

Steering Committee Meeting
May 5, 2019
Grand Hyatt Washington
Washington, DC

Minutes

Speaker John McManus, MD, FACEP, called to order a regular meeting of the Council Steering Committee of the American College of Emergency Physicians at 8:19 am Eastern time on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, DC.

Steering Committee members present for all or portions of the meeting were: Michael Baker, MD, FACEP; Melissa Costello, MD, FACEP; Dan Freess, MD, FACEP; Muhammad Husainy, DO, FACEP; Gary Katz, MD, FACEP, vice speaker; Gabor Kelen, MD, FACEP; Chadd Kraus, DO, FACEP; Gregg Miller, MD, FACEP; John McManus, MD, FACEP, speaker; Matthew Rudy, MD, FACEP; Sullivan Smith, MD, FACEP; Susanne Spano, MD, FACEP; Arvind Venkat, MD, FACEP; and Nathan Vafaie, MD.

Other members and guests present for all or portions of the meeting were: J.T. Finnell, MD, FACEP; Vidor Friedman, MD, FACEP, president; Olga Gokova, MD; Jeff Goodloe, MD, FACEP; Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD, FACEP; Andrea Green, MD, FACEP; Alison Haddock, MD, FACEP; Sanford Herman, MD, FACEP; Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, FACEP; William Jaquis, MD, FACEP, president-elect; Christopher Kang, MD, FACEP; Paul Kivela, MD, FACEP, immediate past president; Michael McCrea, MD, FACEP; Scott Pasichow, MD; Mark Rosenberg, DO, FACEP, secretary-treasurer; Karina Sanchez, MD; Gillian Schmitz, MD, FACEP; and Liam Yore, MD, FACEP,

Staff present for all or portions of the meeting were: Robert Heard, MBA, CAE; Sonja Montgomery, CAE; Leslie Moore, JD; and Dean Wilkerson, JD, MBA, CAE.

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The minutes of the January 29, 2019, Steering Committee meeting were approved as written.

Officer and Staff Reports

Speaker

Dr. McManus thanked the Steering Committee subcommittees for their work and announced the 2019 Council awards recipients:

Council Meritorious Service Award – John Proctor, MD, FACEP

Council Teamwork Award – Laura Tilley, MD, FACEP; Anne Zink, MD, FACEP; Brad Gruehn; SHIELDS
Act Team

Council Horizon Award – Zachary Jarou, MD

Council Champion in Diversity & Inclusion Award – Bruce Lo, MD, FACEP

Council Curmudgeon Award – Bradford Walters, MD, FACEP

Dr. McManus announced the 2019 candidates.

President-Elect: Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, FACEP (MD)
Mark Rosenberg, MD, FACEP (NJ)

Speaker: Gary Katz, MD, FACEP (OH) – unopposed

Vice Speaker: Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD, FACEP (FL)
Andrea Green, MD, FACEP (TX)
Howard Mell, MD, FACEP (IL)

Board of Directors: Michael Baker, MD, FACEP (MI)
Jeff Goodloe, MD, FACEP (OK)
Rachelle Greenman, MD, FACEP (NJ)
Gabor Kelen, MD, FACEP (AACEM)
Pamela Ross, MD, FACEP (VA)
Gillian Schmitz, MD, FACEP (incumbent – GS)
Ryan Stanton, MD, FACEP (KY)
Thomas Sugarman, MD, FACEP (CA)

Vice Speaker

Dr. Katz thanked everyone for their participation and commitment to the College.

President

Dr. Friedman reported on out-of-network/balance billing discussions and three potential legislative proposals.

President-Elect

Dr. Jaquis gave an overview of the two alternate payment models developed by ACEP and reported on the American Hospital Association (AHA) meeting he attended on May 4, 2019.

Executive Director

Mr. Wilkerson reported on attendance for the Legislative & Advocacy Conference, ACEP's membership and budget challenges, and new approaches to address the needs of international members.

Annual Meeting Subcommittee

Dr. Baker presented the subcommittee's report on their assigned objectives. The subcommittee reviewed the format and topics from previous Town Hall meetings and provided suggestions for the 2019 Town Hall meeting topic. The subcommittee did not recommend any changes to the format of the Town Hall meeting. There was consensus for the Town Hall meeting to focus on a single topic and present various aspects of the issue by high-level speakers/content experts and include time for Q & A from the Council. The Council officers will make the final determination about the format, topic, and speakers this summer.

The subcommittee reviewed the Board's actions on 2016-2018 resolutions and concurred that the actions taken are consistent with the Council's expectations. The Actions on Resolutions reports will be updated to reflect additional activity that may have occurred since January 2019. The updated reports will be provided to the Council and will also be available in the Council section of the ACEP Website. The subcommittee recommended that the Council speaker highlight some of the actions on the prior year's resolutions during his report to the Council.

The subcommittee concurred that certain demographic questions should be asked every year to analyze demographic changes within the Council and that the survey should be brief with a maximum of 10 questions. The Steering Committee reviewed the draft questions developed by the subcommittee. The final questions will be developed in consultation with the Tellers, Credentials, & Elections Committee chair and approved by the Council officers.

The subcommittee reviewed the Council meeting agenda and the timing of verbal reports. The subcommittee recommended moving the EMF and NEMPAC reports to Day 2 while election results are being tabulated (or in between the various elections) but maintain the EMF and NEMPAC Council challenges that occur in the morning on Day 1. Status reports of the EMF and NEMPAC challenges would continue to be given throughout Day 2. It was

noted that moving some reports to in between election ballots could allow for a longer period of time for councillors to consider the next round of candidates for voting. There was consensus from the Steering Committee to retain the EMF and NEMPAC reports on Day 1 and find ways to expand the time to allow for thoughtful consideration of the second ballot during elections.

Bylaws & Council Standing Rules Subcommittee

Dr. Kraus presented the subcommittee's report on their assigned objectives. The subcommittee discussed whether the Council Standing Rules (CSR) "Elections Procedures" section, paragraph 2, should be revised to allow 60 seconds or 90 seconds for each ballot instead of the current 30 seconds. The Steering Committee did not support submitting a CSR resolution to make this change because 30 seconds is sufficient for voting the majority of the time. It was noted that the Tellers, Credentials, & Elections Committee chair has discretion to make adjustments in the timing for voting as needed.

The subcommittee discussed whether the Council meeting agenda should be revised to intersperse the elections between Reference Committee reports, or in between other business that needs to be conducted, instead of all elections occurring as the last order of business. There was no consensus from the Steering Committee to implement this change.

The subcommittee discussed the pros and cons of extending the Board of Directors term with no re-election required instead of the current three-year term with the ability to seek re-election. An alternative suggestion was for the Council to reaffirm the election of an incumbent instead of conducting an actual re-election. There was no consensus from the subcommittee or the Steering Committee to submit a Bylaws amendment to lengthen the Board of Directors term of office or eliminate the re-election process for incumbent candidates.

Other EM Organizations Seeking Representation in the ACEP Council

The Steering Committee discussed the College Manual "Criteria for Eligibility & Approval of Organizations Seeking Representation in the Council." There was consensus for the Steering Committee to submit a College Manual amendment to the 2019 Council to clarify that other emergency medicine organizations seeking representation in the Council need to meet the eligibility criteria at the time the resolution is submitted.

Candidate Forum Subcommittee Report

Dr. McManus presented the subcommittee's report on their assigned objectives. The majority of the subcommittee's objectives will be completed this summer and during the 2019 Council meeting.

The subcommittee reviewed the Candidate Campaign Rules regarding "broadcast election communications and mass mailings" (13.i.). There was consensus that no revisions were needed to the Candidate Campaign Rules.

The subcommittee discussed potential additional ways to publicize the candidates to the Council. The Steering Committee did not support hosting a videoconference for the Council and the candidates in advance of the Council meeting. There was consensus that allowing candidates to participate in videoconferences or conference calls with chapters is sufficient.

Amended Resolution 11(15) Ethical Violations by Non-ACEP Members

Dr. McManus gave an overview of the Board of Directors discussion and subsequent position and vote to overrule Amended Resolution 11(15) Ethical Violations by Non-ACEP Members. A report of this action will be provided to the Council as directed by the Bylaws.

Growth of the Council Task Force Report

Dr. McCrea presented the task force's report. The Steering Committee supported having the 2019 Town Hall meeting feature this report and for the Council to discuss the various options presented to address the growth of the Council.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency at Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO.


With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am Eastern time on Sunday, May 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



Dean Wilkerson, JD, MBA, CAE
Council Secretary and Executive Director

Approved by,



John G. McManus, Jr., MD, FACEP
Council Speaker and Chair