

Undersea Hyperbaric Medicine Section  
Annual Meeting  
October 11, 2023 • Philadelphia, PA

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE SECTION CHAIR AND ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE UNDERSEA HYPERBARIC MEDICINE SECTION AT THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING. ANY CHANGES WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES OF THAT MEETING.

**Participants**

- Stephen Hendriksen
- Richard Walker
- Brendan Byrne
- Anthony Lagina
- Drue Orwig
- Jenny Thacker
- Davut Savaser
- Abby Winn
- Bob Sanders
- Kevin Hardy
- Christopher Allen
- Brent Hill
- Suzannah Alexander (serving as staff liaison)
- Joy Carrico (staff liaison)

**Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions — Dr. Hendriksen welcomed members and introductions were made.
- Board Representative Update — Allison Haddock was not in attendance and the section does not know who will be the board liaison going forward, as Allison Haddock is now the chair-elect for ACEP.
- Section Membership Update — No updates.
- Secretary/Newsletter Update — Six newsletter articles in 2022-2023
- EMRA Representative Introduction — Abby Winn
- Past Year Update
  - No changes in the number of section members
  - Six newsletter articles in 2022-2023
  - Updated website
  - Improved EngageED community
    - Advocacy – Letter to Congress
    - Updates Membership – ABPM Longitudinal Assessment
  - EMRA Job/Fellowship Fair. Many residents came by and showed interest in a hyperbaric fellowship.
  - ABEM Certification is going to mirror ABPM
- ACEP Clinical Practice Guideline on CO Poisoning Update — Section resolved to send a letter to CO Clinical Policy Committee who are updating the policy on carbon monoxide. They expressed

the need to be ready to respond to the draft clinical policy statement that will be posted for comments.

- Voting in New Officers
  - Chair-Elect — Christopher Allen
  - Alternate Councillor — Bob Sanders
  - Newsletter Editor/Secretary — Abby Winn
- Critical Care Access Support Letter —
  - Voted to write a letter of support to Legacy Emanuel to support their Critical Access for HBOT
  - Discussed possibility of writing letter to FTC regarding critical care access report
- Questions and Concerns from Section Members — Discussion of fellowships and NASA acknowledgement of the importance of hyperbaric medicine as qualification for NASA flight surgeon
- Future Meeting Planning
  - June – UHMS ASM
  - ACEP24 – Las Vegas

#### **Next Steps**

- Look for ways to advocate for hyperbaric medicine
- Look for ways to expose physicians to hyperbaric medicine (CDEM lesson suggested)
- Section Leadership to try and meet Quarterly to discuss actions for this year
- Next Articles in Newsletter discussed