

**International Emergency Medicine Section**  
**Monday, October 9, 2023**  
**7:00am – 8:00am EST**

**Minutes**

**Section Officers in Attendance:**

Andrés Patiño, MD; Ashley E Pickering, MD; Juliette Gerardo, MD; Sean Kivlehan, MD; Matt Heimann, MD; and Rolando Valenzuela, MD.

**Staff in Attendance:**

Mollie Pillman

**Major Points Discussed:**

The business meeting was called to order at 7:10am ET. Approximately 25 individuals were in attendance.

- Dr. Patiño welcomed everyone and went over the meeting agenda.
- The election results were announced and the leadership team for the year was recognized.
- Dr. Pickering gave an update on yesterday's ambassador conference. There were approximately 80 people in attendance (65 in the room and 15 online). The Women in EM global panel was especially successful, as well as the small breakouts on topics of importance to all those who practice EM worldwide. It would be great to see more content like that happen throughout the year.
- Dr. Hamm gave an update on the educational session coming up today in cooperation with the Ultrasound section.
- Dr. Heimann and Dr. Kivlehan gave an update on the Council meeting. Council deliberated 62 resolutions this year and passed some important new policies. Hotly debated items included resolutions related to rural EM and gun violence.
- Dr. Gutierrez and Dr. Valenzuela discussed the photo contest. Reminders will be sent throughout the year with a goal of getting photos of EM from all around the world.
- Webinars are being planned in both English and Spanish. Anyone is welcome to submit ideas and a more formal process will likely be available soon.
- If anyone has submissions for the newsletter, we can always use fresh content for the website and/or engagED.
- Dr. Frye gave an overview of the schedule for the global village, which will take place in a dedicated section of the ACEP exhibit hall this week.
- Dr. Pickering gave an update on the Global Emergency Medicine Student Leadership Program (GEMS-LP). We are looking forward to a robust program and positive mentorship program this year. The journal clubs have been extremely well received and anyone is welcome to participate. The group is always looking for mentors.
- Dr. Pickering recognized Dr. Patino for his hard work and dedication over many years with the Section as he rolls off as chair.
- Dr. Pasqual from Spain discussed Spain's journey to get EM recognized as a specialty. It has taken nearly 30 years but recently it was officially approved. They are looking forward to celebrating.

- A survey will come out from the ambassador conference to see how we can improve for next year. Feedback/suggestions are welcome!
  - Condensed version of design thinking session?
  - Expand to full day program for ACEP24, due to anticipated larger turnout in Las Vegas?
  - What about a way to network for month to year long opportunities?

Possible goals for next year were discussed:

1. Addressing healthcare needs for individuals from around the world who are in the United States, especially the underprivileged such as refugees. This may be a good opportunity to partner with other sections.
2. How can we assist members with getting licensed to practice in other countries?
3. What about looking into Indian health and other underserved populations?
4. How can this group help advise on the overall strategy for ACEP's international outreach? Training, travel medicine, liaising with other committees, etc.
5. ACEP is a founding member of IFEM and should really position itself as a strong partner there and as a global leader in developing emergency care worldwide.
6. How can we learn from what other countries are doing that might be a different approach to care delivery?
7. What about helping to fund a one-month elective rotation for residents who could go to an underserved area in the world, along with an attending? This is a big scope that might make a good Council resolution in the future to help influence ACGME so they can fund that month while the resident is traveling. Dr. Kivlehan would be willing to help draft that resolution.
8. Lower income countries are developing models that redefine EM care delivery and solve common problems in different ways. Dr. Mian from Pakistan has ideas around this and would be happy to work with others who are interested in the topic. Possibly consider a webinar or small group brainstorming sessions at next year's annual conference, in cooperation with other ACEP sections/MIGS on innovation and/or entrepreneurship.
9. What are the next steps in international EM as you move into the middle or towards the end of your career? What is the exit strategy?
10. engagED platform is a fantastic way to keep the section connected. Noticed that there are occasional conversations about trainees from other countries who want to visit the US for observation. Could the section curate these opportunities? Maybe the ambassadors or Committee could help? Dr. Patino sent a google form to try to collect these and we will publish when available.
11. Country reports is a huge database of very detailed information. Can we make this more accessible/easier to use and publicize? Maybe a map that is clickable and more user friendly?