

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
Section of Air Medical Transport

Sunday, October 27, 2019
10:00 to 11:30 am
Hyatt Regency, Centennial Ballroom H
Denver, CO

Minutes

Section Officers in attendance:

Henderson D. McGinnis, MD, FACEP (Chair Elect); Justin Fairless, DO, FACEP and Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP (ACEP Board Liaison)

Attendees:

Noah Drell Bernhardson, MD, NRP; Sabina A Braithwaite, MD, FACEP; Melissa Wysong Costello, MD, FACEP; Shyam Murali, MD; Frank Guyette, MD, MPH, FACEP; and Harry Eugene Sibold, MD, FACEP; Jon R Krohmer, MD, FACEP; Omara Hiraes Tamez, MD; Bob Kogel, MD; Gabriel Orozco, MD; Jefferson Thomas Raebel; Elpidio F Capalad, MD, FACEP; Joshua C Ross, MD; Charlotte Derr, MD, FACEP; Jotham Keffeler, RN, EMT-P; Brandon B Bleess, MD, EMT-T; Angela Pettit Cornelius, MD, FACEP; Dylan D Morris, MD; Benjamin Monge; Frank S Pettyjohn, MD, FACEP; Steven Maher, MD, FACEP; Henrique D G Joaquim, MD; Jose Leudo Xavier, Jr, MD; Carlos André Minanni, MD; Matthew Alan Roehrs, DO, FACEP; Merrill Pauls, MD; Terence P Lonergan, MD; Maduka Nnadozie; Joyce Aldon, PA; Jenn DeMario

ACEP staff in attendance: Patrick Elmes, EMT/P, Manager; EMS & Disaster Preparedness

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order, Opening Remarks | Dr. McGinnis |
| II. Introduction of Members and Guests | Dr. McGinnis |
| III. Board Liaison Remarks | Dr. Kang |
| IV. Election Results | Mr. Elmes |
| V. Passing the Gavel and Remarks | Dr. McGinnis
Dr. Fairless |
| VI. Councillor Report | Dr. McGinnis |
| VII. Organization Reports | All |
| VIII. Newsletter Report/Call for Topics | Dr. Fairless
Mr. Elmes |
| IX. New Business | Dr. Fairless |
| a. Section Communication | |

- b. Education Session for Scientific Assembly
- c. Call for Council Resolution
- d. Research
- e. Section grant opportunities

X. Invitation to Joint EMS/Air Medical Luncheon

Mr. Elmes

XI. Adjourn

Dr. Fairless

Major Points Discussed:

Call to Order, Opening Remarks-Dr. McGinnis

-Dr. McGinnis opened the meeting and called for introductions. Dr. McGinnis reviewed the past year and noted that the section mirrors other sections at ACEP as well as other Air Medical related organizations.

Board Liaison Remarks-Dr. Kang

-Dr. Kang noted several Air Medical current issues and legislative initiatives. He also, offered his continued support for Air Medical Transport Section.

Election Results-Mr. Elmes

-Mr. Elmes noted that this was first year for the Air Medical Transport Section to undertake electronic elections. He summarized the process which went well. The new Air Medical officers are as follows:

Immediate Past Chair: Henderson McGinnis, MD, FACEP

Chair: Justin Fairless, DO, LP, NRP, FACEP

Chair-Elect: Audrey Stanton, DO, MPH, FACEP

Secretary: Leonardo Weiss, MD

Councillor: Samuel Slimmer, MD, FACEP

Alternate Councillor: Michael O'Brien, MD

Passing the Gavel and Remarks-Dr. McGinnis and Dr. Fairless

-Dr. McGinnis thanked the Air Medical Section membership and passed the gavel to Dr. Fairless. Dr. Fairless thanked Dr. McGinnis for his leadership and presented Dr. McGinnis a letter of the thanks from the ACEP Board and President.

Councillor Report-Dr. McGinnis

-Dr. McGinnis represented the Air Medical Transport Section at Council this year. He noted that there were no specific air medical resolutions this year.

-Dr. McGinnis announced the results of the ACEP officer elections.

-Dr. McGinnis summarized the process for the submissions which are due in July.

-Dr. McGinnis concluded by discussing "the value of air medical transport including the patient care aspect" as a thought in the coming year.

Organization Reports

-National Association of EMS Physicians (Dr. Bless)-Discussed several current papers being drafted. One is regarding the Education of Flight Physicians which could possibly become a joint position paper.

-National Highway Transportation Administration (Dr. Krohmer)-Discussed Air Ambulance and Patient Billing Advisory Committee (AABB). They are just getting started with recommendations due in spring.

-FirstNet (Brent Williams)-Provided a brief history and update about Firstnet. 5G capabilities were also discussed.

-Commission on Accreditation of Air Medical Services (Dr. Guyette)-Noted the 12th Edition Standards including defining Specialty Care.

Newsletter Report/Call for Topics-Dr. Fairless

-Dr. Fairless appointed Dr. Sibold as the Air Medical Transport Section Newsletter Editor. Other volunteers as co-editors include Dr. Pettyjohn, Dr. Cornelius, Dr. Costello and Dr. Braithwaite.

-Dr. Fairless suggested starting an Air Medical Transport Section, Facebook page.

New Business-Dr. Fairless

Staff Note: Several items were brought up throughout the meeting regarding legislative pursuits and other notable items for the coming year. I have consolidated these items under new business.

-The “Save Our Air Medical Resources (SOAR) Campaign was discussed.

-Holding state and federal legislators accountable on air medical legislative issues.

-Missouri air medical legislation was discussed.

-Air ambulance deregulation was discussed.

-Two current pieces of federal legislation, one being HR 3784 and SB 1895. Regarding 3784, discussion included surprise billing. There has not been any action on this bill since July 17th. The group discussed; “what exactly is surprise billing?” The group suggested that we approach the ACEP Legislative Director, Brad Gruehn to lobby on our behalf or supply more background.

Regarding 1895, it is somewhat parallel to 3784 but not as strong. It addresses insurance companies and federally established rules.

-Discussed education of ground FRO’s/launch criteria.

Invitation to Joint EMS/Air Medical Luncheon-Mr. Elmes

Mr. Elmes announced the time and location of the EMS Section meeting and awards luncheon and invited the group to attend.

Adjourn-Dr. Fairless adjourned the meeting at 11:17 am.