

**ALABAMA CHAPTER
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 5, 2009**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The ALACEP Board of Directors met on March 5, 2009 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. John Campbell
Dr. Melissa Costello
Dr. Kirk Hawley
Dr. John McMahon, Jr.
Dr. Jeremy Rogers
Dr. Michael Sternberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Chris Rosko
Dr. David Garvey
Dr. Frank Pettyjohn

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Todd Peterson
Ms. Denise Louthain, Staff

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 4, 2008 MEETING

Motion was made by Dr. Steven Baldwin to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting. Second was by Dr. Carl Barlow and carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Neil Christen reported that we had received a list of the board certified emergency physicians in Alabama that are not members of ACEP and that he plans on sending recruitment letters to them along with a brochure for the upcoming educational conference. This list was passed around to

see if any of the Board members knew any of the potential members so they could make personal contact with them.

Dr. Christen stated that we had received a letter from the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association (EMRA) concerning their chapter tour program and dialogue was held about inviting a representative to attend the upcoming conference in June. After discussion, motion was made by Dr. Steven Baldwin to offer for them to send a representative as a faculty member and as such they would have free registration and we would also pay \$250 for their room and meals. Second was by Dr. John McMahon and carried. Further discussion was held and Dr. Jeremy Rogers offered to contact EMRA to see if they would rather attend a meeting at UAB instead of attending the conference.

Dr. Christen also pointed out that included in the handouts is a brochure for the upcoming Tennessee ACEP conference. He stated that Dr. Garvey would be attending and encouraged others to attend if their schedules allow.

IV. TREASURER'S/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Bryan Balentine reviewed the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2009 and the Profit and Loss Report for October 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009. After brief discussion, motion was made by Dr. John McMahon to accept the financial reports. Second was by Dr. Steven Baldwin and carried.

Dr. Neil Christen stated that since the last meeting we had reversed a decision on what to charge the exhibitors at the conference so we need to make that correction for record. Motion was made by Dr. Steven Baldwin to change the amount from \$1,000 to \$800. Second was by Dr. Jeremy Rogers and carried.

Dr. Christen asked for the Board's consideration of sending a resident to Leadership and Advocacy in Washington, DC in April. Motion was made by Dr. Steven Baldwin to grant a \$1,000

scholarship to Dr. Todd Peterson out of the Foundation Account. Second was by Dr. Jeremy Rogers and carried.

Ms. Denise Louthain reported that she had been elected as Chairman of the Chapter Executives at the national level and asked for permission to travel to the Leadership and Advocacy conference in April and the Scientific Assembly in October. Motion was made by Dr. Steven Baldwin to approve the travel. Second was by Dr. Annalise Sorrentino and carried.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Everyone was very complimentary of the brochure and upcoming educational program scheduled in June in Sandestin. It was pointed out that we already have eight exhibitors with three of them being new ones. The exhibitor prospectus was also included in the handouts and members were encouraged to help with the recruitment of exhibitors. Ms. Louthain was directed to email the brochure to the Board members as soon as it has been approved for printing.

Dr. John Campbell reported on ITLS Relations stating that relationships are good with the publisher now and there will be a new edition of the pediatric text out soon. National ITLS is working on a course on-line for the didactic portion but the skills will still have to be in a classroom setting. He further reported that sales from the ITLS assessment video that ALACEP helped to fund were going well.

Dr. Steven Baldwin gave a report on Practice Management and much discussion was held concerning national healthcare reform. Once again, the problems with psychiatric patients in the emergency department was a topic extensively discussed.

Lunch was provided again by ARISTOI and the Board expressed their appreciation.

Dr. Jeremy Rogers reported that the latest newsletter was sent out last week. All Board members complimented Dr. Rogers' work and expressed their appreciation to him.

Dr. John McMahon reported that the SEMCC meeting for March had been cancelled. He and Dr. John Campbell gave a brief report on EMS and Trauma. The trauma system is moving forward throughout the state with probably the Gulf Region being the next region to be on-line.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Some discussion was held about Alabama ACEP having a BLOG with restricted access so members would have an avenue to communicate among themselves.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise C. Louthain
Executive Director