

**Maine Chapter,
American College of Emergency Physicians
Atlantic Room | Portland Regency Hotel
December 11, 2019, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Call to order - The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chapter President, Dr. Garreth Debiegun. Dr. Debiegun welcomed all members and guests.

Legislative Update - Andrew MacLean, Esq., CEO of the Maine Medical Association provided a brief legislative update. He encouraged all who are interested in participating in the legislative process to join the Maine Medical Association (MMA) weekly calls starting in January 2020 and expected to wrap up in mid-April. Mr. MacLean talked about the citizen's initiative to override the hard-fought victory to establish a law that eliminates all non-medical exemptions to the state vaccination requirements.

Meeting Minutes - The September 2019 Business Meeting Minutes were presented to members. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes as written. The motion passes unanimously.

Financial Report - The financial reports were presented to the members present. As of December 2019, Maine Chapter ACEP had 122,253 in Equity. A portion (\$108,312) is invested with ACEP in a dedicated account and the remainder (\$8,941) is in the chapter's checking account at Key Bank. Dr. David Stuchiner, Treasurer, noted that this year the Maine Chapter was able to bring in non-dues revenue totaling \$18,000. There was a motion and second to approve the financial report. The motion passes unanimously.

President's Report - Dr. Garreth Debiegun updated members on several critical issues –

- Surprise billing being weighed and considered by the Federal Government
- No Silence on ED Violence – a national ACEP No Silence on ED Violence – a national ACEP effort (www.stopedviolence.org)
- Vaccine Referendum scheduled for March 3, 2020 – Vote No on Question #1
- Launching of the Emergency Directors Leadership listserv
- Noted Justin Doroshenko's (UNE medical student) nomination for EMRA Student Council
- The ACEP Council took on some very important issues in 2019 – Prudent layperson, emergency physician education, consideration to limit the size of the Council,

Opioid Update - Dr. Lisa LeTourneau, Senior Advisor, Delivery System Change, DHHS Commissioner's Office, spoke about changes in state government linked to Opioid reforms. She reported that 17 Maine hospitals have implemented MAT in their emergency department. The continue to work on recovery coaching funding. Naloxone is available at no cost, but she requests that this supply be reserved for uninsured patients. Dr. LeTourneau said that Governor Mills signed on to the X-waiver movement to remove restriction on prescribing suboxone.

Executive Director Report - Cathy Stratton, provided a written report that included information on upcoming meetings and membership.

Information Exchange Software (EDie™) Dr. Jay Mullen, Immediate Past President spoke on the importance of adopting a state-wide information exchange program.

Roundtable Discussion

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Upcoming ACEP Meetings & Events - Local:

- **Emergency Medicine Winter Symposium** | March 4-6, 2020, Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel, Carrabassett Valley, ME
- **Maine ED Summit** | March 6, 2020, Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel, Carrabassett Valley, ME
- **Maine ACEP Dinner and Business Meeting** | March 6, 2020, Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel, Carrabassett Valley, ME
- **MEACEP Chapter Meeting** | June 25, 2020 - Cabbage Island Lobster/Clam Bake, Boothbay Harbor, ME
- **MEACEP Chapter Meeting** | September 19, 2020 – Harborside Hotel, Bar Harbor, ME
- **LLSA Articles Review** | December 16, 2020, Portland Regency Hotel, Portland, ME
- **MEACEP Chapter Meeting** | December 9, 2020, Portland Regency Hotel, Portland, ME

Upcoming ACEP Meetings & Events - National:

- **Leadership & Advocacy Conference** | April 26 - 28, 2020, Washington, DC
- **ACEP Council Meetings** | October 24 - 26, 2020, Dallas Texas
- **ACEP2019 Scientific Assembly** | October 26 - 29, 2019, Dallas, Texas