

Trauma and Injury Prevention Section Meeting Minutes
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TIPS Chair Patrick Carter, MD, FACEP, welcomed members to the meeting.

In addition to Dr. Carter, meeting participants included Chris Pergrem, MD, FACEP; Will Dewispelaere; Gregory Larkin, MD, FACEP; Lauren Chalwell, MD; Melissa Fleegler, MD, FACEP; ACEP Board liaison Aisha Terry, MD, FACEP; and Brad Gruehn, ACEP staff liaison and Congressional Affairs Director.

The ACEP Board liaison update was provided to the section by Dr. Aisha Terry. She discussed the current status of surprise medical billing; the ACEP HIT summit that occurred during the summer; the new ACEP Journal of the American College of Emergency Physicians Open (JACEP Open); the “Don’t be Silent, Stop the Violence” campaign that ACEP is working on in conjunction with the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA); the “Until Help Arrives” campaign promoted by ACEP; and outcome of the latest ACEP elections (President-Elect Mark Rosenberg, DO, MBA, FACEP; new Board members – Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP; Jeff Goodloe, MD, FACEP; and Gabor Kelen, MD, FACEP; and Council Vice-Speaker Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD, MMM, FACEP). TIPS Councilor Dr. Greg Larkin asked Dr. Terry about the recent discussion related to representation at the Council and whether the Board has deliberated this issue. Dr. Terry described the complexity of planning ACEP annual meetings and the continued growth of ACEP membership has started to exclude certain site locations. Dr. Terry’s personal opinion is that the Council should be allowed to grow as needed. Mr. Gruehn and Dr. Larkin discussed the expenses associated with hosting the Council meeting and the potential impact Council size growth may have on future sites.

Dr. Larkin provided the Council report to the section. He described the Council discussion about the firearm survey ACEP conducted of Council members led by Sandy Schneider, MD, FACEP. The results showed about one-third of members owned firearms, but firearm safety issues should be supported by ACEP. A small minority stated ACEP should not be involved with these issues. Dr. Larkin referenced comments Peter Jacoby, MD, FACEP, made during the Council meeting as Chairman of the National Emergency Medicine Political Action Committee (NEMPAC) about how NEMPAC makes determinations on which federal lawmakers or candidates should receive contributions and that their NRA rating is not an exclusive factor, rather the totality of their legislative efforts are taken into account. The full survey results should be produced in the next month or two. There was a vocal minority represented on the Council floor who were opposed to ACEP’s proactive activities regarding firearms. Dr. Larkin described the positive momentum that firearm safety issues have garnered within ACEP. Dr. Terry stated that the Diversity, Inclusion & Health Equity section was planning to start a task force that would focus on firearm violence prevention. Dr. Carter thought this might present a good opportunity for the two sections to coordinate efforts. Dr. Terry also informed the section that ACEP had contributed \$20,000 to AFFIRM to support its firearms research and injury

reduction activities. Mr. Gruehn discussed ACEP's efforts to include federal funding for firearms research in the fiscal year 2020 appropriations bill.

In Dr. Jacoby's absence, Mr. Gruehn provided a short update on NEMPAC's activities, how it supports ACEP's legislative objectives, and encouraging section members to consider making a contribution.

Mr. Gruehn discussed the status of the program that the TIPS Human Trafficking Work Group is in the process of developing per the grant the section received from ACEP two years ago. The intent of the program is to develop an online training module to help emergency physicians identify human trafficking victims and what to do if such a person has been identified. The Work Group had run into some technical difficulties that caused a delay in its development. Our intent is to conduct a call with the relevant members of the Work Group and ACEP staff in Dallas to understand what we need to do to complete this project.

Dr. Carter opened a discussion on what priorities TIPS should focus on in 2020. Suggested topics included promoting diversity and inclusion, collaboration on surgical guidelines for trauma teams, hospital-based programs to reduce trauma recidivism, firearms injury prevention, suicide prevention, and PTSD.

It was decided that an e-mail would be sent to the section members to seek nominations for Chair-Elect. Will Dewispelaere was selected as Secretary/Newsletter Editor.

Dr. Carter adjourned the meeting.