

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Section Meeting

October 3, 2018

San Diego

MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Section members present: Davut Savaser, MD, FACEP, Chair; Leisa Rossello Deutsch, MD, MPH, FACEP; Anthony Jon Frank, Jr, MD, FACEP; Stephen Hendriksen, MD, Alternate Councillor; Tracy L. LeGros, MD, PhD, FACEP; Angela F Mattke, MD, FACEP; Anthony John Medak, MD, FACEP; Daniel Popa, MD; Hideaki Leo Tanaka, MD; Robert Sanders, MD, FACEP, Councilor; Hideaki Leo Tanaka, MD; Michael Tom, MD; and J. Richard Walker III, MD, MS, Councilor; Joseph W Walter, MD, FACEP

Others participating included: Jungmo Ahn, MD; Neil Donner, MD; JeSeop Lee; Yoon Suk Lee, MD; Robert Sherwin, MD, FACEP; Carolyn M Waldo, MD, FACEP; Christopher Kang, MD, FACEP, Board Liaison and Margaret Montgomery, RN, MSN, Staff Liaison.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Educational presentation
3. Business meeting

Major Points Discussed

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Savaser called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves and were thanked for their participation. In addition to those in the room the meeting was attended by web conference by the Duke, LSU and USC programs.

2. Presentation

Dr. Richard Walker presented "Diving, Operational and Environmental Physiology of the Thailand Cave Rescue."

3. Business meeting

Chair - Dr. Savaser reported that the videos have been completed and are now in final edits. One of the segments was previewed by those present. He shared that the section grant program provides up to \$50,000.00 per year in grant funds and encouraged section members to think about submissions for grants.

Board Liaison - Dr. Kang, provided a report. He let section members know that he would advocate for the section and help with any opportunities they would want to pursue. He informed the section

members that a sedation information paper that will soon be available on sedation and providing ketamine in the ED, He encouraged section members to submit applications for ACEP19 lectures. He noted that the presentation on the Thailand rescue today would be of interest to members at large and encouraged Dr. Walker to submit a course proposal. He noted that the presentation on the Thailand rescue highlighted the issue of disorientation when cave diving and suggested research areas to address this issue. He suggested potentially developing talking points ahead of time to address issues that may come up. Dr. Kang encouraged section members to let him 'know what you need' and he is there to assist.

Counsellor report: Dr. Sanders shared that Dr. Jaquis was elected President-elect. Dr. Friedman was ratified as President. He shared that the College has developed a number of downloadable apps, a second journal is planned that will be on-line, the stop the bleed campaign will be a part of CPR programs a new dues structure is being rolled out.

Chair -elect: Dr. Walker discussed the need for more fellows and the number of critical care UHM cases for training of fellows. He was concerned about developing guidelines that were too prescriptive while providing adequate training.

Other issues raised included increasing the number of section members, and encourage involvement in the section. He also noted the impact MIPS could have on reimbursement and it will be important to ensure that reimbursement is there to support the care that is needed/provided.

Dr. LeGros share that the new Tintinalli book is out and that she helped to write the UHM section on carbon monoxide which is evidence based. She also reported that the new UHMS Committee report addresses studies with fatal flaws and some have been deleted.

Dr. Hendriksen noted that ABPM changed their rules and that it is not longer required to maintain primary certification. It was opined that ABEM could go this way as well. It was also noted that alternate pathways to the Concert exam are being developed. John Peters did send a letter of support to ABEM about changing this requirement for maintenance of primary certification. It was reported that some believe MOC is a money grab and that Concert does not reflect real practice. Open source exams and the limited locations for exams taking were mentioned. It was noted that that UHM should be involved in writing exam questions.

Section members were encouraged to be a part of the ACEP speaker's bureau to speak to the press on issue related to UHM. Laura Gore is the staff person for public relations and she trains members to help prevent them from being misquoted.

Section members expressed concern about UHM lecturers at ACEP meetings not being boarded in UHM.

Section newsletter- Section members were encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter. Section members were encouraged to participate in EMDocs that has 18,000 members and also use the new discussion board for the section EngagED.

With no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned.