

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

**Monday, October 2, 2022  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Moscone Convention Center, Hall D 12  
San Francisco, CA**

**MINUTES**

**Section Officers:**

James Phillips, MD, FACEP (Section Chair-elect); Samantha Noll MD, FACEP (Councillor); G.T. Pugh, MD (Alternate Councillor); Gabor Kelen MD, FACEP (ACEP Board Liaison)

**Section Members and Guests in attendance:**

Cara Taubman, MD, MPH; Israel Castillo; Jonathon McMahon, DO; Khristina Kopchuk, DO; Jay Pandya, MD; Cai Glushak, MD; Jessica Ryder, MD; Matthew Willes; Stanley Edward Chartoff, MD, MPH, FACEP; Sophia Gorgens, MD; Carl H Schultz, MD, FACEP; Jonathan Olson; Joseph Scott, MD, FACEP; Debbie Cantor; Clare Charbonnet, MD; Jon R Krohmer, MD, FACEP Thomas D Kirsch, MD, MPH, FACEP; Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Stephanie Costa, MD; Cynthia Singh; Camilla Sulak, MD; Ira R. Nemeth, MD, FACEP; Bryan Wexler, MD, MPH, FAAEM; Henry A. Curtis, MD, FACEP; Steven H. Mitchell, MD, FACEP; Marc Rosenthal, PhD, DO, FACEP James Aiken, MD, FACEP; Kyle Herbert, MD; Larissa Unruh, MD, MPH; Constance J Doyle, MD, FACEP; Sharon E Mace, MD, FACEP, FAAP; Roy Alson PhD, MD, FACEP; Becky Alson; Angela Pettit Cornelius, MD, FACEP; Richard Hunt, MD, 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. Phillips           |
| II. Introduction of Officers                         | Dr. Phillips           |
| III. Presentation of Disaster Medical Sciences Award | Dr. Kelen/Dr. Alson    |
| IV. Board Liaison Remarks                            | Dr. Kelen              |
| V. Niche Groups                                      | Dr. Phillips/Mr. Elmes |
| VI. Newsletter/Website Report                        | Dr. Phillips/Mr. Elmes |
| A. Co-Editors  |                        |
| B. Website   |                        |
| C. Social Media                                      |                        |
| D. Survey/Strategic Planning                         | Dr. Phillips/All       |
| VII. Disaster Committee Report                       | Dr. Mace               |

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| XI. Council Report   | Dr. Noll/Dr. Pugh |
| XIII. Liaison Reports                                      |                   |
| A. National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health | Dr. Kirsch        |
| B. ASPR  | TBA               |
| C. American College of Surgeons-Council on Trauma          | TBA               |
| D. EMRA Liaison  | Dr. Gorgens       |
| E. Other Reports from the floor                            | All               |
| XV. New Business   | Dr. Phillips      |
| XVI. Adjourn   | Dr. Phillips      |

### **MAJOR POINTS DISCUSSED:**

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

-The Disaster Medicine Section Chair-Elect, Dr. Phillips, chaired the meeting in the Chair, Dr. Goralnick's absence. Dr. Phillips opened the meeting and expressed his anticipation for a successful and exciting year to come.

#### Introduction of Officers-Dr. Phillips

-Dr. Phillips introduced the current Disaster Medicine Section Officers.

#### Presentation of Disaster Medical Sciences Award-Dr. Kelen/Dr. Alson

- The Disaster Medical Sciences Award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions of national/international significance or impact to the field of disaster medicine. The ACEP, Disaster Medical Sciences Award was presented to by the ACEP, Disaster Section and Committee, Board Liaison, Dr. Gabor Kelen to Dr. Roy L. Alson.

Roy Alson, PhD, MD, FACEP, is Professor Emeritus of Emergency Medicine at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine and the creator of the Office of Pre-hospital and Disaster Medicine at Wake Forest. He has been at Wake Forest in 1988 where he spent his academic career. He was an Associate Professor at the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma at Wake Forest University and is an Associate Professor of Military Medicine at the Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He also is an affiliate faculty member of the International Trauma and Disaster Institute at MGH.

Dr. Alson received his B.A from the University of Virginia in 1974 and both his Ph.D. and M.D. from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of WFU (1982 & 1985). He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh in 1988 and was board certified in Emergency Medicine from 1989 to 2019 and is board certified Emergency Medical Services by ABEM through 2023.

His EMS career began in the 1973 as an EMT in New York City. Dr. Alson served as both Associate and Medical Director for the Forsyth County EMS from 1989 to 2019. His work in Disaster Medicine began in 1989 as the XO of the SORT team, a regional disaster medical team. He went on to serve with the NDMS for 28 years, serving as the Commander and Deputy Commander for the NC-DMAT-1, and as Deputy Commander of the NMRT East. Dr. Alson served as the Team Commander on many nationally declared disasters and NSSE's. On leaving NC-1 in 2013 he became a member of the Trauma –Critical

Care Team East until his retirement from the NDMS in 2018.

He has been a member of ACEP since 1984 and is a Fellow of the College. He has been active in both the Disaster Medicine and EMS sections, as well as serving on both the EMS and Disaster Committees, where he served as the Chairman of the Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee for ACEP, from 2011 to 2016. Dr. Alson was involved in the development of the College's Disaster Preparedness and Response course as well as ACEP's Lead Investigator on a successful ASPR grant called "Lessons Learned from Hurricane Sandy and Recommendations for Improved Healthcare and Public Health Response and Recovery for Future Catastrophic Events".

Dr. Alson served as the Medical Advisor to the North Carolina State Medical Response System for many years, helping to implement response planning and training programs. He represented ACEP on the Preparedness Forum, Institute of Medicine, National Academies from 2012-2018 and was one of the lead investigators for ACEP's review of Hurricane Sandy response, He served on the ACEP task force that produced America's Emergency Care Environment, A State-By-State Report Card: 2014.

He has presented, published numerous articles and book chapters on disaster response and prehospital trauma care during his career and currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the International Trauma Life Support Program.

#### Board Liaison Remarks

Dr. Kelen recognized the hard work of section, discussed some of the ACEP, Board of Directors initiatives, Board elections and recognized Dr. Alson on this achievement.

#### Niche Groups-Dr. Phillips

Dr. Phillips discussed the section Niche Groups and encouraged participation. He invited Past-Chair of the Disaster Medicine Section, Dr. Henry Curtis who helped develop the Niche Groups, to share the history and a description of the groups.

#### Newsletter/Website Report-Dr. Phillips/Mr. Elmes

-Mr. Elmes provided an update on newsletter activities. He noted that the section Secretary and Newsletter Editor is Dr. Lillian Lockwood. Shas unable to attend but sent her greetings and encouraged members to sign up to participate as newsletter co-editors. Mr. Elmes will be checking with the co-editors to see if they are interested in continuing and soliciting new ones. The group discussed the process for producing a newsletter.

The website was discussed including "Just in Time" postings, listing resources, Niche Groups and the Facebook page. We will soon be adding a page exclusively dedicated to volunteer opportunities and descriptions. Mr. Elmes encouraged members to participate on the Facebook page.

#### - Survey/Strategic Planning

Dr. Phillips described the results of a recent survey that was sent to the Disaster Section Membership and plans to implement some of the ideas with a goal to increase value for our members and the college. He also noted that these ideas will be further discussed in monthly section officers' meetings.

#### Disaster Committee Report-Dr. Cornelius/Dr. Mace

-Dr. Mace provided the group with a summary of the Disaster Committee activities over the past year.

The new Chair for the Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee, Dr. Angela Cornelius was introduced. Dr. Cornelius expressed her thanks to Dr. Mace for her service to the Committee and the College. Dr. Cornelius reviewed the committee's objectives and goal for the coming year including several potential new items to add to the objectives.

#### Council Report-Dr. Noll/ Dr. Pugh

-There were no directly disaster related resolutions. The results of the ACEP officer's election were announced.

#### Liaison Reports

National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH)-Dr. Kirsch

-History and Description of NCDMPH was provided.

-NDMS Pilot Program is the Military-Civilian NDMS Interoperability Study (MCNIS). MCNIS will inform the Pilot of immediate and long-term changes needed to strengthen the NDMS in order to provide definitive care for combat casualties.

-Guide for Healthcare personnel in Crisis

Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)-Mr. Elmes

-It was noted that that our usual ASPR Liaison with ACEP, Dr. Richard Hunt, received the ACEP, Mills award this year.

-Mr. Elmes noted several collaborations between ASPR and ACEP this year including the committee's participation in evaluation and improvement of the Healthcare Preparedness Guidelines which will continue through this next year.

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA)-Mr. Severeid and Dr. Krohmer

-The group was encouraged all to see current NHTSA initiatives at EMS.gov and noted NHTSA's continued communication and collaboration between NCDMPH and ASPR.

-Disaster related resources are on the NHTSA website.

-Collaboration on new guidelines with NASEMSO were noted.

-As a note, we wish Dr. Krohmer congratulations and a wonderful retirement

American College of Surgeons-Council of Trauma (ACS-COT)-Dr. Mitchell

-Dr. Mitchell noted he was not officially representing ACS-COT but did discuss their work on National Trauma System Coordination Centers.

Emergency Medicine Residents Association (EMRA)

-Dr. Gorgens discussed several EMRA initiatives, future collaboration with Disaster and EMRA representation on several other ACEP committees and sections.

Stop the Bleed Education Consortium (SBEC)-Mr. Elmes

-Noted ACEP's continued collaboration with the SBEC.

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National Academy of Sciences-Dr. Nemeth

-Noted a Crisis Standards of Care meeting coming up later this month.

Council of Disaster Fellowship Directors at the American College of Emergency Physicians-Dr. Nemeth

-Discussed ongoing listing of current Disaster Fellowships

-Noted meeting of the group during ACEP22 later in the week

-Noted discussions of pursuit of a Disaster Subspecialty.

National Disaster Life Support Foundation

Dr. Nemeth discussed the new and updated curriculum for NDLS curriculum for the various offered courses. Mr. Elmes noted we will be continuing our partnership with NDLS.

New Business-Dr. Phillips

-The groups discussed potential section grants, resolutions and potential liaisons.

-Future Sponsorship

-Subcommittees based on the survey results.

Adjourn-Dr. Phillips

-The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm