

**Missouri College of Emergency Physicians
General Membership Meeting
August 12, 2004**

The annual meeting of the MoCEP was held on August 12, 2004. Doctors Barbara Ellzey, Randy Jotte, Brian J. Robb, Douglas Char, Rob Poirier, Dru Hodges, Barry Spoon, Jerald Chaffin, Michael Weaver, Lynthia Andrews, Michael Szewczyk, Bill Jermyn, Ted McMurry and Bob Mecker were present. Also in attendance was Mary Tuel, RN and Betsy Morgan, representing the Chapter offices. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Mecker.

Approval of the Minutes

The General Membership meeting minutes from the 2003 meeting were distributed. Dr. Mecker asked for approval of the minutes, and they were approved unanimously.

Primary Seat Belt

The first order of business was a report by Mary Tuel, RN. She gave an update on the progress of the Primary Seat Belt Enforcement Report.

Election of Councilors

There was much discussion around the election of councilors. Doctor Mecker felt that two councilors needed to be elected this year recalling that Drs. Mecker and Jermyn were elected in 2003 to three year terms. Doctor Mecker called for nominations and Drs. Szewczyk and Char were nominated and elected to the three year terms starting in 2005. Dr. Poirier was nominated as the alternate and it was agreed upon by acclamation. Due to scheduling conflicts it was decided that Drs. Mecker, Ellzey, Poirier and Jermyn would attend the 2004 Scientific Assembly in Seattle.

Election of Board Members

There was some confusion regarding the term of service for board of directors. Betsy Morgan reported that there were currently 4 terms that needed to be filled on the board. Doctor Mecker concurred and opened the floor to nominations. Dr. Char made the motion that the openings be filled by Drs. McMurray, Jotte, Szewczyk and Andrews. Dr. Char made the motion to close nominations, which was seconded by Dr. Poirier. The slate was adopted by acclamation.

Bylaws

The bylaws were discussed. It was decided that Drs. Szewczyk and Jermyn would work with Betsy Morgan to review and revise the bylaws to be adopted by the membership at the meeting next August. Doctor Szewczyk will provide, at the next board meeting, a report regarding board member, councilor, officer election history as well possible revisions to the current bylaws.

Legislative Report

Betsy Morgan, lobbyist for the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians, gave a legislative report on the 2004 legislative session. She highlighted those bills of interest to emergency physicians, which were introduced during the prior session. She also gave an overview of the August primary election outcomes. Discussion was held over the November elections, as well, and the report was concluded.

Dr. Spoon made a motion to adjourn the General Membership meeting of the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians.

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President Bob Mecker, MD called the Board meeting to order. Present were Doctors Barbara Ellzey, Randy Jotte, Brian J. Robb, Douglas Char, Rob Poirier, Dru Hodges, Barry Spoon, Jerald Chaffin, Michael Weaver, Liz Andrewson, Michael Szewczyk, Bill Jermyn, Ted McMurry and Bob Mecker and Betsy Morgan, representing the Chapter offices.

Committee Reports

Dr. Jotte gave an update on the 911 Committee on which he is a member. This is a statewide committee charged with looking at a statewide 911 emergency system. Dr. Jotte reported that the activity of the Commission has waned, but he is still attending every meeting. He believes the State Advisory Council is also addressing this issue indirectly.

Dr. Jermyn gave the update for SAC/BTLS Committee. Dr. Jermyn reported that the State Advisory Committee (SAC), which he chairs, had approved the new trauma regulations. These regulations are now awaiting approval by the State Board of Health before they are filed with the Secretary of State's Office and printed in the Missouri Register. He mentioned that the most contentious issues in the regulations included requiring nurse anesthetists to be in the hospital 24 hours a day, requiring anesthetists to be present before moving a patient to surgery and the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) requirements.

It was decided that once the rules are published, comments should be sent to Betsy Morgan at the MoCEP office. Dr. Robb will spearhead this effort with help from Drs. Poirier and Mecker.

Dr. Jermyn said he would email the Medical and Trauma Planning language to the board members. He also passed around a draft of the psych transfer regulations being worked on by SAC.

Dr. Jermyn also reported that there would be a move during the upcoming legislative session to strip all of the EMT-I language out of the statute.

Dr. Char gave an update on the Awards/Education Committee. He reported on the status of the RR Hannas Awards and the research grants. The board discussed the difficulty with reviewing applications for the last submission. After some discussion it was decided that those applicants would be given an opportunity to resubmit for consideration for the research grants. The board discussed having two rounds of research grants awarded for the coming year. The first awards would be based upon an October submission deadline in addition to the spring award's process. New application reviewers were decided upon. Drs. Jermyn, Mecker, Poirier and Gaddis agreed to review the applications. The entire research grant program will be spearheaded by Dr. Char.

The board also discussed the Combined Clinical Conference. It was decided Drs. Char, Mecker and McMurray would be the representatives for MoCEP who serve as planners for our portion of the Combined Clinical Conference.

Additional Business

Dr. Gaddis requested that MoCEP send out a survey of the membership requesting information regarding the need for additional information from long term care facilities whose patients enter emergency departments. It was agreed that MoCEP would coordinate the survey with Dr. Gaddis and pay for any expenses for the mailing for the mailing of the survey.

Dr. Jotte gave an update on his car seat initiative. He informed the board that he was seeking a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to match the grant he had been awarded from the Missouri Foundation for Health.

Dr. Spoon raised the certification issue that is currently being addressed by the Florida chapter of ACEP, as well as the national organization. The board discussed the issue and gave direction to the 2004 Councilors on the MoCEP position on this issue. The councilors will represent the position at the Scientific Assembly in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Spoon raised the idea of co-sponsoring a reception at the 2005 Scientific Assembly. It was decided that he would explore the idea further with chapters in neighboring states and report on the status of the reception at the next board meeting in January.

The next new business item raised concerned the resident representatives on the board. It was noted that neither the Washington University nor the University of Missouri-Kansas City residency program representatives were present at the meeting. In addition to encouraging the increased participation of the current representatives, Dr. Spoon let the board know of his intent to also find a representative from the Joplin, Missouri emergency medicine residency program to participate.

Financial Report

Dr. Szewczyk gave the financial reports for MoCEP and the Missouri BTLS program. Betsy Morgan reported that she was having difficulty retrieving the final BTLS bank account information from the former state coordinator Jason White. Dr. Robb volunteered to contact Jason White and request the final financial information from him.

Dr. Szewczyk went over the current reimbursement form with the board members. He made a motion that the reimbursement for MoCEP representatives be increased to \$2,400, which motion passed. He also suggested an increase in the councilor reimbursement to \$600 per day. Dr. Poirier made a motion to accept the revisions, which was adopted by the board unanimously.

Officer Elections

Dr. Spoon, as the current President-elect was nominated and elected President by acclamation. Dr. Char nominated Dr. Jotte as the Vice-President, which motion was seconded by Dr. Poirier and approved by the board. Dr. Szewczyk was nominated and elected as the Secretary/Treasurer of MoCEP for another term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Doctor Mecker.