



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



Toxicology Section Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
ACEP25 Salt Lake City, UT
Salt Palace Convention Center
Level 2, Room 255A
10:30AM-12:30PM

MINUTES

Section Officers participating in the meeting included:

Chair: Stella Wong, DO

Chair-Elect: Richard Chen, MD, FACEP

Alternate Councillor: Evan Schwarz, MD, FACEP, FACMT, FASAM

Attendees - 16 attendees: Jacob Altholz, Hailee Browne, Alexis Cates, Richard Chen, Nicholas Hurst, Elizabeth Goreki, Andrea Nillas, Dan Quan, Daniel Sessions, James Shoemaker, Evan Schwarz, Laura Szczesniak, Keitha Varela, Stella Wong. ACEP Staff: Ashley Briseno and Maude S. Hancock.

Call to Order:

Dr. Wong called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM. Introductions of attendees were made.

Educational Program:

Andrea Nillas, MD, Assistant Professor in Emergency Medicine, Division of Toxicology, University of Texas Southwestern presented The Rise of 7-OH: An Evolving Kratom Conundrum. Questions were answered after the presentation.

Old Business:

Section Minutes of September 30, 2024, were reviewed and approved.

New Business/Open Floor –

- Following the educational program presentation, Dr. Shoemaker, Board Liaison, gave an update from ACEP25 Council meeting.
 - Board officers were elected

- No questions were raised by the group
- Operational Guidelines Ballot - Dr. Chen conducted an in-person vote. The majority approved.
- Dr. Chen gave an update from the resolutions that were not adopted.
- Toxicology Education
 - Revamping the simulation cases on toxicology section website.
 - Encouraging feedback on how to better the simulation cases.
- Dr. Wong suggested a future joint meeting with the Addiction Medicine section.
- Dr. Chen and EMS Prehospital section leadership discussed a collaboration of EMS/Toxicology
- Dr. Sessions suggested to form an education committee within the section to structure the education program. Dr. Chen and Dr. Wong agreed.
- Dr. Altholz gave an update on the work he is doing regarding toxicology.
- Dr. Sessions suggested having informal toxicology meetings at ACMT, AACT, and other conferences.

Election Results –

New Officer announcements at 11:28AM

Officers serve a 2-year term starting after this meeting through ACEP27.
(ACEP26 is in Chicago, IL).

Chair: Richard Chen, MD, FACEP

Chair-Elect: Daniel J. Sessions, MD, FASAM, FACMT, FAAEM

Secretary: Andrea Nillas, MD

Immediate Past Chair: Stella Wong, DO

Councillor: Evan Schwarz, MD, FACEP, FACMT, FASAM

Alternate Councillor: Dan Quan, DO, FAAEM, FACEP, FACMT

Each candidate gave a few words regarding their work and interests.

Dr. Chen presented outgoing chair plaque to Dr. Wong.

Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33AM