Maine ACEP Lobster Bake Cabbage Island, Maine June 28, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Jay Mullen, President, Maine ACEP welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming (7:30 pm). He announced the resignation of ACEP President-Elect Dr. John Rogers and explained the circumstances of his resignation.

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Leadership and Advocacy:

Dr. Jay Mullen talked about the 2018 Leadership & Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC and the primary legislation that was the focus of all chapter representatives attending the conference. He shared that it was a good learning opportunity for anyone interested in becoming a more active advocate for Emergency Physicians and encouraged those who are interested in attending the L&A 2019 conference to get in touch with him or Garreth Debiegun. Both bills focused on as part of the conference, ALTO and POWER, passed and that was largely due to the education and advocacy of physician efforts.

ED Summit 2019:

There was discussion about another ED Leadership Summit in March 2019. Half of Maine ED's were represented at the 2018 Summit and we are hoping to have more ED's in the room so we can pick up the discussion again.

Legislative Update:

Maine Medical Association attorney, Peter Michaud, Esq., talked about the legislative issues impacting Maine ACEP members.

- The Maine Medical Association is working on modifications to the requirement for death certificates to be filed electronically.
- The Governor's Veto day is coming up and MMA legislative group is awaiting news on several bills expected to be vetoed.
- Medical Marijuana legal limit has been increased from 4oz to 8lbs.
- Medicaid Expansion is on the Superior Court agenda with a ruling expected in August
- Changes to tax on income Hospital Association has taken a position in opposition, MMA has not yet taken a position.

ACEP – National Update:

There was discussion about the resignation of Dr. John Rogers and many expressed support for him to reconsider his resignation from the position of President Elect of ACEP. A motion was made to take public action in support of his nomination and election to a leadership position within the association.

Motion to show support for the ACEP Presidency of John Rogers and encourage him to reconsider his resignation by drafting a letter of support on behalf of Maine ACEP Chapter leadership and members. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Roundtable Discussion

Upcoming Meetings:

September 8 Harborside Hotel, Bar Harbor, Maine December 12 Portland Regency Hotel, Portland, Maine

September 28-30 ACEP 2018 Council Meeting, San Diego, California

October 1-4 Scientific Assembly, San Diego, California

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm