

**ALABAMA CHAPTER
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2008**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ALACEP Board of Directors met on December 4, 2008 at the Medical Association building in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Neil Christen, President.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Neil Christen
Dr. Annalise Sorrentino
Dr. Bryan Balentine
Dr. Tom Arnold
Dr. Steven Baldwin
Dr. Carl Barlow
Dr. Melissa Costello
Dr. David J. Garvey (by phone)
Dr. Kirk Hawley
Dr. John McMahan, Jr.
Dr. Frank Pettyjohn
Dr. Jeremy Rogers
Dr. Chris Rosko
Dr. Michael Sternberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. John Campbell

OTHERS

Dr. Todd Peterson
Denise Louthain, Staff

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 MEETING

Motion was made by Dr. John McMahan to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting. Second was by Dr. Annalise Sorrentino and carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Neil Christen announced that the Report Card will be released on December 9 but that all information is embargoed until that time. He asked Dr. Steven Baldwin to go over particulars that could be shared with the Board. Dr. Baldwin summarized the results briefly going over the talking points

and his preliminary thoughts. Much discussion was held and Dr. Baldwin said he would get more information out to the Board in the next few days.

Dr. Christen brought to the attention of the Board a memorandum that was sent to Dr. Annalise Sorrentino from a resident expressing her concern about another board certification she had recently learned about for emergency medicine. Some discussion was held with a couple of the members stating they will check with local medical staffs that are on the credentials committee to see if there is any concern with them.

IV. TREASURER'S /EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bryan Balentine reviewed the Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2008 and the Profit and Loss Report for January 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008. He and Denise further elaborated on some of the details. After brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. Frank Pettyjohn to accept the financial report. Second was by Dr. Michael Sternberg and carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. David Garvey gave the education report stating that plans are well underway for the conference to be held in June 2009 announcing that Louisiana and Mississippi had agreed to join Alabama and Tennessee chapters as sponsors. It was unanimously agreed that with that many states that the name would have to be changed. Dr. Garvey said he would work on something and email it out to the members. Dr. Chris Rosko expressed his concern that we should have some type of letter of agreement with the other states so as to delineate responsibilities and expectations. All members agreed. The exhibitor fee was discussed briefly and motion was made by Dr. Tom Arnold to increase the exhibitor fee from \$800 to \$1000. Second was by Dr. Frank Pettyjohn and passed with one opposing vote by Dr. Steven Baldwin. A sheet was passed around and members were asked to sign up and

volunteer to help with the conference. Dr. Bryan Balentine reported that he and the other executive committee members had discussed giving Ms. Denise Louthain a “thank you” bonus of \$500. All members expressed their support. Ms. Louthain thanked everyone for their generosity.

Dr. Steven Baldwin gave a brief report on Practice Management touching on the continuing problems with Medicaid. It was also discussed that JCAHO as of 2010 would not be accrediting hospitals. It was mentioned that CMS will be developing national standards and will select accrediting bodies.

Dr. Jeremy Rogers reported on Communications stating that a newsletter would be coming out soon and asked the members to email any articles they would like included.

Dr. John McMahon gave an update on EMS reporting that by summer 2009 it is planned for the statewide trauma system to be up and running. He announced that SEMCC will be meeting on Tuesday, December 9 in Clanton. Dr. Baldwin asked Dr. McMahon if there could be some kind of QI form developed to go along with the run sheets so the physicians can turn in constructive comments. Dr. McMahon said he would bring that up at the SEMCC meeting.

Lunch was once again provided by ARISTOI and Ms. Louthain was asked to send a note of thanks for their continued support.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Neil Christen asked if anyone would be available to go to the MASA meeting in Washington, DC in February, referring to the letter in their packet. Dr. Garvey and Dr. Christen both indicated they would try to go.

Dr. David Garvey said that Tennessee would be having a meeting on March 30 & 31, 2009 and asked if anyone would like to attend.

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Pros and cons of having meetings by conference call were discussed without much favorable reaction.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Louthain
Executive Director