

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
Section of Air Medical Transport

Monday, October 1, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 am
San Diego Convention Center, Upper Level, Ballroom 6C
San Diego, CA

MINUTES

Section Officers in attendance:

Henderson D. McGinnis, MD, FACEP (Chair Elect); Justin Fairless, DO, FACEP and Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP (ACEP Board Liaison)

Section Members in attendance:

Melissa Wysong Costello, MD, FACEP; Bryan A Feinstein, MS, FP-C; Shyam Murali, MD; Cai Glushak, MD, FACEP and Frank Guyette, MD, FACEP

Guest:

Julio Rafael Lairet, DO, FACEP; Brad Gruehn; Juan Francisco Fitz, MD, FACEP; Paul File, MD; Ani Aydin, MD, FACEP; Eduardo Loyola, MD; Terrence Jones, MD, FACEP; Bradley M Golden, DO; Brandon B Bless, MD, EMT-T; Lauren McKew (TeleFlex); Kevin C Hutton, MD, FACEP and Kaori P Tanaka, DO

ACEP staff in attendance: Patrick Elmes, EMT/P, Manager; EMS & Disaster Preparedness

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order, Opening Remarks | Dr. McGinnis |
| II. Introduction of Members and Guests | Dr. McGinnis |
| III. Board Liaison Remarks | Dr. Kang |
| IV. Councillor Report | Dr. McGinnis |
| V. Newsletter Report/Call for Topics | Dr. Selde |
| VI. New Business | Dr. McGinnis |
| a. AMA Resolution Exemption of AMS from Airline Deregulation Act | |
| b. HR3378 | |
| c. Section Communication | |
| d. Education Session for Scientific Assembly | |
| e. Call for Council Resolution | |
| f. Research | |
| g. Section grant opportunities | |
| VII. Invitation to Joint EMS/Air Medical Luncheon | Mr. Elmes |
| VIII. Adjourn | Dr. McGinnis |

Major Points Discussed:

Call to Order, Opening Remarks-Dr. McGinnis

Introduction of Members and Guests-Dr. McGinnis

-Dr. McGinnis welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that attendees go around the room to introduce themselves. Dr. McGinnis asked the group, over the course of the meeting, to consider what they would like to see out of the section. He cited an example regarding a Virginia law requiring that patients be informed of the cost prior to being transported.

Board Liaison Remarks-Dr. Kang

-The ACEP, Board of Directors Liaison to the Air Medical Transport Section, offered his support for section activities and goals. He noted that air transport billing continues to be an issue.

Councillor Report-Dr. McGinnis

-Dr. McGinnis attended the ACEP Council meeting. He reported that there were no resolutions or activities that directly impacted Air Medical Transport. Dr. Kang announced the results of the elections.

Newsletter Report/Call for Topics-Mr. Elmes

-Mr. Elmes encouraged the members to submit newsletter articles. He described the process.

-Mr. Elmes also announced that all of the sections have now been migrated from the traditional e-list to a new platform called EngagED. EngagED has a much greater functionality and options.

New Business

- a. AMA Resolution Exemption of AMS from Airline Deregulation Act
 - The group discussed the benefits and pitfalls of this resolution.
- b. HR3378-Mr. Gruehn
 - ACEP Legislative Director, Brad Gruehn discussed both, HR3378 and HR3780. Discussion included value and need for Air Med and consistent on slot of bad press. Mr. Gruehn notes that these are similar bills although 3780 does not have a financial piece. He does not feel that either bill is getting much traction.
 - Mr. Gruehn encouraged the section membership to continue to have input into these items.
- c. Section Communication
 - See newsletter report, above.
- d. Education Session for Scientific Assembly
- e. Call for Council Resolution
- f. Research
- g. Section grant opportunities
 - Dr. McGinnis encouraged the group to consider submission of Air Medical related courses for Scientific Assembly offerings as well as, Council resolutions, Research and Grant opportunities.

Other Pressing Issues and Action Items

-Through the discussion so far, the most pressing issues were summarized in no specific order:

1. Public Subsidies and Demonstration of Value
2. Monopolies
3. Rogue Operators in fixed wing
4. Exploitation of Patient fears
5. Transparency in cost
6. Specific definition of balanced billing

-Possible Solutions include, the separation of clinical cost from transport cost, application of telemedicine to triage transport and Safety Net Coverages.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. McGinnis

-Dr. McGinnis suggested that the section develop an information paper addressing air \medical operating costs targeting EM physicians. Further discussion included:

- a. Don't get hung-up on profit vs. nonprofit
- b. Advocate Training
- c. System abuse
- d. Memberships/Subscriptions
- e. Survey

-Dr. McGinnis suggests that we move forward with a paper and will explore the best method for implementation.

Other New Business-All

-Airline Medical kits are definitely an issue but does this lie within the realm of Air Medical Transport? Perhaps EMS.

-The group discussed Free-Standing ED's in Airports. Possible collaboration

Adjourn and invitation to joint EMS/Air Med luncheon-Dr. McGinnis