

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



Annual Meeting at ACEP25

Monday, September 8, 2025

Annual Meeting: 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Networking Reception: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Salt Palace Convention Center, Level 1, Grand Ballroom F

Minutes

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SECTION CHAIR AND ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE WILDERNESS MEDICINE SECTION AT THE ANNUAL SECTION MEETING DURING ACEP26. ANY CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.

Section members who participated in all or part of the meeting included:

Patrick Burns, MD, Chair; Dana R Mathew, DO, FACEP, Alternate Councillor; Jackson Anderson, MD, EMRA Representative; C Ryan Keay, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison; Nicole Rachel Blekhter; Scott Christopher Calder, DO; Stanley Edward Chartoff, MD, MPH, FACEP; Christian Cochrane, DO; Nicole C Elliott, DO, FACEP; Angela F Gardner, MD, FACEP; William D Gregorie, MD, FACEP; Theodore Hartridge, DO; Carlton E Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP; Hillary R Irons, MD, PhD, FACEP; Lillian J Lockwood, MD, FACEP; Laura E Marble, MD; Scott E McIntosh, MD, MPH, FACEP, FAWM, DiMM; Christopher M McStay, MD, FACEP; Douglas Anthony Smith, DO, FACEP; Sarah C Spelsberg, MD, FAWM, FEWM; Olivia Grace Voltaggio; Richard Joe Ybarra, MD.

Non-members, guests, and staff who participated in all or part of the meeting included:

Gabriella Abraham, DO; Yeu-Shin Cindy Chang, MD, MPH; Kelly Dinh, DO; Robert Brian Dunne, MD, FACEP; Megan Eubank, MD; Matthew Henry, MD; Monica M Hernandez, MD, FACEP; Leslie Jewett, MD; Josalyn Marie Nowels, DO; Scott Owens, MD, MPH; Nichole DeVon Phillips, DO, MPH; Brandon Keith Robinson, MD; Hunter Bradley Stutz; William Carroll Todd, MD, FACEP; Carolyn M Waldo, MD, FACEP; SERB Pharmaceuticals Representatives: Marshall Evans; Jami Johnson; Jarred Lyons; Shayne Pouliot; and Kaitlin Macek; Maude Surprenant Hancock, CAE, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Amended Section Operational Guidelines
4. Board Liaison Report
5. Councillor Report
6. EMRA Rep Report
7. Wilderness Medicine Section Photo Contest Results
8. Section Goals for the Upcoming Year
9. Severe Frostbite Treatment – A Q&A Panel Discussion, Sponsor Presentation by SERB Pharmaceuticals

10. Guest Speaker: *How to Stretch your State License from Pole to Pole*, Yeu-Shin Cindy (CJ) Chang, MD, MPH, Clinical Instructor at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Boston
11. Discussion and Networking

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Burns welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM. He introduced the section leaders in attendance; Patrick Burns, MD, Chair and Dana Mathew, DO, FACEP, Alternate Councillor. They thanked SERB Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring the meeting and for their ongoing support of the section's activities.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2024 annual section meeting as written. The motion was seconded. With no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

Dr. Burns discussed the proposed changes to the Wilderness Medicine Section's operational guidelines which were distributed to the section members 30 days ago. The section members present were invited to vote on their adoption. The amended section's operational guidelines were adopted with two thirds of the votes in favor.

Jackson Anderson, MD, Chair of the EMRA Wilderness Medicine Committee and ACEP Wilderness Medicine Section's assigned EMRA Representative, provided a brief report on the EMRA Wilderness Medicine Committee's recent and upcoming activities including EMRA MedWAR on September 10.

Dr. C. Ryan Keay, Board liaison to the Wilderness Medicine section, provided a brief Board and Council update highlighting resolutions of particular interest to the section members. Dr. Dana Mathew, represented the section at the 2025 Council meeting filling in for Councillor Dr. Peterson who was unable to attend.

Dr. Heine announced this year's photo contest winner and honorable mention. The winner is Dr. Jason Tanner for *Swiftwater Rescue in Bells Canyon*. Dr. Sarah Spelsberg received an honorable mention for *On Standby to Render Medical Aid at Cloudbreak*. Dr. Spelsberg was in attendance and spoke to the photo and setting.

Dr. Burns provided a brief update on section accomplishments this past year including website and newsletter content as well as a recent webinar on compensation, liability protection, and sustainability as it relates to practicing wilderness medicine. There was a brief discussion on potential initiatives for the year ahead including collaborating with other sections on a hands on workshop at next year's Scientific Assembly. Anyone with ideas or desire to get more involved including running for a section leadership role next year were encouraged to reach out to him or any of the other officers.

Marshall Evans, a representative from SERB Pharmaceuticals, led a Q&A discussion with Robert Dunne, MD, FACEP on severe frostbite treatment.

Guest speaker, Yeu-Shin Cindy (CJ) Chang, MD, MPH, Clinical Instructor at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Boston presented *How to Stretch your State License from Pole to Pole*.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM and attendees enjoyed a networking reception.