American College of Emergency Physicians

Emergency Ultrasound Section
October 15, 2011
1:30pm -5:00pm
Meeting

MINUTES

Participants

Many section members; section officers; and Marilyn Bromley, RN, Staff Liaison.

Agenda

Introduction and Welcome
Reports from Section Award Winners from 2010
Award Announcements
Sonoguide Update
Sonoquiz Update
AIUM and WINFOCUS liaison reports
New Webpage Design/Content
Installation of New Chair
ACGME for EUS Fellowship Presentation

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Vicki Noble welcomed everyone to section meeting. She noted that in the interest of time, the subcommittee reports would be posted online. Dr. Noble provided a brief overview of all the activities the section had been involved in over the past year.

Two section grant awards were given in 2010. The two award winners, Dr. Jessica Resnick and Dr. Jason Nomura gave updates on their work.

The two 2011 section grant award winners, Dr. Keith Boniface and Dr. Venkatesh Bellamkonda Athmaram provided a brief report on their work to date.

Siemens provided support through EMF for directed research on ultrasound. Dr. John Goulette provided an update. Siemens was thanked for their generosity and willingness to support research in the area of emergency ultrasound.

Dr. Resa Lewiss reported that there had been formal presentations on the pros/cons of pursing ACGME as the future of the subspecialty at the SAEM meeting, at Scientific Assembly in 2010, and through online discussions. Currently, the section is being asked to vote on whether or not the section leaders should pursue this avenue with the recognition that this would be about a 5 year endeavor.

Dr. Beatrice Hoffman gave an update on the Sonoguide. This online resource has gone from 19 to 33 chapters. Sonoguide gets 50K visits per month. It is listed in the top 10 ultrasound sites. Eighty percent of the visits come from Google with only 2% coming from the ACEP website. The international visits are rapidly increasing. Dr. Hoffman acknowledged and thanked the companies that sponsored the Sonoguide.
Dr. Keith Blankenship reported on the system improvements made to the Sonoquiz site. They are looking at ways to increase feedback mechanism.

Dr. Mike Blaivas reported that AIUM’s board of directors will be meeting to discuss approving/endorsing ACEP’s emergency ultrasound guidelines. WINFOCUS produces podcasts on critical care and pediatrics. WINFOCUS has a significant presence in the international community. There was also special mention of the Society of Ultrasound Medical Education to promote the use of ultrasound in medical education.

Dr. Phil Perera reported on the work done thus far to update and upgrade the ultrasound information on the microsite and webpage. He noted that there have been some difficulties in getting the materials posted; however the group is working with ACEP’s webmaster to try to resolve some of their concerns. Ideally they would like the microsite to accommodate a blog, noting some problems people had encountered with the elist. They would like to have a repository of topics and FAQs from previous elist discussions. Dr. Perera noted concern that it is difficult to locate sections and even more difficult to get to the microsite. It was believed that there were too many clicks necessary to get to the desired location or information. Dr. Perera asked for feedback as this subcommittee works to make the site more user friendly.

Dr. Noble announced the online election results for section officers: Chair-elect is Dr. Rajesh Geria; Secretary Newsletter Editor is Dr. John Bailitz; Councilor is Dr. Paul Sierzenski; and Alternate Councilor is Dr. J. Matthew Fields.

The remainder of the section meeting was devoted to 4 break-out sessions: Resident Competency Assessment, led by Drs. Dan Theodore, Rob Blankenship, Michelle Davis; Politics led by Drs. Paul Sierzenski, Steve Hoffenberg, Dennis Beck; Medical School Ultrasound Curriculum led by Drs. Dave Bahner, Chris Fox, Teresa Liu, Bob Jones, and James Palma; and Image Management Solutions: Drs. Mark Byrne, Rob Reardon, Raj Geria, Petra Duran, Vivek Tayal, and Jason Gukhool.