

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



Annual Meeting at ACEP24

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Annual Meeting: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mandalay Bay South Convention Center, Level 2, Oceanside F

Section Hall Crawl: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Level 2, Mandalay Bay Foyer

Minutes

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

Section members who participated in all or part of the meeting included:

David Young, MD, Chair; Patrick Burns, MD, Chair-Elect; Zachary Michael Blea, MD; Vincent Julian Costers, MD; Rebecca Eastman, MD; Angela F Gardner, MD, FACEP; Carlton E Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP; Terez Malka, MD, FACEP; Katharine Pula, DO; Miguel Angel Renteria; Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Sarah C Spelsberg, MD; Chad D Viscusi, MD, FACEP; Elizabeth L Wesley, MD; Jason West, MD, FACEP.

Non-members, guests, and staff who participated in all or part of the meeting included:

Evan Bradler, MD; Joseph W Burris, Jr, MD; Arman Israelyan, DO; Kevin Thomas Kuuskvere, DO; Rebecca Walker, MD, MPH; Jaclyn Librera, SERB Pharmaceuticals; Jarred Lyons, SERB Pharmaceuticals; Niki Pellicano, SERB Pharmaceuticals; Maude Surprenant Hancock, CAE, Staff Liaison

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Councillor Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Wilderness Medicine Section Survey
6. Wilderness Medicine Section Photo Contest Results
7. Section Goals and Objectives for the Upcoming Year
8. Sponsor Presentation: SERB Pharmaceuticals
9. Guest Speaker: *Adventure Rx: Off the Grid Side Gigs*, Rebecca Walker, MD, MPH, Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Fellowships, Dept of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine
10. Discussion and Networking

Major Points Discussed

1. Dr. Young welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM. The section officers in attendance introduced themselves: Chair: David Young, MD and Chair-Elect: Patrick Burns, MD. They thanked SERB Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring the meeting and for their ongoing support of the section's activities.
2. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 annual section meeting as written. The motion was seconded.
3. Dr. Carl Heine, represented our section at the 2024 Council meeting filling in for Councillor Dr. Stannard who unexpectedly was unable to travel to Las Vegas. Dr. Heine gave a brief overview of what the Council does, its composition, what it accomplished during its two-day meeting including [the results of the ACEP Board and President election](#).
4. Dr. Young reviewed the Wilderness Medicine section officer positions up for election and presented the nominee for Alternate Councillor, Dr. Dana Mathew. He called for nominations from the floor for each position: Chair-Elect, Secretary and Alternate Councillor. Dr. Terez Malka self-nominated for the Secretary position and Dr. Marc Cassone was nominated for the Chair-Elect position. Dr. Mathew and Dr. Malka were elected as Alternate Councillor and Secretary respectively. Dr. Cassone who was not present at the meeting will be notified of his nomination and a vote will take place after the meeting.
5. Meeting attendees were reminded to complete the Wilderness Medicine Section Survey to help the section leaders better understand and serve member needs.
6. Dr. Young announced this year's [photo contest winner and honorable mention](#). Winner: *The Last Days, Katla Cave* by Kara Hatlevoll, DO. Kirsten Lalli received an honorable mention for *A Glacial Coast*. He congratulated the winners, thanked everyone who participated in the contest and encouraged submissions to next year's contest.
7. Dr. Burns thanked Dr. Young and presented him with a plaque recognizing his service as Chair of the Section for the past two years. He then led a brief discussion around section goals and objectives for the upcoming year which included contuning to have an educational speaker at the annual meeting, distributing a newsletter at least twice per year, and utilizing the survey results to help guide the content and other initiatives to pursue. He encouraged anyone with ideas to reach out to him or any of the other officers.
8. Jarred Lyons and Jaclyn Librera with BTG International, now part of SERB Pharmaceuticals, presented an overview of the new fully integrated company and discussed how they are a partner in the reversal space. They presented an analysis of data from the North American Snakebite Registry and the use of CroFab for snakebite management.
9. Guest speaker, Rebecca Walker, MD, MPH, Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Fellowships, Dept of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine, presented *Adventure Rx: Off the Grid Side Gigs*. After her presentation, attendees split into four small groups for facilitated discussions focused on areas of interest: race medicine, cruise ship medicine, polar medicine, and global health/disaster response.
10. Dr. JT Finnell, ACEP Board liaison to the Wilderness Medicine Section, provided a brief report highlighting resolutions that were adopted by the Council, ACEP Board and President election

results, ACEP24 activities and attendance, and important College efforts around boarding and workplace challenges.

11. Dr. Young asked for a brief moment of silence to honor two members of the Wilderness Medicine community, Dr. Terry O'Connor and Dr. Janel Matnews, who passed away while recreating in the wilderness this year.
12. Dr. Young and Dr. Burns concluded the meeting with a few announcements:
 - Happy hour hosted by the Wilderness Medical Society on September 30, 2024 from 5-7 PM at the Foundation Room;
 - Dr. Joseph Mueller, Chair of the EMRA Wilderness Committee and Resident Representative to the ACEP Wilderness Medicine Section, reminded attendees about the EMRA MedWAR on October 2, 2024 at Red Rock Canyon.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 6:00 PM and attendees were encouraged to go to the Section Hall Crawl and stop by the Wilderness Medicine Section table to enjoy a specialty cocktail and food.