

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

**Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Section Meeting**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Boston, MA

**MINUTES**

**PARTICIPANTS:**

Section members present: Derek Cooney, MD, NREMT-P, FACEP, Chair; Luther Kristian Arnold, MD, FACEP; Thomas L Bennett, MD; Norma Cooney, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair; Bruce Derrick, MD, Chair-elect; Robby McClendon Eaves, DO, FACEP; Stephen Hendriksen, MD; Kenneth A Hirsch, MD, FACEP; Tracy L. Legros, MD, PhD, FACEP; Heather Murphy Lavoie, MD, FACEP; Davut Savaser, MD; Kinjal Nanavati Sethuraman, MD; Gregory Alexander Shमितko, MD; Christian A Tomaszewski, MD, MS, MBA, FACEP; and J. Richard Walker III, MD, MS, Alternate Councilor.

Others participating included:

Stephen Anderson, MD, FACEP; David McKenzie, and Margaret Montgomery, RN, MSN, Staff Liaison.

**AGENDA:**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Business meeting
3. Officer Elections
4. Educational presentation
5. Other

**Major Points Discussed**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Dr. Derek Cooney called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. All attendees introduced themselves and were thanked for their participation.

**2. Business meeting**

Dr. Cooney reported that section membership at the end of September was 149 which is down slightly from last year at this time at 154 members. It was noted that there are 197 ABEM boarded UHM physicians and 37 have recertified.

Section members discussed courses at ACEP 15 with Dr. Anderson, the section board liaison, that referred to hyperbaric medicine. It was noted that current content can be provided by section members and those board certified in undersea and hyperbaric medicine. The process for course topics and lecturer selection was discussed. Dr. Anderson shared that he is also the board liaison for the Ed Meetings Committee and will share the input from the Section. Section members noted that the course proposals on UHM have been submitted.

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David McKenzie, ACEP Director for Reimbursement, provided an RVU update for 99183 and CPT 2016 information on 99183. Any questions concerning reimbursement can be directed to Mr. MeKenzie for comment.

Dr. Bruce Derrick served as section councilor and provided a report on the council activities. He noted that Council resolutions provide direction to the College leaders. Topics addressed in the Council included: GME funding transparency and reciprocity for state licensure. The group briefly discussed the ability for UHM boarded physicians to assist in care across state lines and this would be of great benefit for care provided through telemedicine.

The group also discussed having input for articles from UHM literature for LLSA. Section members present were asked to participate in vetting articles for LLSA. A list of interested section members and contact information was shared. Drs. LeGros and Walker offered to lead this effort.

Section members then discussed the section website. It was agreed that the section website should be open to all members and could be used to share information about fellowship programs and add a Twitter account. Dr. Walker volunteered to look at the website and suggest content and revisions. Dr. LeGros suggested providing executive summaries on specific diagnoses such as laryngeal necrosis. Articles that are available could be linked. It was suggested that videos be included to tell the story of hyperbaric medicine. It was noted that HBO indications are included on the UHMS website although some information cannot be posted due to copyright.

Section members were informed about the monthly calls with the UHM programs when the fellows present cases to the group. Web-ex is used to facilitate information sharing.

### **3. Officer Elections**

Elections were held and the following officers were elected during the section meeting.:

Davut Savaser, MD –	Chair-elect
Stephen Hendriksen, MD –	Secretary/Newsletter Editor
Robert W Sanders, MD, FACEP-	Alternate Councillor

### **4. Educational Presentation:**

Robert W. Sanders, MD, FACEP presented “Emergency Medicine is Out of This World:Hyperbaric Medical Support at NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Lab.”

With no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.