

# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS



## Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM EDT

In-person in Boston, MA and via Zoom

## Minutes

### Participants

Over 30 participants were in attendance either in person or via Zoom including Section Officers: Tara Taylor-Jean Haston, DO, FACEP, Chair; David Young, MD, Chair-Elect; Patrick Burns, MD, Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Brendan Milliner, MD, Councilor; as well as Maude S. Hancock, Staff Liaison and Heather Ambrose, representative from BTG Specialty Pharmaceuticals.

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Councilor Report
4. Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest Results
5. *The Value of a Spark: 'A Look at our History and the Life Fuel of Wilderness Medicine'*
6. *The Auerbach Initiative: Making an Impact and Paying it Forward*
7. Glacier Breakers
8. Open Forum
9. BTG Presentation: 'The Dirty Dozen Most Common Mistakes in Snakebite Management'  
Spencer Greene, MD, MS, FACEP, FACMT, FAACT
10. Committee Reports & Updates
11. Elections for Committee Chairs
12. Reception

### Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Haston called the meeting to order just after 4:30pm EDT. She welcomed everyone and thanked staff liaison, Maude S. Hancock, for her service to the section. The section officers in attendance introduced themselves: Chair: Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP; Chair-Elect: David Young, MD; and Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Patrick Burns, MD. Dr. Haston reminded everyone that no formal elections are held this year (*every 2 years*). She acknowledged and thanked BTG for sponsoring our reception and for their ongoing support of our section activities. She also thanked Dr. Kang for his contributions and support of the section over the years as our Board liaison.

### Review and Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes

The section approved the minutes of October 27, 2020, annual section meeting.

## **Councilor Report**

Brendan Milliner, MD represented our section at the 2021 Council meeting. He was not able to attend our section meeting and submitted the following written synopsis.

The most salient resolution this year for wilderness medicine was the memorial resolution regarding the tragic passing of Dr. Paul Auerbach.

Regarding the remainder of council business, there was little that was directly wilderness related. Big issues included the scope of NP/PA care in the ED, the role of CMGs (always two hot button issues), as well as a number of resolutions regarding social issues such as prisoners' health, ACEP formally coming out against firearms in the ER, and identifying potential abuse of patients by law enforcement personnel. The telemedicine section continues to be quite active in expanding the role for telemedicine -- this year the focus was solidly on the use of telemedicine in the ER, so was not particularly relevant to wilderness. Stay tuned for further expansion of this in the future.

## **Wilderness Medicine Photo Contest Results**

Dave Young, MD announced the winner and honorable mentions: 1) Winner: Jason Cinti for “Wind Break”. Honorable Mentions: Andrew Hunt, DO for “Thor’s Hammer” and David Cabaniss for “Camper Van Nights”. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who participated in the contest. We look forward to your future submissions.

## **The Value of a Spark: *‘A Look at our History and the Life Fuel of Wilderness Medicine’***

Dr. Haston reflected on the section’s milestones and accomplishments since its inception and how looking back can inspire members to move the field forward.

- Dr. Carl Heine founded the section in 2006, and immediately started the photo contest.
- Dr. Eric Weiss was the first Vice Chair and Dr. Grant Lipman was the first Secretary.
- Dr. Haston thanked the past section chairs: Drs. Weiss, Lipman, Caudell, McDevitt, Weichenthal, Sagalyn, and everyone and that paved the way.
- The section grew rapidly in its early years and won awards for membership growth.
- The section formed a Fellowship Director’s committee and created a common didactic curriculum used by the fellowships that was published in Academic Emergency Medicine.
- As of this year, we have a ‘Match’ for wilderness medicine fellowships.
- We featured several speakers during our section meetings, Paul Auerbach, William Smith Thailand cave rescue, etc.
- We held several events in conjunction with ACEP’s annual meeting over the years: a disaster pre-con: ACEP X-treme, a simulation workshop, an outdoor climbing activity, “Adventures Outside the ED” in the exhibit hall that featured a climbing wall, etc.
- Produced several newsletters which now feature a ‘Fellows’ Corner”.
- EMRA MedWAR held annually since 2016. Lainey (Elaine) Yu – Chair of EMRA WM committee spoke briefly about the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> annual EMRA MedWAR on 10/28/21 at Blue Hills Reservation outside Boston, MA.

## **The Auerbach Initiative: *Making an Impact and Paying it Forward***

Proposal brought forward by Dr. Haston as a way to honor Paul and pay it forward by promoting/advancing wilderness medicine education. As he would say: “You need to have action and not just words”.

- Idea: create an online resource/manual for multiple locations around the world (similar approach to medical threat assessment, but wilderness medicine focused). For each location, identify potential hazards, treatment options, improvisation techniques, survival tools tailored to the area,

regional risks, interesting adventure spots. It would be a way to give back to the local areas as a humanitarian, medical or environmental conservation opportunity.

- Next step: Form a committee of the section. Goal is to get this off the ground in the next few months. Anyone interested can get involved in this. The committee would vet the resource.

### **Glacier Breakers**

Members in attendance participated in a “meet and greet” icebreaker activity.

### **BTG Presentation**

Spencer Greene, MD, MS, FACEP, FACMT, FAACT, Director of Toxicology and attending emergency physician at HCA Houston Healthcare-Kingwood, gave a short virtual presentation: *The Dirty Dozen Most Common Mistakes in Snakebite Management*.

### **Committees**

Committee work slowed again this year due to COVID. A call for interest to join/chair committees will be forthcoming.

1. **Residency/EMRA Wilderness Committee:** Chaired by Elaine Yu, DO, Chair of the EMRA Wilderness Committee
2. **Fellowship Directors Committee:** Chaired by Henderson McGinnis, MD, FACEP
3. **Liaison Committee:** Chaired by Lillian J Lockwood, MD, FACEP who 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 her.
4. **Activities Committee:** Dr. Haston reported that no social activity was planned in 2021 and called on anyone interested to help plan an activity in San Francisco to reach out to us.
5. **Environmental and Human Health Committee:** Chaired by John D Anderson, MD, FACEP
6. **Exhibit-Simulated Outdoor Setting:** Chaired by Taylor Haston, DO, FACEP

Dr. Haston wrapped up the meeting discussing wellness and the benefits of the outdoors/wilderness. She thanked everyone for attending and being involved in the section. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:30pm and those attending in person gathered just outside the meeting room for a networking reception.