

**ALABAMA CHAPTER AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY
PHYSICIANS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
DECEMBER 7, 2006**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ALACEP Board of Directors met on December 7, 2006 at the MASA building in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Steven Baldwin, President. Those in attendance were:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Steven T. Baldwin
Dr. Thomas L. Arnold
Dr. Bryan Balentine
Dr. David J. Garvey
Dr. Carl W. Barlow
Dr. John E. Campbell
Dr. Neil Christen
Dr. William K. (Kirk) Hawley
Dr. Hillary Hendrick
Dr. John M. McMahon, Jr.
Dr. Frank S. Pettyjohn
Dr. Annalise Sorrentino
Dr. Michael Sternberg
Dr. Rick M. Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Mathew G. Krista

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Jim Galbraith
Ms. Denise C. Smith
Mr. Rich Street, ARISTOI

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

Motion was made by Dr. Neil Christen to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2006 meeting. Second was by Dr. Carl Barlow and carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steven Baldwin stated that he wanted to take the agenda out of order and focus first on the educational efforts after a couple of housekeeping items.

IV. TREASURER'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bryan Balentine, Treasurer, reported that after looking at several options for accounts that draw interest, Compass Bank was the best deal. A banking transfer activity report was provided that outlined the transfers. Dr. Balentine further reported that he is still looking for options for the Foundation account. Dr. Baldwin expressed appreciation from the whole Board for Dr. Balentine's hard work.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. David Garvey reported that at ACEP General Assembly in New Orleans some of the Board members were approached by Tennessee ACEP about joining forces for an educational conference to share benefits and losses. The Tennessee ACEP Board voted to support this effort and Dr. Garvey elaborated on the agreement that had been discussed. Dr. Garvey further reported that our leader visit from national would not take place this year because the national board had a meeting that same week. Several ideas for the conference were discussed at length. After much discussion, motion was made by Dr. Frank Pettyjohn that Alabama ACEP partner with Tennessee ACEP for the June educational conference under the terms generally outlined giving the executive leadership the flexibility to fine tune the agreement. Second was by Dr. Rick Weber and carried. It was agreed that the final agreement document would be emailed to the Board.

Dr. Steven Baldwin brought attention to a couple of letters from two of the EMS Regions asking for ALACEP to appoint representatives to their governing bodies. After brief discussion, Dr. Carl Barlow was appointed to the Southeast Alabama EMS Council and Dr. Hillary Hendrick was appointed to the BREMSS position.

Dr. Neil Christen reported that the ITLS conference in Boston went well and that the 6th edition of the book was due out in August.

Dr. Steven Baldwin and Dr. Thomas Arnold gave an update on Practice Management/Reimbursement with discussion centered on reimbursement problems with deep sedation and the continuing Medicare problems.

Dr. John McMahon gave an EMS update outlining the recent actions at the December 6, 2006 State EMS Medical Control Committee meeting. Of most interest is the moving forward of the statewide trauma system which is already in place in the Birmingham Region. The next target area is the North Alabama Region with the system plan of being statewide by 2008. A couple of prehospital studies are continuing (CPAP and Adult IO) with some new ones being discussed. Dr. John Campbell stated that the Governor is committed to the statewide trauma system and wants to see EMS funded again. It was decided that a letter should be sent to the Governor expressing concern about EMS and emergency medicine in Alabama and encouraging him to find permanent funding.

Discussion was held concerning the need to be graduating more board certified emergency medicine physicians in Alabama and the need for a second residency

program in Alabama.

Lunch was provided by Mr. Rich Street from ARISTOI. He spoke briefly to the Board and the Board expressed their appreciation for lunch.

Discussion was held concerning the next meeting of the Board. Dr. Steven Baldwin said that an invitation had been extended to meet at the BREMSS office in Birmingham and then take a tour of the TCC – Trauma Communications Center. It was decided that the next meeting would be March 1, 10:00 a.m. at the BREMSS office in Birmingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Smith
Executive Director