

# American College of Emergency Physicians

## Emergency Medical Services Section Meeting

Sunday, October 15, 2006  
12:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
Ernest M. Morial Convention Center  
Room 293  
New Orleans, LA

### Minutes

#### Participants:

**Section officers** in attendance for all or part of the meeting: John W. Jermyn, DO, FACEP (Chair); Jay H. Reich, MD (Chair Elect); Gert-Paul Walter, MD FACEP (Councillor); Eileen Baker, MD, FACEP, Member-at-Large.

#### **Section members** in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Steve S. Andrews, MD, FACEP; Sandra K. Archibald, MD, FACEP; James J. Augustine, MD, FACEP ; Russell B. Bieniek, MD, FACEP; Kathryn H. Brinsfield, MD, FACEP; Timothy Calicott, MD, FACEP; James M. Callahan, MD, FACEP; Sonia F. Callejas, MD; James M. Cusick, MD FACEP; William R. Dennis, Jr, MD, FACEP; Mark E. A. Escott, MD; Juan F. Fitz, MD, FACEP; Brian R. Froelke, MD; William A. Gluckman, DO, FACEP; Arthur C. Hayes, MD, FACEP; David S. Kugler, MD, MPH, FACEP; Ronald B. Low, MD, FACEP; Henderson D. McGinnis, MD; Jon R. Krohmer, MD, FACEP; Eric W. Ossmann, MD, FACEP; James P. Owen, MD, FACEP; David W. Ross, DO, FACEP; John C. Sacra, MD, FACEP; Scott M. Sasser, MD, FACEP; David J. Schoenwetter, DO; Sara R. Shimmin, MD; Sheila H. Steer, MD, FACEP; David F. E. Stuhlmiller, MD, FACEP; Brian W. Walsh, MD; Gert-Paul Walter, MD, FACEP

**ACEP staff** in attendance for all or part of the meeting: Rick Murray, EMT-P (Staff Liaison); Marshall Gardner, EMT-P (Staff Liaison)

#### **Guests**

Bob W. Bailey; Debra Cason; Shari B. Dominguez, MD; Ian B. Greenwald, MD, FACEP; Richard C. Hunt, MD, FACEP; Sangeeta Lamba, MD; Gina M. Piazza, DO; William E. Northington, MD; Frank Guyette, MD; Jason M. Hums, MPH, NREMT-P; Scott McIntosh; Jennifer Groves; Barry Hickerson; David Howerton, CCEMT-P; Robert A Niskanen; T. J. Reginald, Para; Frank S. Pettyjohn, MD, FACEP; Leigh A. Wheeler.

#### **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Presentation of Outstanding Contribution in EMS Award
- III. Board Liaison Report
- IV. EMS Committee Report

- V. Section Newsletter
- VI. Section Projects Update
- VII. Other New Business
- VIII. Education Presentation

### **Major Points Discussed:**

#### **Call to Order**

Dr. Jermyn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to this years meeting, and also thanked Medtronic for sponsoring the luncheon. He also announced that this was the first time to combine the EMS and Air Medical Transport section meetings into one.

#### **EMS Award**

Dr. Jermyn introduced Dr. Brian Keaton, ACEP Board President, to present *The Outstanding Contribution in EMS* award to Dr. John C. Sacra. Dr. Sacra gave a brief presentation on his EMS career and introduced his wife and two paramedics from EMSA that accompanied him for the presentation.

#### **Board Report**

Dr. Ramon Johnson, Board Liaison, announced that Dr. Linda Lawrence was the new President-Elect.

### **EMS Committee Reports:**

#### **Section Newsletter**

Dr. Jim Cusick volunteered to oversee the development of the newsletter for 2007. A sign up sheet was passed around for individuals that were interested in submitting articles for the newsletter, and all other members are encouraged to contact Dr. Cusick if they want to submit articles, offer points of interest or address concerns.

#### **Section Projects Update**

A report on the section projects was given by the project leaders. Dr. Sal Silvestri discussed that the PAD/AED project was completed and was ready for distribution. One recommendation from the audience was to include a disclaimer at the beginning of the document to refer to local or state laws governing public AED placement and use when developing a program. Dr. Eileen Baker reported that the field use of BiPAP/CPAP is still underway and should be finished by the end of the year.

#### **Other New Business**

Mr. Murray gave an update on the EMS and Disaster Preparedness Department, which has been elevated to departmental status, and Mr. Murray has been promoted to Department Director. He introduced Mr. Gardner, who will be the Department Manager and will be assuming the staff liaison position with the section. Mr. Murray also spoke about the current grants that are being worked on in the department. The DHS grant is a survey of the preparedness levels of hospitals in 18 cities. Three hospitals will receive a visit from a survey team to review their preparedness levels; then in six to nine months from that survey those facilities will receive customized training. The second survey is from the CDC on developing curriculum on blast injuries. Three components are being developed to include a one hour slide

presentation that can be inserted into other training programs; an interactive CD-ROM training module and an internet based module. Lastly, ACEP has helped to produce a video about how to join a disaster response team. The video can be viewed on-line at <http://www.acep.org/webportal/PracticeResources/issues/disasters/masscas/> ; it will be available on CD-ROM for free at future meetings.

Discussion took place regarding the use of the section Web sites and e-list service. The idea of creating an online resource database of links to EMS related Web sites and documents would be a useful resource. Similar feelings toward this type of electronic resource were expressed in other section meetings. Another idea was to create an "out of hospital" resource page that would contain information for the Air Medical Transport, Disaster, EMS, and Tactical Sections. ACEP IT staff would have to be consulted first to see if this is possible.

### **Educational Presentation**

Dr. Ian Stiell who is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Ottawa Hospital, Chair of the University of Ottawa University Health Research, and a Senior Scientist at the Ottawa Health Research Institute gave the section's educational program titled, "A Randomized Controlled Trial of Fixed versus Escalating Energy Levels for Defibrillation." The education presentation and luncheon were sponsored by Medtronic.

Dr. Jermyn adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.