

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Section  
October 3, 2022  
San Francisco

**Members in Attendance:**

Brian Keuski, MD, FACEP, Chair; Stephen Hendriksen, MD, FACEP, Chair-elect; Samantha Lee, DO Secretary & Newsletter Editor; Robert W. Sanders, MD, FACEP, Councillor; Drue Orwig, DO, Alternate Councillor; Christopher M Allen, MD; Jan Azario (PR); Jason Garrison, MD, FACEP; Samuel Hawkins, MD; Kevin Ross Hardy, MD; Richard B Schwartz, MD, FACEP; Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Jenny Thacker, MD, FACEP; and Mary Smith, Staff Liaison.

**Topics Discussed:**

Dr. Hendriksen welcomed the section members and introductions were made.

Dr. Orwig gave an overview of the following from the Council meeting:

- Changes to billing
- Scope of practice
- Improve residency practices
- Job market
- Expanding scope of EM- telemedicine, diversifying your practice,
- DEI in EM- 3<sup>rd</sup> least diverse specialty in medicine. Start when kids are 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Resolutions Reference A** Governance/membership:
  - Electronic voting-approve
  - Consider reproductive rights before deciding locations for future ACEP meetings
- **Reference C** EM Practice:
  - Adding ratios for supervision of APP
  - Role of law enforcement staying with safety-risk patients- going to board
- **Reference B:**
  - Support reproductive rights
  - Support injection sites
  - Protection from workplace violence with penalties
  - Decriminalized abortion
  - Signage in front of Eds for what type of provider/ED doc works there
  - Decriminalize illicit drug possession-turned down
  - 4 new board members- Goodloe, Kelen, Stanton, McCabe-Kline

Ms. Smith gave an overview of membership trend during the past 5 years, going from 148 in 2018, to 124 currently. The engagED community has had 9 posts and 1 discussion during the past year. Ms. Smith introduced the new Member Interest Groups and ask the section members present if they would like to remain a section or become an interest group. The section members unanimously agreed that they should remain a section as council representation is important. Outreach to increase membership will include:

- Adding links on the website to engagED, EMRA fellowship fair, other UHM fellowship, EMRA Guide, Duke's Dive link. And emcareers.org, events of interest from around the world,
- A list of fellowships with contact information will be added to the website so that EDs around that country, that don't have hyperbaric equipment, can call for consultations.
- A monthly post to engagED with a "did you know" type pearl will be sent.
- Being able to communicate through the new the upcoming app.

Dr. Hendriksen gave an update on the status of the ACEP Clinical Practice Guideline on CO Poisoning. He will send a message through engaged when the policy is ready for review by the ACEP membership. It is expected to be ready around the first of the year.

It is anticipated that CRAO issues will become more prevalent. Ms. Smith will check with the Policy team to see if any policy is being planned.

### **Action Items:**

#### 1. Outreach/Visibility:

- Continue to update website
- Leadership to send a professional photo to Ms. Smith by November 2, 2022, for the web site.
- Consider adding a Facebook page that mirrors the website and increases outreach – Dr. Lee & Ms. Smith
- Consider monthly engaged topics
  - Ask Bruce if Duke Dive and Grand Rounds can be promoted
- Or Monthly Hyperbaric tip to send to section members and add to website – Ms. Smith
- Send out all articles on engaged for discussion – Dr. Lee
- Write an article on future events – Dr. Lee
- Consider supporting a UHM table at the fellowship fair – Dr. Hendriksen

#### 2. Education:

- Write an article on CO for *ACEP Now* – Dr. Thacker and Ms. Smith
- Gather phone numbers for academic centers for on-call questions/discussion of a case on website – volunteer needed
- Include UHMS 24/7 links on website – Dr. Lee will provide to Ms. Smith by 11/15/22
- Include Duke dive links on website – Dr. Lee will provide to Ms. Smith by 11/15/22
- Check Statpearls CRAO article – Dr. Hendriksen

#### 3. Policy:

1. CPG – CO poisoning
2. Reach out to Tracy Legros to see what she needs for a letter to the committee – Dr. Hendriksen
3. Reach out to Dr. Tomaszewski to see what the section can do to help with the review. Dr. Hendriksen

#### ACEP Council Resolution

- Dr. Orwig to craft draft resolution for educational content to be reviewed by subject experts
- Dr. Hendriksen to send old draft - DONE
- Dr. Keuski to work with other sections to build support.

#### 4. Future Planning

- Identify possible officers for elections next year – All
- Each current officer writes a description of what is expected of the position to prepare tips for the next officer – by June 30, 2022.
- Update COFD at the next meeting about ACEP section meeting – Dr. Hendriksen
- Ms. Smith to increase the visibility of section meetings on App and ACEP ASM website for next year
- When is the deadline to submit lectures to ACEP for the next ASM–Done.