Participants

Members in attendance for all or part of the meeting included: Over one hundred seventy members and guests.

Others participating for all or part of the meeting included: Andrew Sama, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison; and Marilyn Bromley, RN, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Welcome
Ratify Operational Guidelines
Elections
Speaker
Clinical Commentary on Therapeutic US
New Ultrasound guidelines
Accreditation
Subcommittee reports
Liaison Reports
Section Grant
Election results
Awards
New Chair comments
SAEM Meeting
Adjourn

Major Points Discussed

1. US Section meeting
   a. Lunch was graciously sponsored by Ultrasonix
   b. New Section Operation guidelines were approved
   c. Chair-elect - Jerry Chiricolo, MD, FACEP of Northshore Hospital in NY won the election. We appreciate the willingness of both candidates to run, and look forward to the leadership of both Dr. Chericolo and Resa E. Lewiss, MD, in the coming years.
   d. Featured Presentation –
      i. Due to a family death last weekend, Dr. George Shaw was not able to lecture on therapeutic ultrasound. We sent our condolences to him and his family regarding their loss.
      ii. Dr. Paul Sierzenski, with very little notice, spoke on a clinical perspective on therapeutic ultrasound. His lecture was taped with a grant from Zonare, and it will be put on the ACEP website sometime after Scientific Assembly. His talk was extremely interesting and thought provoking as ultrasound moves from diagnosis to actual therapy.
e. New Emergency Ultrasound Guidelines – Dr. Vivek Tayal gave a short perspective on the new ultrasound guidelines, highlighting the different sections. The guidelines should be available from ACEP, once they are formatted.

f. Plan Ultrasound Accreditation – Dr. Tayal provided background, and then a synopsis of a plan presented the ACEP Board.

g. Subcommittee reports
Verbal reports were given by chairs of the subcommittees. Written reports can be seen in the next newsletter.

h. Liaison Reports
   i. CTAF – Dr. Diku Mandavia gave an exciting recount of what really can be described as “the battle at CTAF.” It was remarkable and again kudos to all those that contribute to his efforts and, of course Diku, for his considerable skills that won the day.
   ii. NQF – Dr. Paul Sierzenski, who represented ACEP and not just the section, gave a summary of the current efforts of NQF in regards consensus on imaging issues.
   iii. Critical Care – Dr. Mike Blaivas reported briefly on developments of hopefully an ally in clinical ultrasound.
   iv. AIUM – Dr. Dave Bahner reminded us of the positive developments of 2007-2008 including the joint FAST guidelines, more emergency courses at the AIUM annual meeting, the upcoming US forum on MSK/procedural guidance, and the 2009 AIUM meeting in NY.
   v. ASE – Dr. Vicki Noble discussed the ongoing effort of a consensus paper with the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE), and the current strategy toward consensus.

i. Emergency Ultrasound Award – Dr. Beatrice Hoffman won the Emergency Ultrasound Award for her efforts on Sonoguide, an internet based ultrasound learning site, initiated by an ACEP Section grant. The site has had close to a million server requests since its launch in May. The site speaks for itself and Dr. Hoffman’s considerable efforts and talent in education and US.

www.acep.org/sonoguide

j. Julie Dill and Marilyn Bromley were thanked for their service to the section and presented with a gift card as a token of the section leaders appreciation for their assistance on the various section projects.

The ACEP Ultrasound Section meeting adjourned. SAEM Special Interest Group then provided an update on their activities and issues.