American College of Emergency Physicians
Emergency Medical Services Section Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2007
12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Cirrus Room, Seattle Sheraton
Seattle, WA

Minutes

Section officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting: John W. Jermyn, DO, FACEP (Chair); Jay H. Reich, MD, FACEP (Chair-Elect); Gert-Paul Walter, MD FACEP (Councillor); Mark Eckstein, MD, FACEP, (Secretary) Jim Cusick, MD, FACEP, (Newsletter Editor)

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

Agenda
1. Call to Order
2. Section Officer Elections
3. Presentation of Outstanding Contribution in EMS Award
4. Sponsor Presentation
   "Using Technology in Collaboration to Improve D2B Times"
5. Council Meeting Report
6. Section Newsletter
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

Major Points Discussed:

Call to Order

Dr. Jermyn called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to this years meeting, and also thanked Physio-Control for sponsoring the luncheon. He also welcomed members from the Section of Air Medical Transport for the second year.

Section Officer Elections

Dr. Jermyn facilitated the 2007-2008 section officer elections. The results are:
Chair - Jay H. Reich, MD, FACEP
Chair-elect - Mark K. Eckstein, MD, FACEP
Immediate Past Chair - John W. Jermyn, DO, FACEP
Secretary - Eileen F. Baker, MD, FACEP
Member-at-Large - James M. Cusick, MD, FACEP
Newsletter Editor - James M. Cusick, MD, FACEP
Councillor - Kevin E. Mackey, MD
Alternate Councillor - Robert R. Bass, MD, FACEP
Website/E-list Moderator - Kimberly D. Freeman, MD

Once the elections were complete, Dr. Reich facilitated the rest of the meeting as the new section chair.
EMS Award

Dr. Reich introduced Dr. Linda Lawrence, ACEP Board President, to present The Outstanding Contribution in EMS award to Dr. Robert Bass. Dr. Bass gave a brief presentation on his EMS career.

Sponsor Presentation

Dr. William A. Gluckman gave the section’s educational program titled, "Using Technology in Collaboration to Improve D2B Times" The education presentation and luncheon were sponsored by Physio-Control.

Council Meeting Report

Dr. Walter reported that there were two resolutions submitted this year that would have had an impact on the EMS community.

The first resolution was to evaluate the science of hypothermia in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest resuscitations and the coordination of prehospital, hospital, and physician delivery of care. However, the resolution was amended and accepted that ACEP should evaluate the science and efficacy of hypothermia for successful resuscitation of cardiac arrests

The second resolution regarding the Regionalized Acute Care Services was referred to the Board of Directors. ACEP is currently instituting ongoing plans to address the recommendations contained in the IOM report including regionalization. Referral to the Board of Directors would be appropriate to emphasize the importance of ongoing attention to this issue. The importance of involvement of state and national stakeholders was also emphasized.

Board Report

Dr. Ramon Johnson, Board Liaison, announced that Dr. Nicholas Jouriles, MD, FACEP was the new President-Elect.

Dr. Johnson also presented Dr. Jermyn with a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Directors for his service as the EMS Section Chair.

Section Newsletter

There were three newsletters produced for 2007. The goal for 2008 is to produce four newsletters and to include new areas. Dr. Jim Cusick agreed to coordinate the creation of newsletters again and asked for volunteers to help him by serving as individual newsletter editors for this upcoming year.

Other Business

New to the Section is the position of Website/E-list Moderator. Dr. Freeman will fill this role for the first time, and according to Dr. Reich, this position was created to improve and update the public face of the section as well as encourage increased e-list participation. Some of the duties of this new position are to monitor discussions on the section e-list, and to be a catalyst for discussion by selecting current issues of interest and sending a quarterly email to the list to discuss. Additionally, the presentation repository, started by Dr. Jermyn, will continue to be offered to members. The repository is meant to serve as a resource to section members. The contents can include presentations, links to federal programs, copies of protocols, or any other resource that would assist with the medical direction of an EMS agency. Members
that would like to volunteer information to be posted on the site can contact one of the section officers, or Marshall Gardner, the ACEP staff liaison.

Dr. Glenn Bollard, the Chair for the Section of Tactical Emergency Medicine, introduced himself and explained that there are connections between the two sections. He welcomed the EMS section to use the Tactical section as a resource for any agencies that maybe providing tactical medical support for their communities. He invited the audience to attend the Tactical Section meeting which will be Wednesday, October 10, from 1 to 3 pm.

Dr. Reich announced that discussions taking place during Scientific Assembly about efforts to create a new “Out-of-Hospital” sub-specialty in emergency medicine. Audience feedback at other meetings during SA has been generally in favor for the creation of the new subspecialty. Dr. Jon Krohmer, MD, FACEP gave an overview of the steps that would need to take place, including the creation of the unique body of knowledge and collaboration of support from other specialties. He anticipates the entire application process would take approximately two years to complete.

Finally, Dr. Reich announced that the section would like to get ideas for section grant funding. Dr. Mark Eckstein, MD, FACEP, will be coordinating efforts to take recommendations for potential section grants for the next year. All of the members are encouraged to submit their ideas Dr. Eckstein, or one of the other section officers.

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