

American College of Emergency Physicians  
**Dual Training Section Virtual Meeting**  
*ACEP21*  
November 8, 2021  
**MINUTES**

## **Participants**

Section members present for all or part of the meeting included: Vaishal Tolia, MD, FACEP, Chair; Alan You, MD, Chair Elect; Carissa Tyo, MD, FACEP, Immediate Past Chair and Alternate Councillor; Ellen Finney, MD, Secretary/ Newsletter Editor; Vinay Mikkilineni, MD, Councillor; James Aiken, MD, FACEP; Cameron Allen, DO; Matt Astin, MD, FACEP; Parth Gandhi, DO; Fred Gmora, DO; Cheryl Hickey, MD; James Humble, MD; Malcolm Philogene; Wayne Ramcharitar; Faizur Rasool; Adam Rodos, MD, FACEP; Matt Stofferahn, MD; Kyle Taylor, MD.

Others participating included: Kyle Hoppens, MD; Jason E. Nace, MD, FACEP; Jack Rozel; Sandra Schneider, MD, FACEP, ACEP Staff Liaison; and Julie Wassom, ACEP staff.

## **Agenda**

Welcome  
Chair Update  
Councilor Report  
Dual Funding Update/ACEP Updates  
Dual Training Web Based Conference Update  
Increased Group Engagement (Clubhouse chats)  
Research Collaboration, Section Collaboration (Obs, GEMS)  
Guidebook Proposal Discussion  
Debrief from ACEP21  
Guest Lecturer  
Open Forum to Discuss New Business

## **Major Points Discussed**

Dr. Tolia welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves. Following the introductions, he briefed everyone on the discussions section members had while at ACEP21. One discussion involved using the section to disseminate guidance and leadership opportunities for graduates. Another discussion centered on providing some formal guidance to medical students regarding suggested rotations, personal statements, and minimum residency application requirements for those interested in combined programs. There was also a discussion about leveraging the unique strengths of the different programs around the country by creating a system that would allow residents to visit other programs through some type of elective exchange process. Dr. Tyo encouraged the group to identify what rotations could be offered at their sites and share those with the section. The final discussion from ACEP21 involved procedure teams and whether dual training residents could spearhead these teams through their institutions.

Following those discussions, Dr. Tolia turned the meeting over to Dr. Jack Rozel, an emergency psychiatrist, who shared about the unique challenges of working as a dual training physician during the pandemic and offered resources for those struggling in the process. Following the presentation, Dr. Schneider opened up the discussion so section members could share their thoughts and needs.

Dr. Tyo then provided a report on ACEP Council activities. She shared that there were over 80 resolutions on which to give input, including several that focused on topics such as mid-level practice and rural medicine. A few topics generated very vocal differences of opinion, including guns in the emergency department (ED) and tracking law enforcement injuries. Dr. Tyo then shared the results of the Board elections. Dr. Chris Kang was elected as president-elect. Dr. Tony Cirillo and Dr. JT Finnell were re-elected to the Board, and Dr. Rami Khoury and Dr. Heidi Knowles were newly elected.

Dr. Schneider then provided an ACEP update. A new strategic plan has been proposed, and she encouraged section members to give input and comments about the plan before the comment deadline. She also gave updates regarding shared poll results about mid-level providers and corporate medical groups, as well as the ACGME Residency Review Committee's upcoming review this year of the standards for EM residencies and three year versus four year residency programs. Dr. Schneider mentioned that in the coming year, ACEP will be hosting a section showcase to highlight alternative careers for emergency physicians, and this section will have a visible role to play. She also shared several other topics that were receiving a great deal of focus currently at ACEP - surprise billing, as well as an ED accreditation program

Following Dr. Schneider's presentation, Dr. Tolia encouraged section members to look for a future email about signing up for the Clubhouse app, which would allow section members to have informal conversations regarding cases, opportunities, and other topics. Section leadership is planning to host several chats over the next section year through this closed group. He also told section members that he hoped the section could also work this year on developing collaborations with other sections, such as geriatrics and observation, and continue discussions regarding development of a dual training guidebook geared towards helping medical students and residents in their career navigation.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.