

Maine Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

Business Meeting Minutes
Sugarloaf, Maine | March 7, 2018, 6pm-9pm

Members Present: Drs. Michael Bell (phone), Michael Bohanske, Doug Collins, Thomas Dancoes, Garreth Debiegun, Nathan Donaldson, David Dumont, Jordan Gallo, Jay Mullen, Doug Nilson, Laurel Parker, Charles Pattavina, Michelle Perkins, Erik St. Pierre (phone), Elizabeth Snuggs, Peter Tilney

Guests: Dr. Paul Kivela, President ACEP

Non Members Present: Gordon Smith, EVP MMA and Cathryn Stratton, Maine ACEP Executive Director

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Dr. Jay Mullen, Maine ACEP President.
2. Jay introduced Cathy Stratton, Maine ACEP Executive Director. Members went around the room to introduce themselves.
3. Presentation by ACEP President Paul Kivela, MD FACEP (presentation attached).
4. Jay Mullen presented the financial report written by Secretary/Treasurer David Stuchiner who was unable to attend the meeting in person due to a work conflict. The treasurer's report reflected a bank account balance of \$12,210.21 and a balance at ACEP of \$93,503.85. The report requested authorization for the Treasurer (David Stuchiner), the Chapter Executive Director (Cathryn Stratton) and the Director of Finance for the Maine Medical Association (Heidi Lukas) to sign checks on behalf the Maine Chapter ACEP. Authorization for Maureen Elwell, former chapter exec, would be withdrawn due to her resignation from the position. There was a motion and second to approve the written report as presented and the proposed changes to access privileges to the ACEP Key Bank account. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Gordon Smith, Esq., the Executive Vice President of the Maine Medical Association provided a legislative update.
6. Election of Officers:
 - a. **Secretary/Treasurer** - Jay Mullen noted that the position of Secretary/Treasurer is up for reelection. The position is currently held by Dr. David Stuchiner who has volunteered to run for reelection. Jay M. asked for volunteers or nominations from the floor. There were no additional candidates presented. A motion and second was made to elect David Stuchiner for another 2-year term which would expire in '20. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. **Councillors** - Jay Mullen noted that two Councillor positions are up for reelection. The positions are currently held by Dr. Garreth Debiegun and Dr. Tom Dancoes; both volunteered for reelection. Jay M. asked for volunteers or nominations from the floor. There were no additional candidates presented. A motion and second were made to elect Drs. Debiegun and Dancoes for another 3-year term which would expire in '21. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Alternate Councillors** - Jay Mullen noted that the alternate Councillor positions are up for reelection. The positions are currently held by Dr. Jay Mullen and Dr. Marcus Riccioni, both volunteered for reelection. Jay M. asked for volunteers or nominations from the floor. Dr. Nathan Donaldson volunteered. A motion and second were made to elect the three (Drs. Mullen, Riccioni and Donaldson) each for a 1-year term which would expire in '19. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. **EMRA Representative** – A motion and second was made to table reelection of this position until the following meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **President's Address:** Dr. Mullen summarized the discussions that had taken place during the Emergency Directors Meeting that took place earlier in the day sharing key issues and his goals for the coming year.
 8. **Behavioral Health** - Dr. David Dumont provided a behavioral health update, asking for discussion and collaboration on the issue of juvenile behavior health boarding. A brief discussion revealed that this is an issue shared by many in the room and some had experienced success with placement.
 9. **Chapter Report** – Maine ACEP currently has 240 active members and is ranked 36 out of 53 chapters based on membership size. Newsletter articles are due April 20 to Cathy. The upcoming national and chapter meeting dates were discussed.

Roundtable discussion notes:

1. Doug Nilson – SMHC/DECH - The hospital now has residents rotating through; have a new CEO
2. Nate Donaldson – MDI – the hospital is starting a new 'hub and spoke' program and is interested in Suboxone treatment. They are actively writing Narcan prescription for at-risk individuals but finding that pharmacies on the island are not stocking it. They are working with local pharmacies to make it more readily available.
3. Tom Dancoes – Calais – reported that staffing is stable with APP and scribing. The hospital does not have OBGYN services so they are working on a policy for working around that. Surgery hours have been reduced to 36/wk.
4. Doug Collins – CMMC/Bridgton – stated physicians “will stay as employed physicians.”
5. Peter Tilney – CMMC – they considered bringing in a contract management group and that created a lot of stress. He emphasized the effect of the promises of some of these national groups have on directors and the limitations of what they can and can't do.
6. David Dumont – Mid Coast Hospital – the hospital is charged with bed issues. He is interested in developing a system (regional?) to help with appropriate placement.
7. Charles Pattavina - St. Joseph – talked about the difficulty of keeping outside large organizations a bay successfully is difficult. He credited the communication efforts and the excellent work that physicians do.
8. Elizabeth Snuggs – MaineGeneral - works nights also is very interested in the Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALs) class that is coming to Maine.
9. Michelle Perkins – is a Bluewater physician working in Calais, Machias and Pen Bay was glad to be on the other side of “flu-nado”
10. Laurel Parker – MaineGeneral – announced that she is the new Director of the MaineGeneral ED. They are working on a “Surge Protocol”

11. Jason Gallo – Mercy – restarting expansion plans of Fore River facility with completion plans in the next 3-4 years.
12. Mike Bohanske – Maine Medical Center- they are experiencing increased EMS phone calls. They are working on a construction project that would increase capacity but not increase the number of beds by eliminating many of the shared rooms.
13. Garreth Debiegun, associated with MMC, the ultrasound group is taking off. C-suite tied performance metrix to ED Boarding. He is the president-elect this year and wants to focus on expanding membership numbers and will be working to demonstrate/quantify the value of ACEP membership. He is the Maine Representative to the Ski Patrol
14. Jay Mullen – MidCoast – Bluewater Emergency has added Houlton to the list of ED's. He talked about the plans for for-profit urgent care moving to Maine.
15. Mike Bell – Machias- He is grateful to have Doug Nilson taking over the reins of Medical Director at Machias as Mike assumes the role of Medical Director at Houlton.
16. Erik St. Pierre – Northern Maine Medical Center – shared that they recently lost their life flight plane.

Respectfully submitted by Cathryn Stratton, Maine ACEP Executive Director