

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

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ALACEP Board of Directors met on September 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. Neil Christen
Dr. Hillary Hendrick
Dr. Mathew G. Krista
Dr. Annalise Sorrentino
Dr. Michael Sternberg
Dr. Rick Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. John Campbell
Dr. Frank S. Pettyjohn
Dr. William K. (Kirk) Hawley
Dr. John M. McMahon, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Sam Herring
Ms. Denise C. Smith
Mr. Rich Street, ARISTOI

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 14, 2006

Motion was made by Dr. Neil Christen to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting. Second was by Dr. Tom Arnold and carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Steven Baldwin he had been introspecting the last few months about the mission of ALACEP and he felt the best value for the members is an emphasis on

educational efforts. He feels that energy should be focused in that area to have the conference for 2007 together by the end of the year, get the message out, and the schedule should be appealing and the subject matter valuable. Other thoughts he mentioned were:

- ALACEP should not be involved as a group in lobbying efforts because of the legal consequences. He feels individual members can accomplish the needs.
- He wanted the Board members' thoughts on how to keep members better informed, whether it be a newsletter or the website.
- He stated he is sensitive about finances because we need to be good stewards of the money in the organization.
- He stated he felt that in dealing with the issues of the day that we have lively discussions in Board meetings but we probably need to expand horizons and get involved with the media.

Some discussion was held concerning a newsletter and it was decided that email and an electronic newsletter would be cheaper and just as effective. Other discussion centered around recruiting physicians to come to Alabama including possibly having a marketplace on the website and running adds in Annals. The following members volunteered to carry forward on these issues: Dr. Steven Baldwin, Dr. Thomas Arnold, Dr. Neil Christen, Dr. Hillary Hendrick, and Dr. Rick Weber.

IV. TREASURER'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Copies of the balance sheet as of July 31, 2006 and the profit and loss for July 2005 through June 2006 were provided in the Board packets. Dr. Bryan Balentine briefly reviewed the financial status of the organization. Dr. Steven Baldwin asked if the members thought there would be value in investing some of the money in an account to draw interest. Dr. Bryan Balentine stated that he will check in to investing.

A comparison sheet of income and expenses for the educational conferences for 2003 through 2006 was presented and reviewed. Lengthy discussion was held concerning the conference for 2007. Dr. David Garvey stated that he felt we should get back to clinical topics and steer away from administrative topics. Some of the topics discussed were:

- Mock trial
- LLSA review/test taking
- Ultrasound
- Advanced airway
- Radiology
- Ophthalmology
- Fever
- Neuro
- Mutual Assurance
- Controversial topics to include evidence based issues.

It was decided the title for the meeting would be “Controversies in Emergency Medicine.”

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Neil Christen reported that ITLS is having their annual meeting on November 2-4, 2006 in Boston. He stated that the problems were worked out with the publisher and that the royalty money should be secure for a while. He further stated that there are new chapters in New Hampshire and Germany.

Dr. Thomas Arnold stated that he would be getting with Steve to see how he could assist in keeping the website up to date. He also stated he would get with Dr. McMahon and Dr. Campbell to see about getting the medical director course

on the website.

In the absence of Dr. McMahon and Dr. Campbell, Ms. Denise Smith reported that the revised protocols had been approved by the State Committee of Public Health and should be effective on January 1, 2007.

Dr. Hillary Hendrick reported on Women's Issues stating that they are trying to branch out and do other activities besides meetings.

Dr. Sam Herring stated that the residency program at UAB would soon be getting a new chairperson and he felt it would be a positive move to extend a welcome to this new person and to foster a good relationship. Everyone agreed that it is our goal to grow emergency medicine in Alabama and a key tool is supporting the residency program(s) that grow physicians in to this specialty. The key is to understanding how we can help.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

An email from Mr. Cary Kuhlmann of MASA requesting resident sponsorship for three residents to MASA and the Jefferson County Medical Society was presented. Discussion was held that this should be handled by the Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Smith
Executive Director