

**Missouri College of Emergency Physicians
Board Meeting
October 28, 2005
Terrace Conference Room
213 E Capitol Ave., Jefferson City, MO**

Dr. Spoon called the meeting to order. Members present included Doctors Barry Spoon, Jason Blasenak, Chris Forrer, Brian Robb, Bill Jermyn, Michael Szewczyk and Larry Slaughter. Betsy Morgan and Margie Wilson represented the Chapter offices. Doctors Randy Jotte, Doug Char, Robert Poirier and Ryan Flach conferenced in for the meeting. Donna English also attended to speak to the board about EMPAC.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the General Membership and Board meetings in August were presented for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Board meeting minutes. They were approved unanimously. The General Membership meeting minutes will be approved at the next General Membership meeting in August of 2006.

Awards and Grants

The recent death of R. R. Hannas was discussed. It was agreed that the R.R. Hannas Award will continue.

BTLS/EMS

The annual BTLS Conference is going on now in Scottsdale Arizona. There was discussion on posting the BTLS class times on the MoCEP web site.

911/Rural EM

Dr. Slaughter reported on procuring an ACEP grant to set up a database of staffing services for the rural ED's. Discussion followed. Dr. Jermyn gave an explanation of what is currently being done on a state level. Dr. Spoon reported that the Rural EM Section is writing a grant to ACEP for the same project. Dr. Jermyn told the board that there is to be a meeting with SAC, Michael French (Division of Rural Health) and others in early November to improve rural health care, and recommended that a representative from MoCEP attend. Discussion followed on the objectives of this project, how it pertains to MoCEP and what our objectives should be. It was decided that Dr. Slaughter would attend and possibly Dr. Lindy Andrews.

Dr. Jotte recently resigned from the 911 Board and Dr. Slaughter had volunteered to fill that position. Dr. Slaughter will not be appointed since both his legislators are Democrats. Betsy Morgan will represent MoCEP until a physician member is identified who can serve.

EPIC

Dr. Spoon thanked Dr. Jotte for a good fall EPIC. Dr. Jotte reported that the next EPIC, due to come out in December, will focus on legislative issues to better prepare for the MoCEP Legislative Day.

EMPAC

Donna English reported on the program to have \$30,000 by November 2006 and how to achieve that goal. Ms. English passed out forms and talking points to the board so they could get their colleagues to contribute.

Residents

Dr. Blasenak will work on getting a list of residents and where they are going after their residency. It was decided that the spring EPIC will list the residents, who are new and where they will be practicing when finished with their residency. Dr. Robb had samples of the gift pens which are ready to be distributed to the current residents.

Dr. Char then joined the meeting via phone. Dr. Jermyn proceeded to get Dr. Char up to speed on the Homeland Disaster relief issues. Dr. Char volunteered to attend meetings for this.

Awards and Grants (continued)

With Dr. Char, chair of the committee joining the meeting, awards and grants were revisited. Next year a \$2,500 grant will be awarded. The grant notice and form will be published in the EPIC.

Education

The Combined Clinical Conference was discussed. It was agreed that is an excellent meeting and had an excellent physician turnout. There was discussion regarding the \$150 rebate for first time MoCEP members attending the CCC. Jim Tune is to provide Dr. Szewczyk with a list of attendees eligible for the rebate.

Membership

Dr. Jotte had nothing new to report on membership. Dr. Spoon reported that the membership has stayed between the 405 and 440 range for several years.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Szewczyk provided an update regarding Chapter finances. He noted that the \$1,500 Washington DC dinner was not a budgeted item. He noted that reimbursement for councilors is up to \$800 per day that consists of two or three nights hotel stay, airfare, meals and mileage. Dr. Szewczyk will provide updated guidelines to the Board members.

There was discussion regarding reimbursement for the Leadership Conference. Consideration was given on whether Board members of residents should be given preference for financial assistance. It was felt that while residents are clearly the future of the College, they may not stay with MoCEP and given limited finances, it was important to provide Board members with leadership skill training. It was agreed that should money be available, willing senior residents planning on staying in Missouri will be encouraged to attend.

EMPAC Bylaws

Betsy Morgan presented the EMPAC bylaws. Discussion followed on whether the current bylaws should be revised or if there should be an amendment to replace the current bylaws. Dr. Szewczyk made a motion to have Betsy Morgan revise the bylaws to a one page document to be presented at the next board meeting. Dr. Jermyn seconded the motion and the motion carried.

MoCEP Bylaws

Dr. Szewczyk will send the MoCEP bylaws to ACEP. Once approved by National, the bylaws will be posted on the MoCEP web site with a reference in the next EPIC that they can be found on-line.

Battle of the Belt

Dr. Spoon reported that the Battle of the Belt is now held in the fall instead of the spring. Their current goal is to get younger children involved and so they are including junior highs. Discussion followed.

Betsy Morgan reported on the process of dispersing funds from the grant for publicity for the Battle of the Belt Program. Mary Tulle has asked for funds to purchase new posters. Discussion followed. The members present would like to see the posters, or at least know what they have on them.

Web Site

There was discussion on improving the web site. It was decided by the board that a hidden counter be on the web site to determine how many people are using the site. There was then discussion on the domain name expense and what exactly MoCEP is paying for.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 10am until 12pm. Lunch from 12-1pm with Capitol visits starting at 1pm. It was decided that notices be sent out to the membership requesting a response so that we can determine who is coming so that the office can schedule personal meetings with legislators. Talking points will be distributed before the capitol visits.

Management Contract

Betsy Morgan presented the contract explaining that only the dates have changed, everything else stayed the same. There was then discussion on separating the management fee from the lobbying fee and the advantage of having it separated. Dr. Jotte moved that the contract be signed. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Legislative Agenda for 2006

Dr. Robb reported on the Medicaid meetings. Betsy Morgan explained the process of the committee's first work session. Charlie Shields is now the chair of the committee. The budget will be a huge issue this next session. There was discussion on coordinating efforts with other state medical associations. Betsy Morgan reported on issues anticipated in the next legislative session. Dr. Jermyn reported on licensing of ambulance and EMS technicians. It was brought up that this may be a conflict of interest with the MoCEP lobbyists on this issue between the Fire Service Alliance and MoCEP. Discussion followed. It was decided that MoCEP should remain neutral at this stage of the issue.

Dr. Jermyn then reported that the EMS Scope of Practice is now available online at www.emsscopeofpractice.org

ACEP has received a one million grant from Homeland Security to do a survey of preparedness for cities across the United States.

Ms. Morgan reported that insurance reform will come up next session. It is expected that there will be legal challenges to TORT reform to have the caps removed. The advanced practice nurses are working to have prescription authority for levels 2 through 5. Physician Assistants are working to put them on par with nurse practitioners to prescribe and dispense narcotics.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.