

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

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ALACEP Board of Directors met on September 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. Carl Barlow
Dr. John Campbell
Dr. Melissa Costello
Dr. David J. Garvey
Dr. Kirk Hawley
Dr. Jeremy Rogers

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Tom Arnold
Dr. Steven Baldwin
Dr. John McMahon, Jr.
Dr. Frank Pettyjohn
Dr. Chris Rosko
Dr. Michael Sternberg

OTHERS

Dr. Michael Bindon
Denise Louthain, Staff

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 8, 2008 MEETING

Motion was made by Dr. John Campbell to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2008 meeting. Second was by Dr. Bryan Balentine and carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Christen announced that Dr. Annalise Sorrentino has been approved for fellow status effective October 1, 2008 and all members congratulated her on this accomplishment.

Dr. Christen brought attention to the fact that there has been poor response to the ACEP Workforce Survey but that the deadline had been extended until the end of September. He asked the Board to look over the list of hospitals that had been asked to participate and if they knew any of the ED

Directors to please encourage them to participate.

We have been asked by National ACEP to list our top 5 legislative priorities and Dr. Christen reviewed the priorities we submitted: (1) inability to hold psychiatric patients; (2) liability; (3) ED crowding and boarding; (4) access to specialists; and (5) reimbursement. After discussion, it was decided that we should replace reimbursement with “facilitate the implementation of a statewide trauma system”.

IV. TREASURER’S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dr. Bryan Balentine reviewed the Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2008 and the Profit and Loss Report for January 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. He and Denise further elaborated on some of the details. The income and expenses for the conference were also discussed and the Board was pleased that the conference broke even.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. David Garvey reported that he had been in contact with the Mississippi ACEP leadership by phone and email and that their Board will vote soon on joining us in sponsoring the conference next year. He further reported that he had visited with the Louisiana ACEP board at their last meeting in New Orleans and that it looked favorable that they will be joining us next year. Both states biggest fear was that they have no money and don’t want it to cost them anything. A big plus would be that each of the four states could bring faculty and that would reduce the faculty stipends and being a four state conference would attract more participants. Dr. Garvey stated that he would like to try more panel discussions with controversial topics because the pediatric panel discussion seemed to go over well this year. He told the Board he would keep them informed when he hears from the other states.

Dr. John Campbell stated that ITLS was in better financial shape and that we received our first

of the two royalty checks recently. He reported that trauma system implementation in the other four regions is underway – that as of this morning all of the Regional Trauma Advisory Committees have been appointed except for West Alabama. He informed the Board members that they were all appointed to the committees in their regions and that they would be receiving letters of invitation soon. He related further information: that the September meeting of the SEMCC (State Emergency Medical Control Committee) had been cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for December unless a meeting needs to be called before then; that the June update of the protocols is in their handouts (the complete protocols are on the ADPH website) and that all providers are to complete training no later than October 1; that the on-line Medical Directors Course should be available on the ADPH website within the next few weeks.

Dr. Annalise Sorrentino reported that Dr. Baldwin is working on the prehospital EMS pediatric drug list and pediatric trauma protocols and would like the members to send him any suggestions.

Dr. Campbell stated that he would like to see the development of an ATLS like course for pediatrics for physicians.

Dr. Jeremy Rogers asked about the development and implementation of the stroke system in Alabama stating that there have been some problems with prehospital identification of stroke patients.

Dr. Campbell stated that the emphasis is on trauma right now but hopefully we will have all three critical care systems (trauma, stroke, cardiac) within five years in Alabama.

Dr. Jeremy Rogers gave the Communications Committee update stating that the next newsletter will be out soon and asked all members to send their articles to him before next week.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A wonderful lunch was provided by ARISTOI and they were recognized and Denise will send

a thank you note expressing appreciation.

Dr. David Garvey stated that at the Louisiana board meeting he attended that they had a way members could call in on a conference call and that it worked well. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Garvey that we check on the expense and look into the possibility of members being able to attend the next meeting on December 4 by conference call. Second was by Dr. John Campbell and carried.

Dr. Melissa Costello informed the Board that she was on a conference call this week and that the Alabama AIMES Chapter is trying to reorganize.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Louthain
Executive Director