

American College of Emergency Physicians
Dual Training Section Meeting
ACEP20 Unconventional
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MINUTES

Participants

Section members present for all or part of the meeting included: Carissa Tyo, MD, FACEP, Chair; Vaishal Tolia, MD, FACEP, Chair Elect; De Benjamin Winter III, MD, Councillor; Vinay Mikkilineni, MD, Alternate Councillor; Salim Rezaie, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair; Cameron Allen; Jesse B. Basford, MD; Yasien Eltigani; Benjamin Golden, MD; J. Daniel Hess, MD, FACEP; Cheryl Hickey, MD; Elliott Johnson; Daniel R Martin, MD, FACEP; Jason E. Nace, MD, FACEP; Jason T Nomura, MD, FACEP; Adam Rodos, MD, FACEP; Alan You, MD.

Others participating included: Shiv Deo, MD; Kayla Luhrs, MD; Mike Nitz; Chris Parronchi, MD; Abdul Suboor; Arvind Venkat, MD, FACEP, Board member; Gillian Schmitz, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison; Sandra Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Wassom, ACEP staff.

Agenda

Welcome
Election Results/Installation of New Chair
Councilor Report
Dual Funding Update/ACEP Updates
Review of Prior Year's Business:
Newsletter Highlights/Updates
EM/IM Survey Study Updates
Dual Training Web Based Conference Update
Guidebook Proposal Discussion
Open Forum to Discuss New Business

Major Points Discussed

Dr. Tyo welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then reminded the section members that Dr. Vaishal Tolia would be assuming the chair role following this meeting. Following that reminder, Dr. Tyo shared the results of the recent section elections, announcing the following new officers:

Chair-Elect – Alan You, MD
Secretary/Newsletter Editor – Ellen Finney, MD
Alternate Councillor – Carissa Tyo, MD, FACEP

Following that announcement, Dr. Winter provided a report on ACEP Council activities. He shared that the ACEP staff, as well as the speaker and vice speaker, did an amazing job with this year's meeting. He noted that while the Council was different this year, since it was held virtually, the virtual format allowed for asynchronous testimony to be given prior to Counsel occurring. This allowed the reference committees to investigate the different issues and hear different thoughts provided by members of the college. There were several resolutions, Dr. Winter noted, related to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially regarding personal protective equipment for emergency physicians. Other resolution topics included drug treatment, telehealth, billing transparency, reimbursement, and due process. Many of these resolutions were referred to the Board to review and address these issues. Dr. Winter then shared the results of the Board elections. He congratulated the section's Board liaison, Dr. Gillian Schmitz, on her election as

president-elect. He also shared that Dr. Alison Haddock and Dr. Aisha Terry were re-elected to the Board, and Dr. James Shoemaker and Dr. Arvind Venkat were newly elected.

Dr. Tyo then asked Dr. Schneider to provide an update, who then yielded her time for Dr. Schmitz to give some remarks. Dr. Schmitz provided an update on the workforce task force, which is currently finishing up its work and will provide a final report in December. Early information indicates that while most emergency physicians are still able to find jobs, these are predominately located in urban and suburban areas, leaving a lack of emergency physicians in rural locations, especially in the mid-section of the country. A rural task force has been created to investigate and help address this issue. Another ACEP task force is looking at the issue of employment and ownership models and their impact on the practice of emergency physicians. In the midst of this work, ACEP has been busy providing resources to help with the current pandemic, including the COVID field guide. Recent webinars were also held on preparing for the next pandemic and investigating the future of emergency medicine.

Dr. Tyo asked Dr. Schneider to provide an update on progress regarding the attempt to shift all of the dual training groups over to the four year model of reimbursement from three. Dr. Schneider shared that this has been a tough lift, especially in light of the pandemic, but that work continues in this area. She then shared that the virtual conferences that the section put on this year have been very effective.

Following that update, Dr. Tyo asked those on the call to introduce themselves and share a bit about their practice.

A few updates were then provided. Dr. Rodos gave an update on the EM/IM survey, which the creators are hoping to pilot sometime soon. Dr. Tyo provided an update on the section's educational conferences for residents and students, which were held regularly before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. The section is hopefully to continue those in early spring 2021, so members should reach out to section officers if they are interested in helping with those.

Dr. Tyo then shared that she would like to re-initiate the work the section had been doing on a dual training guidebook geared towards helping medical students and residents in their career navigation. She explained that there were people targeted to head up four sections, which would address four seasons of being a dual training physician - deciding to choose dual training, negotiating residency, obtaining a job, and working as a seasoned dual physician. Dr. Tyo suggested putting the document on a shared drive, so that interested participants could offer feedback. Several section members offered input once Dr. Tyo opened up the floor for discussion.

Following that discussion, an instant poll was administered to determine how many of the section members ended up on the front line of their hospital's response to COVID. The results indicated that two-thirds of the section members were tasked with serving on their institution's planning committees.

Dr. Tyo then turned over the meeting to Dr. Tolia as the new chair of the section. Dr. Tolia expressed that he was looking forward to leading the section and continuing the section's work on the online conferences and the guidebook. Everyone was encouraged to keep an eye on their mailboxes for future emails regarding those subjects.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.