



**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS**



**Wilderness Medicine Fellowship Directors Meeting**

Sunday, October 16  
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Mandalay Bay Convention Center  
Tradewinds E

**MINUTES**

**Participants**

Section members in attendance included: Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the Fellowship Directors Committee, Julio M. De Pena Batista, MD, FACEP; Jennifer Dow, MD, FACEP; Taylor Haston, DO; Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP; Grant S. Lipman, MD, FACEP; Darryl J. Macias, MD, FACEP; Henderson McGinnis, MD, FACEP; Scott E. McIntosh, MD; Andrew Pelikan, MD; Megann Young, MD, FACEP

Maude S. Hancock, ACEP Staff Liaison

**6 Fellowship Programs** were represented at the meeting: Augusta University (GA); Madigan Army Medical Center (WA); Stanford (CA); UCSF Fresno (CA); University of New Mexico (NM); University of Utah (UT)

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Confirmatory Offer Date Discussion
3. Question Bank
4. Opportunities
5. Other Business

**Major Items Discussed**

1. Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the Fellowship Directors Committee Michael J. Caudell, MD, FACEP welcomed everyone to the meeting and had the attendees introduce themselves.
2. Confirmatory Offer Date Discussion:

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November 1 was the agreed upon date (12pm Eastern / 9am Pacific), but it was brought up to the group that again this year the agreement was not respected by all program directors.

Dr. Lipman will communicate to all program directors via the Fellowship Directors listserv that the group re-affirmed its commitment to a no offer date of Nov 1 at 9a PST.

Our group definition means that no binding OR non-binding offers are to be made prior to Nov 1. (e.g. "tell me now", or "the spot is yours just give me an answer by Nov 1"). The caveat is internal or pre-arranged matches where you have a long standing agreement with that applicant.

We agreed that this clarity is necessary so we are all playing by the same rules, and it protects the interest of both the applicants and directors and that if someone feels otherwise, we can discuss a different approach, but let's just be sure that we are consistent with said approach.

### 3. Question Bank:

**Dr. Jennifer Dow** took a step back to re-evaluate:

- a) The types of questions Fellowship Directors want
- b) The format of the questions (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> degree). PEER Style questions was proposed. Dr. Lipman suggested applying for a section grant with the outcome product being a Wilderness Medicine Section Fellowship question and answer book.
- c) How those interested to contribute should collaborate (excel, Basecamp, or other)? ACEP has a Basecamp account and **Ms. Hancock** will look into the possibility to use it for this project.
- d) **Ms. Hancock** will add Dr. Dow to the Wilderness Medicine Fellowship Directors e-list to reach out to the Directors. Those interested to contribute to this project can email Dr. Dow.

### 4. Upcoming Opportunities for Fellows

- a. Dr. Lipman mentioned getting involved with GME and WMS. There are opportunities at the February Wilderness and Mountain Medicine Conference in Park City, UT to give a short lecture and be invited as Faculty at the WMS Annual Conference.
- b. Dr. Macias started a [GoogleSheet of WMS GME Fellow Opportunities](#)
- c. Those interested in AWLS courses, [contact Dr. Wedmore](#).
- d. Another idea mentioned was to run a CME course for the WMS:
  - i. **Drs. Macias and McGinnis** to champion the idea
  - ii. **Dr. Lipman** to send an email to the fellowship directors and have them communicate the opportunity to their fellows.

### 5. Other Items Discussed

- a. Dr. Macias mentioned completing the first iteration of the Wilderness and Environmental Medicine (WEM) Live podcast. The second iteration will be



- an interview with DiMM Nepal. He welcomes suggestions. Listen to the podcast on [SoundCloud](#) or [iTunes](#).
- b. To build on the fellow opportunities mentioned earlier, the group discussed the status of the **multi-program calendar of courses and activities** available to the section. Dr. Spano put together a calendar in the spring and **Ms. Hancock** is working with a web designer to have it translated into a calendar format. Until the web designer is able to work on this, Maude will post the calendar activities in a simple list format on the section website.
  - c. Dr. McIntosh mentioned WMS credits for didactics for fellows. More information to come from **Dr. McIntosh**
  - d. Dr. Caudell asked the group how we should nominate/elect the Chair of the Fellowship Directors Committee and asked the group if anyone would be interested to take over. All agreed that the Chair should be a Fellowship Director and that Dr. Caudell should continue in this role.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12pm.