

**ALABAMA CHAPTER
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SANDESTIN, FLORIDA
JUNE 14, 2006**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of Alabama ACEP was called to order by Dr. David

Garvey, President. Those in attendance were:

MEMBERS

Dr. David Garvey
Dr. Steven Baldwin
Dr. Thomas Arnold
Dr. Bryan Balentine
Dr. Carl Barlow
Dr. Alexander Benz
Dr. John Campbell
Dr. Neil Christen
Dr. John Drew
Dr. Jim Galbraith
Dr. Kirk Hawley
Dr. Hillary Hendrick
Dr. Sam Herring
Dr. Mathew Krista
Dr. John McMahan
Dr. Frank S. Pettyjohn
Dr. William B. Pittman
Dr. Sherrie Squyres
Dr. Michael Sternberg

OTHERS

Denise C. Smith, Staff

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 12, 2005

Motion was made by Dr. Steven Baldwin to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2005 meeting. Second was by Dr. Neil Christen and carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. David Garvey gave a report on the Alabama Benchmarking Cooperative (ABC) Project stating that 24 hospitals out of 109 statewide had participated this year. He further reported on some of the quality improvement initiatives that were addressed including a study conducted on abdominal pain patients and the diagnoses and treatments. Dr. Garvey stated that if the ABC Project is to continue that he will need help from the Board.

A brief discussion was held concerning the lack of participation by the Alabama members in the annual education conference. It was the general opinion that late planning was a significant factor and the goal for next year would be to have the meeting agenda planned six months in advance. Dr. Pettyjohn and Dr. Hendrick were complimented on getting the residents involved as the membership felt this will help grow the conference in the future.

Dr. John Campbell addressed the continued problem of not being able to hold psychiatric patients against their will. He volunteered to chair a committee to look at what might be able to be done legislatively to correct this problem. Members were asked to sign a list if they would be willing to serve on this committee.

Dr. John Campbell, serving as the State EMS Medical Director, asked that ALACEP look at the possibility of providing the On-line Medical Director's course. Dr. John McMahon and Dr. Thomas Arnold volunteered to address this issue.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. John Campbell informed the membership that the first paramedic training site in Alabama, UAB, has decided to close their training program within the year. He stated that this is one of two four year colleges in Alabama that provide paramedic training and he asked that ALACEP go on record asking for the Dean of the School of Medicine to reconsider their decision. Motion was made by Dr. John Campbell to send a letter to the Dean. Second was by Dr. John McMahon and carried.

V. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS: TERM EXPIRATION 2006

Board members with terms expiring in 2006 were recognized, thanked for their service and presented a token of appreciation. Dr. David Garvey was thanked for his service as President and was presented a plaque. A moment of silence was held in memory of Dr. Sam Heard.

Dr. David Garvey announced that Dr. Frank Pettyjohn and Dr. Gary Wright had expressed their desire for re-election. He further stated that the following members had expressed their desire to serve on the Board: Dr. Bryan Ballentine, Dr. John McMahon, and Dr. Carl Barlow. Dr. Steve Baldwin announced that Dr. Annalise Sorrentino had asked him to read her statement and add her to the list for Board nominations. Each of the nominees present was asked to address the membership briefly. Dr. David Garvey spoke briefly on behalf of Dr. Gary Wright and Dr. Hillary Hendrick spoke highly of Dr. Sorrentino as a possible Board member.

VI. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Ballots were distributed to all members for voting. New Board members elected for terms expiring in 2009 are: Dr. Bryan Ballentine, Dr. Carl Barlow, Dr. John McMahan, Dr. Frank Pettyjohn, and Dr. Annalise Sorrentino.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Smith
Executive Director