



Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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Quick recap

The team discussed the expansion of the Silver Birch Award to recognize colleagues' hard work, concerns about tying awards to career trajectory, and the formation of an awards committee. They also discussed submitting a proposal for the state-of-the-art session at ACEP24. The idea of defining the responsibilities of residents and fellows was also brought up, along with the potential of promoting literature and creating publication opportunities for residents and fellows.

- GEM Section Awards: currently we have one annual award ([ACEP Silver Birch Award: Geriatrics | Geriatric Emergency Medicine Section](#)).
 - Discussed on whether to have additional awards and, if so, criteria for those awards
 - Possible awards could include emerging leader award, “Surviving birch in the desert” award, award in the areas of education, research, and advocacy.
 - The team discussed the process of nominating and selecting individuals for an award. Consensus on the importance of accepting nominations from both self-nominations and the community to increase engagement.
 - There is no scholarship budget allocated for ACEP24.
 - Dr. Luna Ragsdale and Dr. Phil Magidson will form an award committee to discuss the additional awards, award criteria and nomination process. Please email Nicole Tidwell if you would like to join the committee.
 - Possible Award areas:
 - Education
 - Research
 - Emerging leader
 - Advocacy
 - Community Award
 - Baby Birch
 - Junior faculty
 - Aging research
 - Unsung hero award – growing a birch in a desert (growing a birch in the desert)

Other comments:

- Avoid tying to career projection/early career



- State of the Art Research Didactics for ACEP 2024, www.acep.org/siteassets/sites/scientific-assembly/media/document-pdf/2023-research-forum-schedule.pdf
 - Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2024
 - SOTA Key Information
 - Broad appeal to emergency medicine physicians
 - Data and research driven insights.
 - Promoting audience engagement (e.g., panel session, roundtable, Q/A)
 - Including at least one respected voice in field / senior faculty
 - 50-minute session
 - Could focus on enhancing clinical operations, crisis standards of care, geriatric guidelines, PT in the ED, guidelines with examples of successful implementation.
 - Offline discussion to continue on SOTA submission

- GEMS section election for ACEP24
 - Dr. Luna Ragsdale will take over as Chair at [ACEP24](#) and serve until ACEP26.
 - Leadership nominations will take place spring/summer 2024 for:
 - Chair- Elect-to assume the position of Section Chair at ACEP26 and serve as an officer of the section until that time.
 - Secretary-to serve a two-year term, starting @ ACEP24.
 - Alternate Councilor- to serve a two- year term starting @ ACEP24.
 - Will represent the section at the ACEP Council meeting starting at ACEP24 if the section Councillor is unable.
 - Starting ACEP26, the alternate Councillor assumes the role of Councillor for an additional two-year term.
 - Current Councillor, Dr. Phil Magidson will share more information about the role of Councilor to interested parties.
 - Nicole Tidwell will share the GEMS charter.

- Next GEMS meeting, (Note the date change) February 12th, 2024, Noon EST / 11 CST / 9 PST
 - Featuring Jennifer Wolf speaking about engaging care givers for older adults.
 - <https://acep.zoom.us/j/83005941549?pwd=ajhuaTNKZ2UzYUwCcjhvR2xIZlFnQT09>

| GEMS Monthly Business Calendar | | |
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| Month | Focus | Notes |
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| 12-Feb | Webinar: Jennifer Wolff "Engaging care givers for older adults" https://acep.zoom.us/j/83005941549?pwd=ajhuaTNKZ2UzYUwCcjhvR2xIZlFnQT09 | *Note new mtg date |
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| 18-Mar | Webinar: Dr. Rachel Skains “Medication Safety” https://acep.zoom.us/j/87194171996?pwd=ZmgzaUVpbTRmdTlkMzY2bVJ3SGMwQT09 | |
| 15-Apr | ACEP24 planning: Pre-con, leadership elections | |
| 20-May | Open-Webinar Considerations | |

Potential calendar / webinar /activity additions:

1. Dan Morhaim, MD- Influencing State Legislators
www.thebetterend.com
2. Hannah Gordon, MD- Advanced Directives; include advanced directives as part of Medicare enrollment?
3. Thomas Hagerman, MD
ACEP GEMS should join up with Geri-Pal for a GEM focused podcast.
<https://geripal.org/geripal-podcast/>