

**ALABAMA CHAPTER  
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2008**

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ALACEP Board of Directors met on March 6, 2008 at the Medical Association building in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Tom Arnold, President. Those in attendance were:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Steven T. Baldwin

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mr. Joe Acker, BREMSS  
Dr. Bruce E. Burns  
Dr. Jim Galbraith  
Denise C. Louthain, Staff  
Steven A. Simpson, Staff

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING

Motion was made by Dr. John McMahon to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting. Second was by Dr. Jeremy Rogers and carried.

III. REGIONAL ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME SYSTEM PLAN: JOE ACKER, BREMSS

Mr. Joe Acker, Executive Director of the BREMSS Region, gave a presentation concerning the Regional Acute Coronary System Plan that is being worked on for the BREMSS Region. After the presentation there was much discussion and suggestions.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Arnold introduced and welcomed Dr. Bruce Burns to the meeting. Dr. Burns is interested in becoming more involved in Alabama ACEP. Dr. Arnold reviewed information on several issues of interest and called attention to the letter from MASA concerning appointment of Delegates for the meeting in May. Dr. Michael Sternberg and Dr. Kirk Hawley volunteered to represent ALACEP again this year.

V. TREASURER'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bryan Balentine reviewed the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2008 and the Profit and Loss Report for November 1, 2007 through January 31, 2008. He also explained some of the expenses on the Profit and Loss Report.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. David Garvey reported that the June conference is coming together and that we will be having two speakers from National ACEP – Dean Wilkerson the Executive Director

and Dr. Nicholas Jouriles the President-Elect. He reviewed the list of speakers and said that we would be having three workshops on Thursday – Pediatric Emergency Procedures, Advanced Airway and Ultrasound/IV Access. He further reported that Alabama ENA has definitely decided to join us and that we will also be inviting Tennessee ENA to join us.

Dr. John Campbell gave the ITLS Committee report and showed the Patient Assessment DVD that had been developed through the support of funds from ALACEP. He reminded the Board that the DVD cost almost twice as much as was originally thought and the Board agreed to pay another \$5,000 as long as the previous stipulations are met.

Dr. John McMahon gave the EMS Committee Report stating the following:

- There will be no EMS bill introduced this year in the legislature.
- EPCR is now operational with the web based one to be out next week.
- ADPH has contracted with the University of Alabama to develop a QA/QI program for EMS.
- 95% of all prehospital EMS services have been inspected.
- North Alabama trauma system is operational and other regions are beginning the planning phase.
- Next SEMCC meeting is scheduled for June 3 in Montgomery or Clanton,

Dr. Jeremy Rogers gave the Communications Committee Report stating that he plans on getting a newsletter out next week and asked that everyone have their articles to him by tomorrow. Dr. Arnold thanked Dr. Rogers for all of his hard work on this project.

Lunch was provided by ARISTOI and Ms. Kate Gardner was thanked for their continued support.

Dr. John Campbell gave the Trauma System Committee Report stating that the North Alabama trauma system has been running for about two weeks with a press conference scheduled for Friday, March 7 in Huntsville. He stated that almost one half of the population in Alabama is now being served by the trauma system and other regions have scheduled their first meetings – Southeast Region is set for March 27 and East Region is set for March 24.

Dr. Hillary Hendrick gave the Women's Issues in Emergency Medicine Committee Report. She stated that she would have an article for the newsletter and reported that out of 233 ALACEP members there are 45 that are females. She also told the Board that she will be moving back to Texas soon.

Dr. Arnold thanked everyone for their reports and followed up by stating that many in the room have done extraordinary things such as the Women's Section, the trauma system development, BTLs, and the annual educational conference. He thank everyone for their contributions.

Dr. Michael Sternberg informed everyone that the Alabama Department of Public Health now has an on-line prescription monitoring system available that you can register for and can search by name and birth date to get information on narcotic prescriptions filled by date filled, physician, and pharmacy. He said this is very helpful for patients seen in the emergency room.

Dr. David Garvey reported that Senator Tom Butler is proposing legislation to fund putting AED's in schools, parks, and other public places throughout the state. He asked for

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a letter of support from the Board and they agreed.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 8 at 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with the educational conference in San Destin. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Louthain

Executive Director