

**American College of Emergency Physicians
Freestanding Emergency Centers (FEC) Section**

ACEP23 Meeting

October 9, 2023, from 7:00 am – 8:00 am ET

MINUTES

Participants

Officers present were Jay Woody, MD, FACEP, David C. Ernst, MD, FACEP; William “Bill” Kranichfeld, MD; Lonnie Schwirtlich, MD; R. Joe Ybarra, MD, FACEP; and Heidi Knowles, MD FACEP

Others present: Jessica Best, MD, FACEP; Leo Huynh, DO, FACEP

Staff attending all or part of meeting: David McKenzie, CAE

The 2022-2024 Officers are as follows:

Chair: Jay Woody, MD, FACEP

Chair-elect: R. Joe Ybarra, MD, FACEP

Immediate Past Chair: Not applicable

Councilor: William “Bill” Kranichfeld, MD

Alt. Councilor: Dave Ernst, MD, FACEP

Secretary/ Newsletter: Lonnie Schwirtlich, MD

Member at Large: Jon “Jay” Beezley, DO, FACEP

Board Liaison: Heidi Knowles, MD, FACEP

Call to Order

Dr. Woody welcomed the group as the Chair and asked for introductions from all of those present. A sign in sheet was distributed for each section member to verify their email addresses. **Minutes of last year’s meeting were distributed and approved as written.**

Section Update

Dr. Woody and Mr. McKenzie gave the section update, stressing the need the need to demonstrate value for current and potential new Section members. The FEC Section membership

has increased from last year now totaling 126 as of September 2023 thanks to a recruitment drive initiated during the 2022 Section meeting.

There was significant discussion about transitioning the FEC Section to a Member Interest Group (MIG). The pros and cons of such a move were discussed including the value of the ACEP FEC Section in relation to NAFEC and TAFEC. Several suggestions were offered including a mentor program and providing telehealth services from an FEC. After careful consideration, the Section decided to maintain its status for at least another year. We will revisit the MIG discussion prior to ACEP 24.

Discussion was held about creating a survey to be shared with current Section members was discussed to see what they most want from the Section going forward. Mr. McKenzie will speak to the ACEP Section support staff about how best to administer such a survey. Those members present were encouraged to send potential questions to him to batch and organize into a survey instrument. A few demographic questions were suggested during the meeting.

Council Update

Dr. Kranichfeld provided an update on the Council meeting. There were 57 Resolutions considered, many of which were referred to the ACEP Board of Directors. Relevant topics to this section included population health, rural transfers, and access to care. It was also approved to expand the ACEP Board officers include two Vice Presidents. one for membership and a second

He provided the results from the recent elections. Dr Alison Haddock was elected president-elect to follow Dr Aisha Terry who now presides. Dr. Shoemaker was reelected to serve on the ACEP Board of Directors along with new Board members Drs. Chadd Kraus, Abi Malhotra, and Henry Pitzele. Dr. Melissa Costello will assume the role of Council Speaker with Dr. Michael McCrea elected as Vice Speaker.

Dr. Woody led a discussion on the Section assigned objectives. All present agreed that those were still meaningful. Other topics considered included FEC Accreditation, the history and future of FECs, moving from fee-for-service to a Value Based Care model and a discussion on certificate of need designation.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 8:46 am ET.