

**AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS  
Annual Meeting at ACEP24**



Sunday, September 29, 2024  
2:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
MBCC, Level 2, Oceanside G

**Minutes**

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SECTION CHAIR AND ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE UNDERSEA AND HYPERBARIC MEDICINE SECTION AT THE ANNUAL SECTION MEETING DURING ACEP25. ANY CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.**

**Participants**

There were 12 in-person participants and 4 virtual participants. In person were Suzannah Alexander, sitting in as staff liaison; Stephen Hendriksen, section chair; Bob Sanders, alternate councillor, Abigail Winn, secretary and newsletter editor; Christopher Allen, chair elect; Nicholas Glover; Matt Kelly; Ariel Halevy; Sarah Spelsberg; Dag Shapshak; John-Michael Watson, medical student; and Miguel Renteria, medical student. Attending virtually were Joy Carrico, staff liaison; Kevin Hardy; Drue Orwig, councillor; and Emma Rogers, EMRA representative.

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Board Representative Update - as available
3. Councillor Report - Dr. Bob Sanders
4. Section Membership Update - ACEP Liaison
5. Secretary/Newsletter Editor Update - Dr. Abby Winn
6. EMRA Rep Introduction - Dr. Emma Rogers
7. Past Year Updates - Dr. Stephen Hendriksen  
- Introduction of Fellows
8. ACEP Clinical Practice Guideline on CO Poisoning Discussion - All
9. Officers Election Planning
10. Section Crawl
11. Outreach
12. Questions and Concerns from Section Members
13. Future Meeting Planning

**Major Points Discussed**

- Councillor Report
- 421/422 credentialed in attendance
- 416 participated in elections
- Dr. Anthony Cirillo elected; platform focused on broader EM issues
- Allison Haddock starts as the new president; Aisa Terry is now the most recent past president
- ACEP Board of Directors structure overview - Executive Director, Board of Directors, Council with Councilors, Congress

- Review of our board representatives, Dr. Sanders is overall pleased with board election outcome
- Resolution/Debate Highlights:
  - Allocation of counselors: will take average over months instead of one total every December
  - Termination of pregnancy in the ER: hotly debated but did pass
  - EMTALA reform/hospital crowding: final language included statewide hospital networks
  - Could be positive for the challenges of transfer for critical care hyperbaric chambers
- Unions
- Scope Creep
- Section Membership Update
  - No new rules/policies for section membership
  - Course proposals for ACEP25 due October 20, 2024.
    - Discussion about how UHMS can get a topic approved for ACEP25.
- Secretary update
- Send article ideas to Dr. Winn
  - CO poisoning practice guideline article once published
  - Considering doing a series about careers in HBO/EM
- EMRA Rep discussed working on a list of new and graduating fellows and they discussed outreach to make residents aware of the specialty.
- Past Year Updates
  - Advocacy work for 24/7 chamber in Portland, OR
  - Updates in the Field - ABPM Longitudinal Assessment
  - Medicare significant reimbursement cut, ACEP was able to support our efforts and correction to reimbursement successfully made
  - The clinical guidelines on CO poisoning that is being drafted by ACEP was discussed.
  - A short discussion was made about how we can better organize next year's elections so that more people are aware and can vote. Using an electronic voting format was discussed.
  - The Section Crawl was discussed. There was some discussion about getting a sponsor for ACEP25.
  - The group was encouraged to attend the Project Neptune presentation on Wednesday.
  - Outreach was discussed. Various means of providing exposure for UHM were suggested, such as writing for Critical Decisions, creating content for ACEP Anytime, ACEP25 course proposal
  - There was a question about hybrid UHM fellowship.
  - Future meetings were announced.
- Board Representative Update
  - Given by Dr. Abhi Mehrotra (MBA, FACEP)
  - Priorities for the board will be boarding, patient safety, physician autonomy, behavioral health
  - Discussion on search for executive director
  - State of EM Survey coming in November
  - 1 incumbent, 3 new board members elected

The meeting was adjourned around 4:00 PM and attendees enjoyed the Section Hall Crawl.