

American College of Emergency Physicians

Section of Medical Humanities

September 29, 2024

3:00-4:00 pm PT

Mandalay Bay Convention Center

Las Vegas, NV

MINUTES

Participating in all or part of the meeting were: Sohini Halder; Vijay Kannan, MD; Jay A. Kaplan, MD, FACEP; Sara Malik, DO; Aalok Shah, MD; Christina Shenvi, MD, PhD, FACEP; David Sklar, MD, FACEP; Amanda Wood, MD.

Others participating: Tracy Napper, ACEP staff liaison; JT Finnell, MD, FACEP, ACEP Board Liaison.

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Current Activities

A. Writing/Visual Arts Awards for 2024

B. Council Update

C. White Paper Think Tank Update

D. Reminder: Online Repository

Dr. Kaplan

Adjourn

Major Points Discussed

Current Activities

A. Ms. Napper called the meeting to order.

B. Dr. Finnell presented Ms. Halder with the 2024 Writing Award-Poetry for her piece, "Salve." He also presented Dr. Shenvi with the 2024 Writing Award-Prose for her piece, "My Suicide Blanket." Dr. Malik received the 2024 Visual Art Award for her painting, "Serene."

C. Dr. Kaplan reported on the proceedings of the ACEP Council meeting and ACEP elections. The new president elect is Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cirillo; he has many years of service to ACEP. For the first time ever, the board elected members who are all women: Jennifer Casaletto, MD; C. Ryan Keay, MD; Heidi Knowles, MD; and Diana Nordlund, DO, JD. They are all supportive of the medical humanities. This year there were no specific resolutions that related to medical humanities. Dr. Kaplan did review a few resolutions that are applicable to our practice regarding termination of pregnancy, boarding, and workplace violence. He will do a summary for the next newsletter.

Dr. Kaplan would like to work with someone next year on a course proposal for ACEP25.

D. In Dr. Balhara's stead, Ms. Napper gave an update on the white paper think tank. Over the past

year, section members who expressed interest have been working towards a consensus paper on humanities in emergency medicine. The group decided to use the nominal group technique to arrive at the primary questions of “what is the relevance of health humanities to emergency medicine and what are critical future directions?” The next panel meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 4. Dr. Kaplan wants to join the white paper think tank. Other interested members should contact Ms. Napper.

- E. Ms. Napper reminded members of the online repository, a Google doc where members can record their interests and accomplishments to share with the section. The link can be found here: [Medical Humanities Repository - Google Sheets](#)
- F. Ms. Napper also reminded the group of our “Med Hums Monday,” which are Zoom calls on the first Monday of each month where members can discuss their current projects and share resources. For example, Dr. Bitter recently told us of a site that can match an abstract to appropriate journals (JANE <https://jane.biosemantics.org/>). Members were also reminded of our online humanities curriculum, “Humanities at the Bedside,” which can be found at <https://www.acep.org/education/humanities-at-the-bedside>.

Ms. Napper closed the meeting by reminding members to join her and Dr. Kaplan that evening at the Section Hall Crawl.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jay Kaplan, MD, and Tracy Napper chat with Sara Malik at the ACEP24 Section Hall Crawl.

