



INTERNATIONAL EM SECTION MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2025

5:00-6:30 pm MT

Section Members Present:

Rolando Valenzuela, Outgoing Chair; Sean Kivlehan, Incoming Chair; Aditya Lal; Alex Gallaer; Alexandra Asrow; Ana Paula Freitas; Andrea Dreyfuss; Anna Yaffee; Anthony Rodigin; Aqeel Jawahir; Arun Nandi; Asen Georgiev; Aser Abrha; Ashkon Ansari; Augusto Mañdonado; Austin Lee; Barbra Villona; Benjamin Aiwonodagbon; Camilo Gutierrez; Christine McBeth; Christopher Kang; Courtney Smith; Diana Cimpoesu; Edgard Díaz Soto; Elis Maghirang; Elisabeth Mohs; Elizabeth DeVos; Emelia Santamaria; Emma Cortes; Gayle Galletta; Georgios Notas; Gregory Larkin; Halley Alberts; Helio Penna Guimaraes; Ian Ward; Isabel Benavides; Janae Marracino; Jonathan Kajjimu; Joy Mackey; Juliette Gerardo; Kanokporn Pongvirat; Katherine Anderson; Lupe Coronel; Manuela Brinkmann; Maria Kilgast; Marlon Martinez; Megan Rybarczyk; Michael Euwema; Michael Jaung; Michael Menowsky; Michelle Bass; Mohamed Hussein; Natalie Jansen; Olamide Ogunfuwa; Patryk Konieczka; Peter Mabula; Priscilla Cruz; Robert Fuller; Scott Owens; Sowjanya Patibandla; Steve Dunlop; Waleed Aldadah; and William Davis.

Staff and Guests:

Aisha Terry; Alison Haddock; George Solomon; Marianne Gausche-Hill; and Sylvia Swanson.

AGENDA:

17:05 Welcome (Dr. Valenzuela)

17:15 Elections (Mr. Solomon)

17:25 International Committee Update (Dr. DeVos)

17:25-17:35 ACEP Board Liaison Update (Dr. Terry)

17:35-17:40 ACEP ED Accreditation

17:40—18:10 Committee Updates (30 min)

- Monthly Webinars (Dr. Patino)
 - English
 - Spanish
- Communications/Newsletter (Dr. McCammon)
- Council (Dr. Patino/Dr. Lee)
- GEMS LP (Dr. Alberts)
- Global Village (Dr. Alberts)

18:10-18:15 Mid-Year Virtual Ambassador Conference - March 28th 9:30a - 12:30 ET (Dr. Lexi Asrow)

18:15-18:20 ACEP25 Brief Updates

18:20-18:25 International Summit (Dr. Marracino)

18:25-30 Scheduling for 2026 (All)

MAJOR POINTS DISCUSSED:

Opening remarks: Dr. Valenzuela

- Outgoing gratitude for members of section and team
- Academics, missions work, private community sector, very inclusive for working in international section
- Working to share stories and advice
- Increasing asynchronous resources and learning with our international colleagues
- Goal to increase collaboration and breakdown silos to increase communication and our collaboration
- Increase involvement (early) medical students, residents
- Welcoming of incoming chair- Sean Kivelhan

Elections

Updates:

International committee: Dr. Devos

- International committee informs the board and researches international engagement, hoping to expand the ambassador program and global leadership scholarship program
- This session had a resolution to have international recognition of the fellows which passed
 - Can apply for FACEP membership
- Look for the needs assessment results from our international members coming in next month or 2 and provide feedback so we know what members want us to be advocating for
- **ACEP Board Liaison Update: Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill**
ED accreditation- looked at all ACEP policies and best evidence for quality and safety
 - 33 different common criteria and 4 levels of accreditation -levels 1,2,3, rural, and critical access hospital
- Participation in pediatric readiness project
 - Distinguished by staffing by board certified EM provider, RT, advanced imaging, social services, ED pharmacist as most impactful for patients
- Currently 1 hospital accredited in UAB Alabama with >60 hospitals under review, although international interest, remains in nascent stage

Committee Updates

- Successful monthly webinars in Spanish by Dr. Valenzuela
- Connect with Dr. Patino if interested in participating

Communications/Newsletter- not present

GEMSLP: Dr. Alberts & Dr. Gaeller

- Dr. Gaeller welcomed as incoming chair of committee
- This year the medical student GEMSLP program received >30 applications from >5 different countries, with 15 mentees
- Still recruiting mentors for this cycle
- 1st journal club on Oct 13th
- Will be collaborating with EM residents for publications
- Please see the GEMSLP website for medical students interested in GEM

Global Village Dr. Alberts

- 4th year of the Global Village at ACEP

- 09/07/2025 had speakers from 11 different societies and 11 country updates on 09/08/2025
- Global research forum on 09/09/2025 for ongoing in-country research

Council: Dr. Lee

- Acted as the alternate councilor this year with Dr. Patino as councilor
- Council is the deliberative body of ACEP with members of sections coming together to vote on different proposals
- The resolution supporting trainee funding for international and rural rotations through GME was sent to the board of directors for consideration due to broad implications
- Welcome members to submit section ideas for ACEP to research, vote on, and explore
- Additionally anyone wanting to participate in research project for GEMLR, still open to those who wish to get involved

Mid-Year Virtual Ambassador Conference Dr. Asrow

- 2025 had the 2nd mid-year virtual ambassador conference as virtual session
- Highlighted 3 different levels of EM development -Philippines, Ukraine and conflict, and Germany who is new member of the ambassador program and does not yet recognize EM as separate specialty

ACEP25 Updates: Dr. Terry

- ACEP plan is to grow the international commitment to EM
- Council had ~90 resolutions to discuss this year
- Passed FACEP designation for international members -with dedication and commitment to specialty in the United States and abroad

International Summit: Dr. Marracino

- Great turnout with 70-80 people present with highlighting the development of the journal of emergency medicine in Latin America
- Look survey with honest feedback for those who attended and content ideas or ideas for next year

Scheduling for 2026: Dr. Valenzuela

- Starting this year- monthly meetings now open to all members
- Look to EngagED for meeting dates for the year
- Join committees which align with interests
- Desperately need help with fundraising
- Will again have a midyear conference

This year PEM got recognized for first time in Africa, now organizing first PEM conference in Brazil in Sao Paulo in March 2026.

- If interested in coming many speakers from >16 countries
- PEM is in its infancy

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00pm MT