

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS
Section of Rural Emergency Medicine

October 26, 2015
Boston, MA

MINUTES

Participating in all or part of the meeting were:

Jerry	Allison, MD
Steve	Arze, MD, FACEP
Carlos	Camargo, MD, FACEP
John	Dayton, MD, FACEP
Caelyn	del Rosario
Robert	Devrnja, MD
Eddie	Devrnja
Jan	DeWitt, MD, FACEP
David	Ernst, MD, FACEP
Bennie	Fore, MD, FACEP
Chris	Fowler, DO
Michelle	Fox
Jim	Gallea, MD
Bob	Galli, MD, FACEP
Joe	Games
Tony	Gerard
Ken	Gramyk, MD, FACEP
Brian	Hohertz, MD
Po	Huang, MD, FACEP
Paul	Hudson
Ruby	Long, MD, FACEP
Douglas	Maily, MD
George	Miller, MD
Ken	Milne, MD
Nick	Mohr, MD
Lee	Morissette
Arlene	Mrozowski, DO, FACEP
Guy	Nuki, MD
Gregory	Roth, MD, FACEP
Bryan	Sheerer, MD
Mark	Slepin, MD, FACEP
Robert	Smith, MD
Bob	Solomon, MD, FACEP

Ted Switzer, MD, FACEP
Millie Willy, MD, FACEP
Diana Yandell, MD, FACEP

Others participating: Jeff Fraler, ACEP staff liaison; Tracy Napper, ACEP staff.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Current Officers
3. Officer Elections
4. Speaker Presentations
5. Presentation by sponsor Teleflex
6. Augmenting the value of Rural Section subscription membership for emergency physicians not currently eligible for ACEP membership
7. Adjourn

Major Points Discussed

1. The meeting was called to order by section chair Darrell Carter, MD, FACEP. He welcomed everyone, introduced section officers Dr. Ken Milne (chair-elect); Dr. Ken Gramyk (secretary); and Dr. Harry (“Tripp”) Wingate (newsletter editor). He also congratulated the section on winning the Teamwork Award at the ACEP Council meeting.

Dr. Carter then introduced Chris Davlantes, MD, from Teleflex. Dr. Davlantes thanked the section for allowing him to speak. He discussed the MAD NASAL device as well as ways that technology can help heal people. Next, the liaison from the ACEP Education Committee, said that the committee needs input from the Rural Section to earmark certain courses for rural providers, and that a “rural track” has been identified on the ACEP Web site.

2. Dr. Ken Gramyk was elected by affirmation as the new chair-elect. Dr. Robert Devrnja was elected by affirmation as the new secretary. Dr. Bob Solomon volunteered to be the assistant newsletter editor.
3. Dr. Carter provided a CALS program update. He described the origins and the format of the program. He said the program has been taught in 10 states so far with more than 10,000 participants. It has also been used internationally in Canada, Africa and Haiti, and the US State Department is interested in having medical personnel at every embassy take the course. ACEP has endorsed the program in a policy statement that was published in *Annals of Emergency Medicine* in June 2015.

4. Dr. Bob Solomon and Dr. Chris Carpenter gave a brief update on the status of the *Journal of Rural Emergency Medicine* (JREM). Two issues are completed; however, the ACEP Board said it would not provide staff resources for a third edition. It was suggested that JREM work with *Annals* to develop an incubator project, perhaps with a guest editor in rural emergency medicine, to solicit several papers for a special section or supplement.
5. Dr. Wingate described the EmCare email promotion to entice ACEP non-members to become subscribers to the section. The end date of the promotion is October 31, at which point we can gather statistics on the uptake.
6. Dr. Rogers gave the ACEP Board update. The Council Teamwork Award is presented to a component body or group of councillors to recognize outstanding contributions and participation in Council activities. The section was given the award to acknowledge their diligent work to call attention to the needs of rural emergency medicine providers and energize the development of a number of projects and actions, such as the Rural Emergency Medicine Education Program. The section's chair, Dr. Darrell Carter, accepted the award on behalf of the section. He said that the ACEP Board approved the Rural Section's Taskforce report at the June 2015 board meeting with very few comments or changes. He said that if there are suggestions for topics or speakers for ACEP16 to send them along to ACEP. He also noted that Lisa Hoffman at EM News is looking for editorials on rural issues.
7. Dr. John Dayton of the Freestanding Emergency Department section said he would like to work with the Rural Section on a section grant.
8. Dr. Ken Milne gave an update on the section's social media presence. He then presented Dr. Carter with a certificate for being the outgoing chair.

The meeting was adjourned.