

# Maine ACEP Quarterly Business Meeting

Portland Regency Hotel, Portland, Maine

December 7, 2023

**Members Attending:** 40 MEACEP Members were in attendance.

**Non-Members Attending:** Andrew Maclean, JD (Maine Medical Association) and Cathy Stratton, CAE, Executive Director

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Andrew Ehrhard, MD, FACEP at 5:15 pm.

**President's Address:** Dr. Ehrhard welcomed members and provided a brief overview of the work being done on behalf of members including representation at state and federal legislatures. He talked about upcoming dues increase in 2024 and reasons for the increase.

**Advocacy Update:** Andrew MacLean, Esq., EVP of the Maine Medical Association talked about the advocacy work of the MMA that was done in 2023 and the importance of collaborating with specialty societies.

**What Was Learned – Lessons from the Mass Shooting in Lewiston** Sheldon Stevenson, DO, FACEP shared his experiences with the mass shooting that took place in Lewiston in October. He talked about the importance of EM training in responding to the situation. There was discussion and questions that followed.

**Dinner:** The meeting adjourned briefly for dinner.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Each members had an opportunity to share important developments and issues they were facing in the workplace.

## **Committee Updates:**

Andrew Ehrhard provided a verbal update on the legislative bills that MEACEP followed in 2023. He updated members on the status of the political action committee – Maine Emergency Medicine Action Committee (MEMAC).

Kelly Meehan-Coussee provided a summary of the advocacy work being undertaken to improve EMS services in Maine.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.