

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
Annual Meeting at ACEP24**



Tuesday, September 9, 2025
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
SPCC, Level 2, 255A

Minutes

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SECTION CHAIR AND ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE UNDERSEA AND HYPERBARIC MEDICINE SECTION AT THE ANNUAL SECTION MEETING DURING ACEP25. ANY CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.

Participants

There were 8 in-person participants (5 section members and 3 guests), 4 virtual participants, the Board liaison, and section coordinator. In person were Joy Carrico; Stephen Hendriksen, section chair; Drue Orwig, councillor, Christopher Allen, chair elect and two other section members. An emergency physician unaffiliated with UHMS and her spouse and a medical student were also in attendance. Attending virtually were Abigail Winn, secretary and newsletter editor and 3 others.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Board Representative Update - as available
3. Councillor Report - Dr. Drue Orwig
4. Section Membership Update – Joy Carrico, ACEP Liaison
5. Secretary/Newsletter Editor Update - Dr. Abby Winn
6. EMRA Rep Introduction
7. Past Year Updates - Dr. Stephen Hendriksen
8. Officers Election
9. Section Crawl Update
10. General Updates and Discussion
11. Questions and Concerns from Section Members
12. Future Meeting Planning

Major Points Discussed

- Board Representative Update (by Dr. Abhi Mehrotra)
 - Update on board elections
 - New executive director for ACEP
 - Reaffirmation of prior commitments to DEI
 - Small surplus in ACEP budget
 - Discussion of new ED accreditation program (expansion of prior geriatric ED accreditation)
 - State of EM Survey coming in November
- Councillor Report (by Dr. Drue Orwig)
 - Discussion on resolutions – support of vaccines, support of scientific integrity at CDC, discussion of grants from EMF to non-EM participants getting grants

- Board Liaison Update (By Joy Carrico)
 - 209 members
 - Discussion of fellowship webinar last month will be uploaded for later viewing
 - Potential UHM area of ACEP Anytime
 - Discussion on selection process for Scientific Assembly course approval
 - Sunday Oct 5 is deadline for content submission for CME courses
 - CME courses are much more restrictive with possible assigned speaker
 - Non-CME is more flexible with ability to pick goals and speaker
 - Discussion on New ACEP executive director
 - Course proposals for ACEP26
 - Deadline October 5, 2025.
 - Discussion about how UHMS can get a topic approved for ACEP25.
 - Discussion about what other avenues UHMS can pursue (ie, Learning Lounge, Drop the Mic, and Critical Decisions) to get their specialty noticed.
- Secretary update (Dr. Abby Winn)
 - Topics in pipeline – CRAO, “Lessons Learned,” FDA update and chamber safety
- EMRA Rep is MS3 in Minnesota.
- Chair Update (Dr. Stephen Hendriksen)
 - Improved EngagED Platform
 - Worked with UHMS and COFD to improve advocacy, education, and awareness of the specialty
 - Participation in Learning Lounge lectures at ACEP25.
 - Conducted webinar about fellowships
 - ACEP CPG Carbon Monoxide Policy Update
- The Section Crawl was discussed. 2nd annual Section Hall Crawl was successful with good conversations and discussions.
- Update on Board Certification — American Board of Preventative Medicine manages the test for board certification
- Discussion of 2 deaths in US in hyperbaric chambers – both unaccredited facilities. FDA instructions release on Aug 25, essentially, they are tracking this issue and recommend following manufacturer recommendations.
- Approval of new ACEP Section operational guidelines – 100% approved
- Future actions
 - Stephen Hendriksen will follow up on a CDEM article, and write a “lessons learned as chair” article for the newsletter
 - Chris Allen will look into a newsletter article on chamber safety and the FDA notice and possibly pitch an article to the EIC of ACEP Now. He will also follow up with the Wilderness Medicine section on a possible SIM lab at the next SA. He will follow up with prehospital medical student group on possible diving lecture, and post a reminder in EngagED about the course deadlines for ACEP26.
 - Drue Orwig will write a newsletter article on CRAO data
 - Abby Winn will write an article about HBOT and CO₂ toxicity

The meeting was adjourned around 9:00 am.