

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2017, 9-11 a.m.**  
**Conference Call**

President Heidt called the meeting to order. Board members on the call were: Drs. Heidt, Schwarz, Poirier, Char, Koburov, Pinson, Rueckert, Sampson, Sabina Braithwaite, MD, participated in the call. Sarah Luebbert also participated.

**Minutes**

Attention was brought to the minutes from the last board meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

**Legislative Update**

**TCD CME update**

Dr. Heidt provided background information and an update on the TCD CME. We are waiting to hear back from the BOHA regarding the task force they stated they would be creating to review the 2016 statute change that moved CME requirements to BOHA from DHSS.

In February DHSS sent out revisions to the TCD CME section of state statutes. We developed a response to this and submitted it via email in late February.

Last week the MHA sent out an update from their TCD work group activities. This update included some language of concern to MOCEP. We talked with MHA about this and they edited the language for the internal records and for future distribution.

**Missouri Medicaid ER Reduction Program (MMERP)**

Dr. Heidt provided background information on the LANE initiative that was proposed by MO HealthNet Division (MHD). MHA, MOCEP and MSMA have a proposal that has been submitted to MHD. MHA has established a workgroup with hospital administration and Drs. Heidt and Schwarz as part of the group. This workgroup is to assist the MHA board in fully understanding and supporting the MMERP proposal.

**Committees**

**EMS/ITLS**

Dr. Braithwaite stated this committee had discussed developing a survey for a situational assessment of what training is currently being used, and to find out if there is a reason ITLS is not being used. Dr. Braithwaite will develop a few questions and will send to Sarah. Sarah will send to board and ask for additions, then create the survey for distribution to EM directors

**Bylaws**

The MOCEP Bylaw changes were approved by the ACEP Bylaws committee. We will need to get approval at the Annual General Membership Meeting, then resubmit the bylaws to the committee for final approval. A communication has been sent to members with a link to the red line version online and stating the Bylaws will be reviewed and voted on at the general membership meeting.

## **Education & Programming**

Dr. Sampson provided an update on education and programming:

- **Annual General Membership Meeting, May 4, Springfield**

The 2017 meeting will be held in conjunction with Tom Steele Emergency Symposium with a board meeting following. Rebecca Parker, MD, FACEP, President ACEP, will be providing an ACEP update at the membership meeting.

- **ACEP LAC**

ACEP LAC is next week and we have a total of 18 representatives from Missouri attending. We have provided funding in the past for attendees, and will further talk about this at the board retreat this summer.

- **SEC Conference**

SEC is June 5-8 at Sandestin Conference Center in Destin, FL. Drs. Char, Sampson and Jason Wagner will be attending. We originally stated we would support it for three years, and this is the second of three years for the event. We have one more year in that commitment to attend/support to decide if we will continue to attend/speak.

We haven't promoted it to membership much in the past, however, we will discuss it at the board retreat this summer to decide next steps. Dr. Sampson stated we had originally looked into it to serve as our Annual General Membership Meeting like some of the other states. We could have a difficult time getting a quorum to the meeting. Dr. Heidt will be attending on behalf of the MOCEP board for the 2017 event.

- **National Emergency Nurses Association – Sept. 13-16, St. Louis**

Dr. Char reported that according to the ACEP office, the president elect of ACEP attends this meeting and asked if we want to hold a reception. Dr. Char is going to reach out to get more information at LAC next week. ENA was in California last year, we could reach out to them to see if they held an event. Dr. Pinson suggested asking the ENA leadership to join us at the reception as well. Dr. Char has reached out to the St. Louis ENA to find out if they could help in sponsoring a reception. Dr. Char and Sarah will work on this.

## **Grants/Awards**

Sarah reported that we had nine residents apply for the Bill Jermyn Resident Advocacy Grant. Of the nine, seven received approval from their resident program directors. One of the approved seven is unsure if he will be able to attend as he is trying to get his shifts changed.

The Student Advocacy Grant did not receive any applicants this year. Sarah has reached out to EMRA to let them know about the program and hopefully we will have some applicants for the 2018 grant.

## **Communications**

Dr. Schwarz reported that the next issue of EPIC will be distributed shortly after the LAC. We have several articles for the new bi-monthly version of the EPIC.

We have added a new Join button to the front page of the MOCEP website. The ITLS website is now being housed on the MOCEP site and the ITLS domain name is being redirected to the ITLS pages on MOCEP.org.

## **Legislative**

There was brief discussion about several legislative issues:

- An update was provided on the current PDMP legislation and the county wide efforts
- Legislation has been proposed that would require an individual to report if they used Naloxone
- Dr. Pinson asked if we should look at being more proactive on the nurse practitioner bills and the legislation with it, and free standing ED issue.
- Dr. Heidt discussed the recent news article from Macon about replacing all EM physicians with nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Pinson suggested we think about how we can get in front of the issue as this is something that isn't going to go away, it is the trend. He suggested we set up guidelines that we recommend be followed, but we need to establish a standard of care. There was additional discussion on this and where is the best place to find the savings in the hospitals. As physicians who are trained in emergency care, however, we realize not all hospitals will be able to afford physicians in emergency departments 24/7. Need to ensure that appropriate medical oversight is close enough to provide assistance when needed. Dr. Robb is going to further research how these critical access hospitals get paid.
- There was discussion about the best way to get our message out -- do we want to put a message out on our website about this, or do we want to take a stand on this issue publicly and distribute a press release. It was suggested that we start by sending a message to our membership about this to get feedback through the weekly email. We will decide what to do officially in the next few weeks. Drs. Pinson and Robb will work together to research and develop a message for us to send to membership soon.

## **Membership**

Sarah provided a brief update on membership, including current efforts from ACEP to begin recruiting graduating residents to join ACEP as a physician member. The recruitment efforts were beginning in March and will continue through summer. Missouri is currently in the top 10 for retention of residents, at 77% retention. We will further discuss recruitment efforts at the board retreat.

## **MOCEP App**

Dr. Poirier stated that once we have some of the new website edits in place we will move forward to launch the app.

Dr. Poirier noted that Dr. Sabina Braithwaite will be running for the ACEP vice speaker position. She provided background information, including that she is from Virginia and was on their board, including as president, for several years, and served as a councilor and state ITLS director. Was on the ACEP EMS committee for several years. She moved to Kansas to do EMS full-time. Ran for vice-speaker in 2015, but was defeated and wants to try again. Dr. Heidt stated we have submitted the recommendation letter to ACEP.

### **Finance/Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Poirier report that the MOCEP accounts have all been consolidated to Jefferson Bank to help increase our reserves. We will have a lot of expenses coming up in the next 3-4 months. Profit and Loss Statement shows that our dues are running on budget and are ahead of budget on advertising income. Expenses are all within budget at the moment. MOCEP sought legal advice regarding the TCD and this caused the miscellaneous line item to go over budget. Total net income is running \$14,000+ and we had budgeted to have a \$10,000 loss. We will likely be net income neutral unless you count in ITLS. We will probably spend a little more than what we bring in this year.

ITLS total income is \$5,454 and is a decrease from last year at this time, so we have seen a 40% drop. Bob Page had mentioned we are running on a 2-year cycle, and those renewals will be ending in March so we may see an increase in the ITLS courses after that. Net income for ITLS is -\$4,000. We have had a long-term strategy where we would bring down the reserves a little with the administration fee of \$1500/quarter. We had not been charging an administrative fee in prior years.

P&L year over last. We are up about \$3,800. Dues for membership are running pretty even. ACEP is trying to move renewals to specific months. Expenses are running similar to last year, with the exception of the national board expenses. Our net income is running about \$10,000.

### **New Business**

#### **Board retreat**

The board retreat will be held July 21-22 in Columbia at the MU Club/Reynolds Alumni Center. Dr. Sampson stated in the past we have had a reception the Friday night of the board retreat for medical students interested in Emergency Medicine. It appears we have about 14 students showing interest currently. We will start finalizing the schedule and continue to keep all board members updated. Will need to include funds in 2018 budget for this.

#### **EM Medical Student Symposium**

SAEM dates are going to be changed to the first weekend in October 7 due to the Roots and Blues festival in Columbia. There was discussion about hosting an event similar to an event held in other states where students interested in Emergency Medicine could have an opportunity to talk with residency

directors about planning for their last years of medical school, how to find the right residency program, and tips on residency interviews. Would be best to hold this on Saturday morning. We could ask the students to pay a small fee for a lunch, but there won't be a large expense for MOCEP. There may be some advertising fees. We will need to include some funds for the 2018 budget. Change of dates will change the fall board meeting too.

### **Board nominations**

We have 5 board members up for re-election. Two current board members have stated they do not plan to run again, one has stated they will run again, one undecided, and one has not responded. Dr. Robb mentioned we want to make sure we have a diverse group of physicians on the board based on location and practice type.

MOCEP board meeting closed at 10:30 a.m.

### **MOCEP PAC Meeting**

The MOCEP PAC meeting was called to order.

Dr. Robb stated the account balance remains at \$20,904.50, and we should continue to hold on to the funds for the next election cycle as Jorgen recommended at the January meeting. It was stated we might want to hold some funds for some of the issues we are currently working on outside of campaigns.

Dr. Poirier stated we might want to survey the membership for opioid addiction issues to see if this is something we want to take on.

Dr. Robb asked if the funds must be used toward campaigns, or could we use them toward holding a reception for an incoming state department director. Dr. Robb will check with Jorgen on how the funds can be used.