

**American College of Emergency Physicians
Freestanding Emergency Centers (FEC) Section**

ACEP24 Meeting

September 30, 2024, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM Pacific

MINUTES

Participants: Jay Woody, MD, Chair, Heidi Knowles, MD, Board Liaison, Jon Beezley, MD, Leo Huynh, MD, Steve Elsbecker, MD, Dave Ernst, MD, Joseph Bleier, MD, Lonnie Schwirtlich, MD, William Kranichfeld, MD, Richard “Joe” Ybarra, MD, and Hector Ramos, MD.

ACEP Staff attending all or part of the meeting: Jessica Adams.

The 2024-2026 Officers are as follows:

Chair: R. Joe Ybarra, MD, FACEP

Chair-elect: William “Bill” Kranichfeld, MD

Immediate Past Chair: Jay Woody, MD, FACEP

Councilor: Leo Huynh, MD

Alt. Councilor: Jose Llach, MD

Secretary/ Newsletter: Lonnie Schwirtlich, MD

Member at Large: Jon “Jay” Beezley, DO, FACEP

Board Liaison: Heidi Knowles, MD, FACEP

Call to Order

Dr. Woody welcomed the group as the Chair and asked for introductions from all of those present. Minutes of last year’s meeting were approved as written.

Council Update

Dr. Kranichfeld provided an update on the Council meeting. There were 70 resolutions: 55 adopted, six were not adopted, one was withdrawn, and 9 were referred to the Board of Directors. There were two resolutions focused on freestanding emergency centers. One, “Data Gathering on Freestanding EDs: Examining Regulations, Services Offered, and Staffing Policies” was referred to the BOD. The second, “Minimum Standards for Freestanding Emergency Departments,” was amended and passed. The FEC will receive more information about these resolutions in the coming weeks.

Dr. Kranichfeld provided the results from the recent elections. Dr. Tony Cirillo was elected president-elect to follow Dr. Allison Haddock who now presides. Dr. Jeff Goodloe was elected Chair of the Board, while Dr. Shoemaker and Dr. Stanton were named VP of Membership and VP of Communications respectively. Dr. Kristin McCabe-Kline will serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

Dr. Ybarra and Ms. Adams led a discussion on the Section assigned objectives. All present agreed that those were still meaningful and committed to the Section's work in the coming year.

Section Update

Dr. Woody and Ms. Adams gave the section update, stressing the need the need to demonstrate value for current and potential new Section members. The FEC Section membership has increased from last year now totaling 126 as of September 2024.

There was significant discussion about the role of the FEC Section. Dr. Woody emphasized that while Section membership is steady, participation by members has lacked. After careful consideration, the Section decided to maintain its status for at least another year.

Dr. Woody received his Chair plaque, and the Section thanked him for his significant contributions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.