



**Missouri College of Emergency Physicians
Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes
St. Louis, Missouri
May 22, 2019**

President's Update

President Evan Schwarz, MD, opened the meeting by sharing the mission and vision of MoCEP and reminding attendees of its goals.

Approval of the Minutes

President Schwarz asked those in attendance to review the minutes from last year's General Membership meeting. On motion, duly seconded, the minutes were approved.

Committee Updates

Updates were provided on the following items:

- The 2019 ACEP LAC covered improving mental health access and surprise billing. MOCEP had several members in attendance for meetings with our Congressional leadership.
- MOCEP held their first Emergency Medicine Leadership Summit earlier in the day for emergency department directors to attend.
- The MOCEP.org website has a new look. The site was revamped because it needed to be updated to continue functioning on the current platform, and it had been many years since the site had a new look.
- MOCEP now has our own community on the EngagED platform hosted by ACEP. This community will serve as an outlet for members to ask questions, MOCEP to provide news, and encourage engagement amongst our members.
- An overview was provided of the current MOCEP membership numbers. The membership numbers have risen allowing us a new councilor seat, and we currently stand at 648 total members.

Grants and Awards Committee

MOCEP is proud to honor our members each year with awards, and to support residents and students with grants for research and advocacy. The 2019 awards and grants were announced as follows:

- Two research grants were provided to residents at University of Missouri – Columbia
- The Bill Jermyn Advocacy Grants were awarded to Nathaneal Smith of Washington University and Jared Lammert of University of Missouri – Columbia.
- The Student Advocacy Grants were awarded to Emily John of University of Missouri – Columbia and Manna Varghese of University of Missouri – Kansas City
- 2019 RR Hannas Award was presented to Timothy Havens, MD, Saint Louis University
- 2019 RR Hannas Resident Award was presented to Sonya Naganathan, MD, Washington University
- Two Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Joseph Gatewood, MD, FACEP, of Washington University and Lawrence Lewis, MD, FACEP, of Washington University

The 2018 Resident Research Grant recipient, Dr. Brendan Watson, provided an overview of his research.

Legislative Affairs Committee

A brief overview was provided of the 2019 Legislative Session. MOCEP members are seeing claims downcoded automatically by many of the Medicaid insurance companies. MOCEP is working to see what can be done to combat this issue. EMTALA liability legislation was crafted, but other healthcare organizations have concerns with the language used so we will work with them on changes and hopefully submit it again in 2020. The helmet law was repealed during the session, and the Governor's office did veto the repeal after encouragement from many health care groups, including MOCEP. The PDMP made some advancement this year, but once again wasn't passed. We will provide more information on the end of the legislative session in our annual report.

MOCEP 2018-2019 Financial Highlights

MOCEP's current financial standing is stable with current assets at \$145,197.16. A drop in advertisements and paid memberships has dropped the income a little; current expenses for the fiscal year stand at \$71,846.12. The website fees were higher than usual, which was to be expected with the redevelopment of the site, but came in under budget. ITLS income is down, and this has been a trend we have seen for a couple of years now.

MoCEP Board Elections

Drs. Louis Jamtgaard, George Koburov, Lynthia Andrews, Brian Bausano and Thomas Pinson are up for re-election to the Board of Directors. Motion was made to approve the slate by acclamation.

ACEP Councilor Elections

Two Councilor spots (currently held by Drs. Jonathan Heidt and Douglas Char) are up for re-election. MOCEP has a seventh councilor seat available due to an increase in membership numbers. Dr. Louis Jamtgaard was nominated from the floor, and a vote was taken. Drs. Heidt, Char, and Jamtgaard were elected to the Councilor positions.

Adjournment

On motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.