

## American College of Emergency Physicians

### Democratic Group Practice Section

#### Annual Meeting

**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, 11:30am-1:30pm PT**

#### **Section Members in Attendance:**

Sergio Hernandez, MD, FACEP (Chair); Jay Mullen, MD, FACEP (Immediate Past Chair); Chris Ross, MD, FACEP (Chair-Elect); John Throop, MD; Don Powell, MD; Steffen Genthe, MD; Lindsey Rauch, MD; Brad Boothby, MD; Warren Lanphear, MD; Zachary He, MD; Eric Maur, MD; Brent Birkhoff, MD; Jason Adler, MD; Angelo Pucillo, MD; Lisa Maurer, MD; Rodney Berger, MD; Wesley Curry, MD; Kyle Chong, MD; Alan Eisman, MD; Robert McNamara, MD; Randy Pilgrim, MD; Michelle Becker, MD; Guy Nuki, MD; Nadeem Ali, MD; Sue Good, MD; Brad Burmeister, MD; Benjamin Constance, MD; Misty Navarro, MD

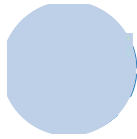
#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Adam Krushinski, MPA; David McKenzie, CAE

#### **Minutes:**

The following items were discussed:

- The section welcomed new officers for 2022-24:
  - 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 several changes over the past year that highly impact 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 year. The board reviewed policies on private equity to further shine light on the influence it has on emergency medicine contracting and reimbursement. The ED Accreditation Task Force continues to work on its plan for how to address accrediting our emergency departments. As part of this, a non-physician provider policy has been drafted to help us in our fight against scope creep. Reimbursement challenges to getting paid for the work emergency physicians do every day are still wreaking havoc on many of our democratic groups. Downcoding, denials, prudent layperson violations, Medicare RAC policies that unfairly target and discriminate, discharge diagnosis denials as well No Surprises Act (NSA) implementation remain in focus as the Board begins a new term.
- Dr. Hall provided a written summary of the 2022 Council meeting as it impacted democratic groups this year. Nearly 430 Councillors representing ACEP’s 53 Chapters, 40 Sections, and component bodies debated and voted on 65 resolutions. Forty-five of the resolutions were adopted, 17 were not adopted, and 4 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. Christopher Kang, took the reins from now Immediate Past President, Dr. Gillian Schmitz. Dr. Aisha T. Terry (DC) - ran unopposed and was elected by acclamation as President-elect. Six candidates ran for the Board of Directors. The 3 incumbents - Dr. Jeffrey Goodloe (OK); Gabor Kelen (MD); and Ryan Stanton (KY) - were re-elected to another 3-year term. Dr. Kris McCabe-Kline (FL) was elected to her first term of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors conducts internal elections for the positions of Chair, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. The new Chair of the Board is Dr. Anthony Cirillo (RI), Vice President is Dr. JT Finnell (IN), and Secretary/Treasurer is Dr. Jamie Shoemaker.

- Drs. Andrea Brault and Randy Pilgrim 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. Lisa Maurer provided a brief overview of the Emergency Medicine Business Coalition (EMBC) value proposition to democratic groups, such as shared benefits.
- Dr. Mullen highlighted growth within the group from just over 100 members not too long ago to 382 members now. Membership is crucial for keeping our voice within ACEP. He was thanked for his years of service with a plaque and certificate recognizing the section for its membership growth over the past year.
- A panel discussion led by Dr. Hernandez with panelists Dr. Jay Mullen, Dr. Chris Ross, and Dr. Savoy Brummer discussed some of the ways democratic groups can address shared common problems such as the use of NPs and PAs, granting sabbaticals for long-term employees, contracting with insurers, dealing with the nursing shortage, amongst other relevant topics.
- 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.