at ACEP17
Open forum

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Hwang welcomed everyone to the call. The group discussed progress on the projects identified during the last conference call.

Section Newsletter –Dr. Hwang mentioned that an article was submitted by Thom Ringer. Section Officers were asked to each submit an article for the newsletter. The newsletter will also contain the meeting announcement for ACEP17, and summary of needs assessment survey results. Dr. Hwang will begin drafting these and submit to Julie with goal of newsletter end of summer/fall.

Ideas for future newsletters are that each GEM Board member take turns writing a feature piece for GEMS newsletter.

Section Grant – Dr. Hwang congratulated Dr. Biese on getting the section grant, “Educational webinars on the ACEP Geriatric ED Accreditation (GEDA) program.” The Grant will feature 3 podcasts regarding Geriatric EM: The Time is Now; 1) What is done today? 2) Overview of the Geriatric ED Accreditation Program; 3) How can my ED become more geriatric focused? The grant should be completed by December 31, 2018. Dr. Biese mentioned that we will want to coordinate with the rollout of the Geriatric ED Accreditation Program. Dr. Hwang mentioned that this would be a great opportunity to involve other section members. Dr. Rosenberg mentioned that whenever his ED gets a new physician, their first two shifts are in the Geriatric ED.

Council Resolution – The section was approached about co-sponsoring a resolution with EMRA regarding drug pricing. Dr. Hwang sent the draft to the section noting that the section intends to cosponsor and asked if anyone has any concerns. One comment was from Gerry Maloney of the Cleveland VA stating that it was not clear what the end result was. It was also noted that the section only received the draft Resolveds, but not the full introductory Whereas statements. Dr. Hwang will ask EMRA for the full draft and submit a letter of endorsement by July 30 to co-sponsor the resolution. Dr. Rosenberg went over the steps for a resolution mentioning that staff would write background, an open reference committee would discuss it, staff will prepare a reference committee report noting whether people were for or against or thought there should be changes.

GEMS Meeting at ACEP17 – It was reported that the section meeting will be:
Sunday, October 29
2:00 pm-3:30 pm
Room: Marquis Ballroom Salon 15
Marriott Marquis, Washington, DC

The agenda for the meeting was discussed and is as follows:

- Introductions / networking (15 min)
- Board Liaison Update (5 min)
- Volunteer for workgroups: ie, Microsite, Social Media, Podcasts, Newsletter Group, etc. (15 min)
- Update on the GEDAP (30 min)
- Macy Catheter presentation by Hospi (requested a geriatric specific presentation) 10-15 min

Dr. Schneider mentioned that there would be an accreditation booth on the exhibit floor near the bookstore. An ACEP staff person will let people know about the GEDAP and CUAP. We will need to prepare some handouts for that.

It was decided the sponsor money will be used for snacks/refreshments during the section meeting.

The next calls are: **Wednesdays, August 9, and September 13:**
2:00 Eastern; 1:00 Central; 12:00 Mountain; 11:00 Pacific
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The call was adjourned.