American College of Emergency Physicians



Research and Scholarly Innovation Section Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 @ 1:00 – 2:00 pm CT

Minutes

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SECTION CHAIR AND ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE RSI SECTION AT THE SECTION MEETING ON DECEMBER 9, 2026. ANY CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.

Participants in some or all of the meeting included: Carol Clark, Maria Balbuena Bojorquez, Hao Wang, Justin Belsky, Neehar Kundurti, Sharon Kim, Zachary Phillip Soucy, Mike Makutonin, Nick Ashburb, Junaid Razzak, James Paxton, Keith Alangaden, Willard Sharp, Jason Muir, Josh Davis, Chadd Kraus, Martin Wegman, Marla Payne.

Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Introductions**
- **Board Update**
- **Council Update**
- **Old Business**
- **Officer Update**
- **Newsletter**
- **Initiatives for 2026-2027**

Major Points Discussed

- Introduction of the officers of the section. No new elections were held this year. Officers of the Section this year are as follows:
    - Dr Hao Wang, Chair
    - Dr Carol Clark, Chair-Elect
    - Dr James Paxton, Immediate Past Chair
    - Dr Dana Matthew, Secretary/Newsletter Editor

    - Dr Joshua Davis, Councilor
    - Dr Keith Alangaden, Alternate Councilor
    - Dr Chad Kraus, Board Liaison
    - Dr Martin Wegman, Staff Liaison
- July meeting's minutes were discussed and approved. There were no corrections, and the membership voted to approve the minutes.
- Councilor’s update and highlights from the Councilor's Meeting that took place before the start of the Scientific Assembly.
    - Resolutions 12 and 13 (Council seat): Sections now qualify by total members against a Board-set minimum, and the fixed 100 dues-paying floor is gone. Residents and fellows who choose RSI for their complimentary section count toward our seat. I could not find what the new “set minimum” number of members will be, but I suspect it is still to be determined. RSI Councilor vote: supported
    - Resolution 24 (Scientific integrity): ACEP will advocate for qualified, evidence-committed leadership at federal health and science agencies. RSI Councilor vote: supported
    - Resolution 31 (International medical graduates): ACEP will oppose immigration actions that disrupt training or practice for physicians and trainees. RSI Councilor vote: supported
    - Resolution 33 (AI independent practice): ACEP will push for a physician-in-the-loop requirement and will consider an AI initiative in its Strategic Plan. RSI Councilor vote: supported
    - Resolution 36 (ED staffing transparency): ACEP supports standardized, public reporting of onsite physician coverage, a potential dataset for outcomes research. RSI Councilor vote: supported
- Board Liaison update.
- Primer updates. Journal Club Primer is in copyright review at ACEP and is expected out soon. A Primer on Industry-sponsored research is currently being planned and developed.
- Research fellowship project update.

- Goals and initiatives for 2026-2027 include collaboration among members, requested presentations on current members' research interests, and how the section can add value for its members.
- Discussion of future ACEP presentations by RSI members to give section members an opportunity to participate in the national conference and further identify potential topics for panel discussions or presentations.