

**ALABAMA CHAPTER
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SANDESTIN, FLORIDA
JUNE 10, 2007**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of Alabama ACEP was called to order by Dr. Steven Baldwin, President. Those in attendance were:

MEMBERS

Dr. Steven Baldwin
Dr. Tom Arnold
Dr. Bryan Balentine
Dr. John Campbell
Dr. Neil Christen
Dr. David Garvey
Dr. Kirk Hawley
Dr. Hillary Hendrick
Dr. John McMahan
Dr. Frank Pettyjohn
Dr. Jeremy Rogers
Dr. Annalise Sorrentino
Dr. Michael Sternberg

OTHERS

Denise C. Smith, Staff

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 14, 2006 MEETING

Motion was made by Dr. Frank Pettyjohn to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting. Second was by Dr. John McMahan and carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. John Campbell reported that there was no success on the psychiatric hold problem basically because there was not enough interest and support for change

by the hospital association or the legislature. It is recognized that this is a very important issue to ALACEP but it doesn't seem to be able to be dealt with at this time.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Some discussion was held about patients requesting to be transported to hospitals not in the local area. Dr. Campbell pointed out that patient requests must be honored when reasonable but that ambulance services should not leave their service areas not covered but should have ordinances in place to cover them.

Some discussion was held about hospitals having policies that patients are to be only transferred from their hospital(s) by ambulance. It was discussed that in the case of stable patients, the physician should be able to make the recommendation for mode of transfer when an ambulance transport is not needed.

V. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS: TERM EXPIRATION 2007

Board members with terms expiring in 2007 were recognized, thanked for their service and presented a token of appreciation. Dr. Steve Baldwin was thanked for his service as President and was presented a plaque.

VI. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Steven Baldwin announced that all three Board members that their terms were expiring had expressed their desire for re-election. He further stated that Dr. Gary Wright had expressed his desire to serve on the Board and that a memo from him is attached to the election sheet. Also attached was information on the nomination of

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Dr. Melissa Costello by Dr. Frank Pettyjohn. Dr. Bryan Balentine nominated Dr. Jeremy Rogers. Each of the nominees present were given time to address the membership. Ballots were distributed to all members for voting. New Board members elected for Terms expiring in 2010 are: Dr. David Garvey, Dr. William K. (Kirk) Hawley, and Dr. Jeremy Rogers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Smith
Executive Director