



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 27, 2020
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM CDT
Virtual Meeting

*Zoom details were posted to the Wilderness Medicine Section engagED community.
Contact the staff liaison at wilderness.medicine@acep.org*

MINUTES

Participants

Over 50 participants were in attendance including Section Officers: Tara Taylor-Jean Haston, DO, FACEP, Chair; David Young, MD, Chair-Elect; Emily B Sagalyn, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair; Susanne J Spano, MD, FACEP, Councilor; Brendan Milliner, MD, Alternate Councilor, as well as Maude S. Hancock, Staff Liaison and representative from BTG Inc. Heather Ambrose.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review Meeting Agenda, Approval of 2019 Meeting Minutes + Member Submitted Videos
3. Councilor Report
4. Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest + Vote for Winning Photograph
5. Guest Speaker: Anne Zink, MD, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer for the state of Alaska
Alaska's initial and continued response to the pandemic
6. Committee Updates
7. Section Goals / Activities for 2020-21
8. Networking Breakouts

Major Points Discussed

1. Dr. Sagalyn welcomed and thanked everyone for attending our virtual annual section meeting. The section officers in attendance introduced themselves. As outgoing Chair, Dr. Sagalyn asked incoming Chair Dr. Haston to take over the meeting. Elections were conducted electronically. The 2020-21 Section officers are:
Chair: Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP
Chair-Elect: David Young, MD
Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Patrick Burns, MD



Immediate Past Chair: Emily B. Sagalyn, MD, FACEP

Councillor: Brendan Milliner, MD

Alternate Councillor: Justin P. Hensley, MD, FACEP

2. Dr. Haston thanked Dr. Sagalyn for her leadership in the section for the 6 past years and went over the meeting agenda. The 2019 annual meeting minutes were approved.
3. Brendan Milliner, MD, Section Alternate Councilor gave a brief overview of the ACEP Council and its function and provided a report on the 2020 Council meeting. No resolutions presented this year pertained directly to wilderness medicine, but he highlighted one resolution that may be of interest to this group, specifically asking ACEP to join the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health.
4. Carlton E Heine, MD, PhD, FACEP provided a bit of background on the annual Wilderness Medicine Section Photo Contest. 76 photos were submitted, and the judging was done a little differently this year. Ahead of the section meeting, the five judges voted on their top 10 which was narrowed down to the top 5 entries. The meeting attendees were shown the top 5 photos and asked to vote for their favorite via the Zoom poll feature. The winning photograph was: *Into the Mist and Smoke*, by Brian Tansley.
5. Brief videos submitted by three section members were presented intermittently during the meeting: 1) *3:1 Hauling System Demo* by Aubri Charnigo, MD; 2) *Backyard to Beach: A reasonably reckless canoe trip from Augusta to Tybee Island* by Michael Caudell, MD, FACEP; 3) *Adventures in the Steep South: Climbing and Bouldering in the Southeastern US* by Olivia Victoriano. They can be viewed on the sections' engaged community which can be accessed via the section website at: <https://www.acep.org/how-we-serve/sections/wilderness-medicine/>.
6. Anne Zink, MD, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer for the state of Alaska and member of the Wilderness section, gave a short presentation on the *initial and continued COVID response in Alaska* and answered several questions from the participants.
7. The section Committee Chairs in attendance reported on their latest accomplishments and activities and discussed potential initiatives for the 2021-21 section year:
 - a. **Residency/EMRA Wilderness Committee:** Yevgeniy Maksimenko, MD, Chair of the EMRA Wilderness Committee, discussed the EMRA Wilderness Olympics which will take place this year in lieu of the traditional EMRA MedWAR. The committee puts on special Zoom sessions for medical students and resident members and Dr Maksimenko called on anyone who would be interested to present to this group or has topics of interest to reach out to him. They will also need volunteers and faculty to collaborate on MedWAR 2021 in Boston.
 - b. **Fellowship Directors Committee:** Henderson McGinnis, MD, FACEP reported that the committee held their meeting and about 16 program directors out of the 19 fellowship programs were represented. Discussion items included acceptance of the



November 1 offer date (noon Eastern/9am Pacific), quarterly virtual meets of the fellows and fellowship directors in order to stay connected during these tough times and the development/maintenance of a match form/spreadsheet for the program directors.

- c. **Liaison Committee:** Dr. Haston reported that Lillian J Lockwood, MD, FACEP would like to continue leading this committee. She called on everyone who has ideas on projects/potential collaborations with other ACEP sections to reach out to Dr. Lockwood.
 - d. **Activities Committee:** Dr. Haston reported that no social activity was planned for 2020 and called on anyone interested to help plan an activity in Boston to reach out to us.
 - e. **Environmental and Human Health Committee:** Dr. Haston reported that Dr. John Anderson took on the Chair role last year and that several members showed interested in this committee. Some of the committee's goals are to hold a CME event (online), advocacy, and to identify ways that ACEP can reduce its carbon footprint.
 - f. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP provided background on the 2017 event. She would like to offer something similar again on a smaller scale and asked that anyone with ideas contact her.
8. Dr. Haston wrapped up the meeting discussing section goals. The section is strong with members that have a lot offer. She invited members to get involved in our committees and to reach out with any ideas. Dr. Haston adjourned the meeting by thanking the section officers for their service to the section and everyone for participating in the meeting. Attendees were split up into Zoom breakout rooms for a short networking session.