



## AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

### Democratic Group Practice Section Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:30am-12:30pm ET

### MINUTES

**Section Members in Attendance:** Sergio Hernandez, MD, FACEP (Chair); Jay Mullen, MD, FACEP (Immediate Past Chair); Chris Ross, MD, FACEP (Chair-Elect); David Hall, MD (Councillor); Scott McCann, MD (Secretary/Newsletter Editor); Maureen Bell, MD; Christopher Smith, MD; John Throop, MD; Gregg Miller, MD; Eli Berg, MD; Elizabeth Calhoun, MD; David Tulsiak, MD; Michael Dreas, MD; William Freudenthal, MD; Don Powell, MD; David Carter, MD; Marc Dreier, MD; Ryan Murphy, MD; John Hammock, MD; Sarah Hoper, MD; Heidi Best, MD; Jeff Brown, MD; Zachary He, MD; Eric Maur, MD; Jason Adler, MD; Michelle Becker, MD; Guy Nuki, MD

**Staff in Attendance:** Adam Krushinskie, MPA (Section Liaison); David McKenzie, CAE

#### Major Points Discussed:

- Mr. Krushinskie reported that as of September 30, 2023, the section has 498 members.
- Dr. Hernandez called for future candidates to run for section leadership positions. The section officers for 2022-24 are:
  - Sergio Hernandez, MD, FACEP, Chair
  - Chris Ross, MD, FACEP, Chair-Elect
  - Jay Mullen, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair
  - Scott McCann, MD, Secretary/Newsletter Editor
  - David Hall, MD, FACEP, Councillor
- Dr. Shoemaker provided a written ACEP leadership update highlighting continued work over the past year that highly impacted small democratic groups. A multi-year strategic plan and focus on the EM physician are foundational to the board as we look towards this year and the future has begun. ACEP is here to Unite. Protect. Empower the EM physician. The “Four Corners” - work force, membership, reimbursement, and wellness are the areas the Board will be focused on in the coming years.
- Dr. Hall provided a summary of the 2023 Council meeting as it impacted democratic groups this year. More than 400 councillors representing ACEP’s 53 Chapters, 40 Sections, and component bodies debated and voted on more than 60 resolutions. Three quarters of the resolutions were adopted, ten were not adopted, and several were referred to the Board of Directors. Go to <https://www.acep.org/what-we-believe/actions-on-council-resolutions/> for a comprehensive compendium of information on resolutions decisions dating back to 1993. Elections for the ACEP Board of Directors and Board Officers were held. For President, Dr. Aisha Terry, took the reins from now Immediate Past President, Dr. Christopher Kang. Dr. Alison Haddock was elected President-elect. Dr. Chadd Kraus, Dr. Henry Pitzele, Dr. Michael McCrea, and Dr. Abhi Mehrotra were elected to the open Board positions.



- Dr. Andrea Brault provided a brief overview of the Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA) as well as some of their upcoming educational webinars and social networking opportunities.
- Dr. Heidi Best provided a brief overview of the Emergency Medicine Business Coalition (EMBC) value proposition to democratic groups, such as shared benefits.
- Dr. Hernandez highlighted growth within the group from just over 100 members not too long ago to nearly 500 members now. Membership is crucial for keeping our voice within ACEP.
- A panel discussion led by Dr. Hernandez with panelists Dr. Kyle English, and Dr. Matthew Stilson, discussed challenges faced when integrating new partners and issues with discussing democratic practices. They also discussed issues with hospital executives and expectations as well as payors and adjusting contracts from APP standards. There was then a robust discussion about how groups managed the issues of APP not meeting payroll and/or tail coverage, as well as advice for other democratic groups to be ready for the opportunities in the future including cultural issues, maintaining current leadership, self-governance, changing workflow patterns and expectations.
- Moving forward, the DGP leadership is planning another lecture/discussion series over the next year focusing on group growth. We look forward to great talks and equally great discussion. Until then, please reach out and start discussions on the EngagED forum.