

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS**  
**Section of Disaster Medicine Meeting**

Tuesday, October 2, 2018  
3:30 to 6:00 pm  
San Diego Convention Center, Mezzanine Level, Room 13  
San Diego, CA

**MINUTES**

**Section Officers:**

Henry A. Curtis, MD, FACEP, FAAEM (Chair); Marc S. Rosenthal, PhD, DO, FACEP (Immediate Past Chair); Kathy Lehman-Huskamp, MD, FACEP (Chair-Elect); Mitchell Moriber, DO; (Secretary); David Wayne Callaway, MD, FACEP (Councillor); Lillian Lockwood, MD (Newsletter Co-Editor); Bryan Wexler, MD, MPH, FACEP (Newsletter Co-Editor); Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP (Board Liaison)

**Section Members and Guests in attendance:**

Patricia Moriber, RN, PhD; Timur N Alptunaer, MD; Ray E Swienton, MD, FACEP; Constance J Doyle, MD, FACEP; Anthony E Kraus, MD; Sophie M Monnier-Serov, MD; Kristi Koenig, MD, FACEP; Roy Alson, MD, PhD, FACEP; Romeo Fairley, MD, FACEP; Lillian J Lockwood, MD, FACEP; Dale Michael Mole, DO, FACEP; Joseph Bonney, MD, MPH; John Agee, DO, FACEP; Dee Williams (PerSys Medical); Heather Star Krause, MD, MPH; Richard B Schwartz, MD, FACEP; Jordan Selzer, MD; Avram Flamm, DO; Paul David Biddinger, MD, FACEP; Carl H Schultz, MD, FACEP; Angela Pettit Cornelius, MD, FACEP; Ira R Nemeth, MD, FACEP; Leonid Kapmanovich, EMT (PerSys Medical); Gregory Robert Ciottone, MD, FACEP; Milana Trounce, MD, FACEP; Ronald P Ruffing, MD; Susan Mumm Fitzgerald, MD, FACEP; Vivian Reyes, MD, FACEP; Andrew W Maurano, PA-C; James Phillips, MD, FACEP; Tress Goodwin, MD; Ann Payne, MD; Kathleen D Keeffe, MD, FACEP; Ben Luman, PA; Jenifer Compton Luman, MD, FACEP; Stanley Edward Chartoff, MD, MPH, FACEP; Emberlynn Liang Liu, MD; Howard D Backer, MD, MPH, FACEP; Daniel J Bachmann, MD, FACEP; Joseph A Scott, MD, FACEP; Ritu Sarin, MD, FACEP; Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Sasha Rihter, DO; Charles M Little, DO, FACEP

**ACEP staff in attendance:**

Patrick Elmes, EMT/P, Manager EMS & Disaster Preparedness

**AGENDA**

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| I. Call to Order, Opening Remarks                  | Dr. Curtis               |
| II. Introduction of Officers                       | Dr. Curtis               |
| III. Board Liaison Remarks                         | Dr. Kang                 |
| IV. Niche Groups                                   | Dr. Curtis               |
| A. Biosecurity Niche Pitch                         | Dr. Boukman              |
| B. Team Rubicon and High Threat Task Force         | Dr. Callaway             |
| C. NAS Nuclear Preparedness                        | Dr. Nemeth               |
| V. Presentation of Disaster Medical Sciences Award | Dr. Friedman/Dr. Ciotone |

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| VI. Presentation of Outstanding Section Newsletter Award          | Dr. Friedman/Dr. Curtis   |
| VII. Newsletter/Website Report                                    | Dr. Curtis/Dr. Weinstein  |
| A. Co-Editors   |                           |
| B. Website  |                           |
| C. Social Media   |                           |
| VIII. Disaster Committee Report                                   | Dr. Rosenthal             |
| IX. ACEP 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Disaster Section Slideshow | Dr. Curtis                |
| A. Disaster and Pediatric Emergency Medicine Booth                |                           |
| X. Meeting Sponsor Presentation-PerSys Medical                    | Professor Isaac Ashkenazi |
| XI. Council Report  | Dr. Callaway              |
| XIII. Liaison Reports   |                           |
| A. National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health        | Dr. Kirsch                |
| B. HPP Health Care Coalitions and Training                        | Dr. Hunt                  |
| C. American College of Surgeons-Council on Trauma                 | Dr. Bulger                |
| D. Disaster Relief Efforts for Hurricane Maria in PR              | Dr. Molins                |
| E. Other Reports from the floor                                   |                           |
| XV. New Business  | Dr. Curtis                |
| XVI. Adjourn-Social Hour TBA                                      | Dr. Curtis                |



We want to thank our sponsor Persys Medical, for powering our meeting and awards ceremony. PerSys (our sponsor for the third year) will offer a presentation by Professor Isaac Ashkenazi bringing 40+ years of Israeli disaster medicine expertise as well as knowledge from around the world.

## **Major Points Discussed**

### Call to Order, Opening Remarks-Dr. Curtis

Dr. Curtis opened the meeting and introduced the officers

### Niche Groups-Dr. Curtis, Dr. Boukman, Dr. Callaway and Dr. Nemeth

Dr. Curtis discussed a new portion of the Disaster Section website being developed to share information and stories about like interests of members within disaster medicine. Three potential niche group interests were highlighted in presentations. These presentations were, Biosecurity Niche Pitch by Dr. Boukman, Team Rubicon and High Threat Task Force by Dr. Callaway and NAS Nuclear Preparedness by Dr. Nemeth.

### Board Liaison Remarks-Dr. Kang

The Disaster Medicine Section, ACEP, Board of Directors Section Liaison, Dr. Kang, reflected on the past year, encouraged collaboration within the section as well as with other sections, committees and task

forces within ACEP and outside organizations. He offered his support to the section and movement forward in the coming year.

#### Liaison Reports

##### **National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health-Dr. Goolsby**

- Described and discussed the work of the Stop the Bleed Education Consortium
- Relationship between NCDMPH and DOD
- Disaster Data collection and modeling

##### **HPP Health Care Coalitions and Training-Dr. Hunt**

- Discussed National Healthcare Preparedness Programs in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services including job openings and leadership direction.
- Discussed the Healthcare Coalition Response Leadership Course at Anniston. He invited physicians to attend and offer their perspectives during the course.
- Stop the Bleed
- Discussed Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, received the grants from ASPR's Hospital Preparedness Program to conduct pilot projects that show the potential effectiveness and viability of a Regional Disaster Health Response System.
- SNS Transfer from CDC to ASPR

##### **American College of Surgeons-Council on Trauma-Dr. Bulger**

- Discussed ACS-COT activities and collaboration with ACEP

##### **Disaster Relief Efforts for Hurricane Maria in PR-Dr. Molins**

##### **National Highway Transportation Safety Administration-Dr. Krohmer**

- Dr. Kromer outlined activities at NHTSA including, EMS 2050, Practice Model revision, Naloxone, Opiate crisis and fentanyl exposure and Coalitions involving EMS.

##### **ACEP Legislative Update-Mr. Gruehn**

- Mr. Gruehn is the ACEP legislative representative. He provided an update regarding PAHPA Reauthorization, Grant award to Nebraska Med and U Mass as noted above, Mission "0" and Good Samaritan legislation which has been watered down some.

#### Disaster Committee Report-Dr. Rosenthal and Dr. Nemeth

Dr. Rosenthal described the work and objectives of the ACEP, Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee completed from last year and provided an update of new objectives and aims for the coming year. He encouraged collaboration between the committee and the section.

#### Presentation of Disaster Medical Sciences Award-Dr. Friedman/Dr. Ciotonne

ACEP President, Dr. Vidor Friedman presented the Disaster Medical Sciences Award to Dr. Gregory Ciotonne. Dr. Ciotonne has dedicated his career to the academic advancement of Disaster Medicine through a combination of field work, research, and scholarly activity. He is the Director of the Division of Disaster Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and the Founder and Director of the BIDMC Fellowship in Disaster Medicine, the first of its kind at a Harvard teaching hospital. He is an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School and an Instructor of Healthcare Policy and Management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He also serves as the Director for

Medical Preparedness at the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, a joint program of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Ciottone has taught educational programs in Disaster Medicine in over 30 countries around the world, and has consulted domestically for the US State Department, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, and the White House Medical Unit.

#### Presentation of Outstanding Section Newsletter Award- Dr. Friedman/Dr. Curtis

ACEP President, Dr. Vidor Friedman presented the, ACEP, Outstanding Section Newsletter Award (for the second year in a row) to Newsletter Editor, Dr. Eric Weinstein and Co-Editors, Dr. Lillian Lockwood, Dr. Bryan Wexler, Dr. Stefanie Wise, Dr. Sukhshant Atti and Dr. Timothy Carswell.

#### Newsletter/Website Report-Dr. Curtis

Dr. Curtis provided an update regarding the Disaster Section portion of the ACEP Website including the addition of Niche Groups as well as, our new Facebook Page. Dr. Lillian Lockwood was appointed as the new section newsletter editor since Dr. Weinstein is stepping down this year.

#### ACEP 50th Anniversary, Disaster Section Slideshow-Dr. Curtis

-Section members were treated to a slides in honor of ACEP's 50th Anniversary which featured the work and activities of disaster medicine throughout the years.

-Dr. Curtis also noted that the slideshow was also featured at the joint Disaster/Pediatric Section booth over the course of the conference.

#### Council Report-Dr. Callaway

Dr. Callaway reported on ACEP Council activities. There was not much directly impacting the Disaster Medicine Section. Council election results were announced.

#### Meeting Sponsor Presentation-PerSys Medical-Professor Isaac Ashkenazi

Professor Ashkenazi is an international expert on disaster management and leadership, community resilience and mass casualty events with both extensive professional and academic experience. He is considered one of the world's foremost experts in medical preparedness for complex emergencies and disasters.

-Dr. Ashkenazi provided a presentation about the differences in civilian and First Response culture and response of terroristic attacks between Israel and the United States.

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#### New Business

-The ACEP Telemedicine Section has approached the Disaster Section wishing to explore some ideas and collaboration.

-Announcement that the National Disaster Life Support Foundation is working on a comprehensive textbook and is seeking involvement.

-Dr. Curtis invited members and guests to a social gathering after the meeting

Adjourned at 6:17 pm.