

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

**Section of Medical Humanities
2020-2021 Annual Report**

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Newsletter

One newsletter was published in March 2021. The next one is due in December 2021.

Social Media

A section Facebook page was created in March 2014. Several section members, the section Chair, and the section liaison are page managers, posting written articles and art and music pieces by section members as well as general announcements pertaining to the medical humanities. A Twitter account was created in November 2015 to increase the section's social media presence and also actively generates tweets and retweets supporting the mission of the section.

ACEP 21 Meeting Summary

The fifteenth annual Writing Award - Prose was given this year; next year's award process will begin in June 2022. The ninth Visual Arts Award was given this year; next year's award process will begin in June 2022. The fourth Writing Award – Poetry was given this year; next year's award process will begin in June 2022.

“MedHum Mondays”

As a result of the online section meeting for ACEP20, members decided to have online meetings the first Monday of the month to discuss all matters related to medical humanities. Members have enjoyed these informal chats and voted to continue them.

2021-2022 Activities as Related to Section Objectives

The section plans to pursue various projects including increasing membership, soliciting submissions for the annual Writing Award and Visual Arts Award, exploring and promoting ways the medical humanities are clinically important and relevant, and expanding the Facebook page and other forms of social media to widen our visibility and encourage more people to join the section. We will continue to promote and update the Humanities at the Bedside Web resource as well as *Emergency Medicine Narratives*, the book publishing the winners of our medical humanities awards over the first 12 years. The section is exploring hosting a webinar in the first quarter of 2022, as well as submitting an article to *ACEP Now* or the News & Perspective section of *Annals of Emergency Medicine* regarding the importance of how clinicians phrase their documentation in the era of “Open Notes.”