

**Missouri College of Emergency Physicians
2006 Annual Membership Meeting
Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri
August 10, 2006
General Membership**

Dr. Spoon called the meeting to order. Members present included Drs. Barry Spoon, Chris Forrer, Ted McMurry, Lindy Andrews, Brian Robb, Chuck Sheppard, Chris Carpenter, Jason Blasenak, Kevin Journagan, John Loretto, Pamela Westerling, Janet Jordan, James Gale Osgood, Dennis Keesal, Jerald Chaffin, Mike Weaver, Christine Sullivan, Larry Slaughter, Alan Umbright, Michael Szewczyk, Bill Jermyn, Robert Poirier, Randy Jotte, Doug Char, and Barbara Ellzey. Also attending were Mary Tuel, RN and Betsy Morgan, Chapter Executive Director.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the August 2005 General Membership Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Jotte and seconded by Dr. Robb that the minutes be approved. They were approved unanimously.

Legislative Update

Betsy Morgan gave the legislative report. Medicaid reimbursement, tort reform, helmets, Medicaid fraud, EMT's and this fall's elections were all discussed.

Dr. Char asked Ms. Morgan about the likelihood of legislation passing which would provide for professional liability coverage for healthcare workers in a disaster or emergency. This issue was discussed. It was noted that during a significant emergency, not only was liability coverage needed, but also regulatory relief from HIPPA, EMTALA and State laws regulating physicians. It was agreed that this issue should be a priority for MoCEP.

Battle of the Belt

Mary Tuel, RN gave an update on the Battle of the Belt initiative, a joint project of ENA and MoCEP with funding from ACEP's Chapter Grant Program. She reported that MoDOT will now be a partner of the program and will work with the schools. Billboards will be used to promote the program. MoDOT has received a \$7,000 grant from American Family Insurance for the program. There will be a focus on ATV's.

Dr. Szewczyk told Ms. Tuel that approximately \$3,000 was still available from ACEP's chapter grant. Ms. Tuel asked for clarification on how that money needed to be spent. Betsy Morgan noted that the money has been given for the Battle of the Belt, but that reporting was no longer regulated by ACEP. One possibility discussed was to use the MoCEP grant money for advertising.

There was a discussion about using the ENA and MoCEP logos in promotional material. This will be investigated further.

Membership Report

Betsy Morgan reported that MoCEP currently has 424 members, which will give us five councillors. Last August the membership was 422.

Awards/Education

Dr. Char reported that there were around 350 participants at this years Combined Clinical Conference. Physician participation was good. MoCEP will again provide a \$150 rebate to first time attendees at the CCC who are ACEP members.

MoCEP paid out \$3,000 in awards last year. So far this year, there have been no applications. There was discussion on what was the best way to advertise the program. It was felt that with the residency year starting in July, it would be best for applications to be made in the fall and awards granted before the start of the new year. There was also discussion of opening the award to hospitals and community health organizations. This would require a vote of the Board.

Improve communication, especially with the resident members of MoCEP, was discussed. It was asked that the resident Board members work with the Chapter offices to obtain a list of all the resident's email addresses.

Dr. Jermyn announced that Dr. Char is a member of the ACEP Program Committee. Dr. Char is also a member of the Board of Residency Directors.

ITLS

Dr. Spoon introduced Bob Page. Mr. Page discussed the current program and his plans to expand the number of courses throughout the state. He asked for MoCEP physician assistance since ITLS is an emergency physician directed course. Mr. Page noted that next year will be spent cultivating the northeast, northwest and southeast areas of the state for ITLS.

There was discussion of having specific programs for EM residents to not only generate interest in ITLS but to train residents who may go on to become EMS medical directors. There was discussion of having an ITLS program at the CCC. With the flexibility allowed by ITLS, we could have a program geared toward physicians. Doctor Sullivan indicated that Truman is willing to teach ITLS at its residency program.

Dr. Spoon would like to see MoCEP's name on the ITLS booth at the CCC next year to let everyone know that MoCEP is sponsoring the ITLS program in Missouri. Dr. Char suggested linking the MoCEP and ITLS web sites. Ideally, the ITLS web site should list the locations of all upcoming ITLS programs, perhaps utilizing a map of Missouri. Bob noted that the ITLS web site was a work in progress and will look in to this.

Resident Update

Dr. Robb will distribute the gift pens from MoCEP to the new emergency medicine residents.

EMPAC Bylaws

Dr. Szewczyk presented the amendments to the EMPAC bylaws. He noted that the goal was to make the new bylaws as simple as possible. Dr. Robb made a motion to accept the proposed bylaw changes and Dr. Poirier seconded the motion. The changes were adopted unanimously. A discussion of EMPAC was moved to the Board Meeting.

Rural Communication

Dr. Slaughter continues to work on development of a database of rural emergency physicians. Dr. Andrew discussed problems with CALS and its acceptance in the State. It was noted that the program was dealt a significant blow by Dr. Kessel, a trauma surgeon at the University of Missouri, who would not support it. Dr. Slaughter noted the CALS and communication with rural ED doctors were two separate issues. It was agreed that even if CALS does not flourish, we need to continue to work on improved communication to assist physicians practicing emergency medicine at rural hospitals.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Szewczyk reported on the Chapter's finances. He noted that we were operating at a (planned) loss due to decreased Missouri ITLS revenue and increased expenses as the program is rejuvenated. Chapter net assets were down by about \$5,000. A new, high interest rate, bank account was opened for MoCEP at the Bank of Missouri. He noted that with the current interest rate of 5%, the account should yield an additional \$3,500 per year of revenue.

The overall budget was discussed with approval pending until the Board of Directors meeting.

Web

The MoCEP web site is receiving between 100-125 hits per month. Dr. Char suggested enhancing the web site by posting the courses, which are available, that provide for ACEP credit. It was agreed that we should look for a Chapter member who would want to be our web master. Dr. Szewczyk noted that he and Margie will be looking at ways to reduce our web expenses – both for hosting and posting of information.

Leadership Conference

Dr. Jermyn and Dr. Poirier attended the conference. Dr. Poirier discussed JCAHO safety concerns including having a pharmacist assisting in the emergency department 24 hours a day. Dr. Jermyn noted that emergency physicians were very involved with the committee looking at EMTALA issues.

Board of Directors Elections

A slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee was presented. Drs. Poirier, Char, Ellzey, Mounday and Robb had been nominated to fill the four three-year terms. There were no nominations from the floor. A secret ballot vote was done and Drs. Poirier, Char, Mounday and Robb filled these positions.

Councillor Election

One position was open, to begin with the 2007 Council meeting. Nominations from the floor included Doctors Jermyn, Spoon and Ellzey. Dr. Spoon was elected by those present.

Update on the YouZeum

The floor was then given to Dr. Szewczyk for an update on the Emergency Department at Health Adventure Center. Ten years ago the Missouri Chapter received a grant from ACEP to design this exhibit in the Health Adventure Center, a health sciences museum planned for Columbia, now called the YouZeum. Dr. Szewczyk asked for assistance from those present with writing content for the emergency department exhibits. As an example, he handed out one of the pre-hospital scenarios. Several members offered assistance and Dr. Journagan will solicit help from the residents at Wash University.

Combined Clinical Conference Planning Meeting

Representatives from MEMSA, MoCEP and ENA met yesterday to discuss the CCC. The meeting was productive and it was agreed to meet again, face-to-face, in October. The plan is to put more effort in getting the brochure out earlier and make things smoother.

Sexual Assault

Mike Weaver thanked Dr. Spoon and Jermyn and Ms. Morgan for their help with the Sexual Assault Grant. He noted that a new Forensic Medicine section of ACEP has been approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the General Membership meeting was adjourned. All present were invited to stay for the Board of Directors meeting which was to follow after a short break.