



Research, Scholarly Activity, and Innovation Section

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- *In-person - Westin - Executive Board Room (Mezzanine Level), Boston, MA*
 - *Virtual – <https://acep.zoom.us/j/97375745232>; Meeting ID: 973 7574 5232*
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Agenda

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| 1. Welcome – | d’Etienne |
| 2. Board Report | Kelen |
| 3. New Business | d’Etienne |
| a. Integration | d’Etienne/Paxton |
| b. COVID Research Forum | |
| 4. Old Business | |
| a. Section Grant – Research Program Primer | Paxton |
| b. Update on Scholarly Activity Paper | Garg |
| c. Negotiating a Research Career resource/next primer | All |
| d. Newsletter Update | |
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Key Items Discussed

- J. d’Etienne opened the meeting and welcomed the section members.
- G. Kelen provided an update from the Board. He shared that ACEP met with HCA to address the growth in residency programs. He also noted ACEP’s COVID efforts, the field guide in particular has been good resource. He shared that ACEP has a new [career center](#) with resources for any stage. G. Kelen reminded the group that for \$15/year they can access the [Wellness and Assistance Program](#) through the college. Assistance includes legal and financial help. G. Kelen noted that corporate mega groups and transparency have been priorities within the College. He also noted the work about Diversity and Inclusion. He gave an update on [advocacy efforts related to Medicare sequestration](#). He also noted the [successful advocacy efforts](#) that resulted in reversal of UnitedHealthcare policy that would allow retroactive coverage denials for non-emergency cases. G. Kelen also noted that frequently during Council, resolutions would be put forward calling on the College to collect data on various issues, but never really addressed what data should be collected or even the methodology that should be used. He suggested that the Research Section could have a role in providing feedback or commentary on the resolutions (especially the more nebulous ones) that the College would find useful in determining what could be feasible to study. The section agreed that their expertise could be applied more broadly throughout the work of the College.
- J. Paxton provided an update on integration efforts as they related to ACEP’s research efforts. The Research Committee has an objective to identify ways that ACEP’s research initiatives can better integrate and strengthen efforts overall. The group is working with representatives from



various entities, such as EMF, JACEP, Annals, EMBRS, Research Forum, etc. EMRA volunteered to be part of the effort. L. Rives will add to group.

- L. Rives gave an update on the Special Edition: COVID Research Forum. She noted it was well-received and encouraged the group to check out recordings of the material at the kiosk while on-site at ACEP21. The recordings and abstracts can also be found in [ACEP's OLC](#). She encouraged the group to attend the other Research Forum presentation while on-site at ACEP.
 - The group discussed the section grant to produce the primer. The primer is now available and can be found on the ACEP [website](#). The group noted the value of this resource and thanked the authors and editors for their hard work on the book. The group discussed creating a series and other ideas for another primer (such as a primer on how to negotiate a research career). The group noted that the section grant program was currently suspended, but that it might be worthwhile to still pursue.
 - The group noted that the Scholarly activity paper was still being worked on, but there was some interest in taking it in a different direction, such as a podcast or ACEP Now article, if they were not able to get it into a peer reviewed journal.
 - The group was encouraged to send in ideas, comments and articles for the next RSI newsletter.
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Section Objectives

- Serve as a resource to the Board and the College regarding emergency medicine research.
- Stimulate and encourage quality research in emergency medicine.
- Promote education relating to research methodology, for the Section of the College.
- Provide a forum for communication among researchers within the College, and to encourage that communication.
- Promote collaboration among researchers in emergency medicine and related fields, to advance the specialty.
- Serve as a resource regarding research training programs in emergency medicine.

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