

Vice Speaker

Dr. McManus submitted a written activity report.

President

Dr. Kaplan discussed the success of the first annual Wellness Week, meetings with emergency medicine organizations held during the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine annual meeting, his meeting with the leadership of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, ACEP's Fair Coverage Campaign, the Clinical Emergency Data Registry, and the recent Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA) regulations issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

President-Elect

Dr. Parker discussed the Diversity Summit held at ACEP headquarters in April and recent discussions with multiple specialty organizations regarding out-of-network and balance billing.

Executive Director

Mr. Wilkerson reported on the, record registration for the 2016 Leadership & Advocacy Conference, the lawsuit ACEP filed against the federal government, the upcoming grand opening celebration of the new ACEP headquarters, and ACEP's involvement with Collective Medical Technologies regarding Emergency Department Information Exchange programs.

Annual Meeting Subcommittee

Dr. Lozano presented the subcommittee's report on their assigned objectives. The subcommittee reviewed the format and topics from previous Town Hall meetings and provided a list of proposed topics for the 2016 Town Hall meeting. The subcommittee did not identify 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 presenting various aspects of the issue by high-level speakers/content experts and include time for Q & A. The Council officers will make the final determination about the format, topic, and speakers this summer..

The subcommittee reviewed the Board's actions on 2013-2015 resolutions and concurred that the actions taken are consistent with the Council's expectations. The Actions on Resolutions reports will be updated this summer to reflect additional activity that may have occurred since January 2016. The updated reports will be provided to the 2016 Council and posted in the Council section of the ACEP Website. The subcommittee recommended that the Council officers provide enhanced communication efforts regarding the actions on resolutions, such as highlighting the actions on the prior year's resolutions during the Speaker's report to the Council, and referencing that the detailed reports for the past three years are included in the Council meeting materials, and reports on resolutions since 1998 are available on the ACEP Website.

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. It was suggested that a mock presidential election question be included for 2016 and questions about diversity and inclusion. The subcommittee will provide additional input for the 2016 questions over the summer for review and approval by the Council officers.

The Steering Committee also reviewed the draft 2015 Council Meeting agenda. No changes were proposed.

Bylaws & Council Standing Rules Subcommittee

Dr. Yore presented the subcommittee's report on their assigned objectives. The subcommittee discussed the Unanimous Consent Agenda at length. There were significant reservations expressed by members of the subcommittee; however, there was agreement that the proposal had merit and should be submitted to the 2016

Council. The subcommittee prepared a draft Council Standing Rules Amendment for the Steering Committee's consideration.

It was moved THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE SUBMIT THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT COUNCIL STANDING RULES AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 COUNCIL.

There were concerns expressed that the majority threshold was too high to remove an item from unanimous consent.

It was moved THAT LINE 37 BE AMENDED BY REPLACING THE WORD " MAJORITY" WITH THE WORDS "ONE-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE." The motion was adopted.

The amended main motion was then voted on and adopted.

The subcommittee will review any Bylaws and/or Council Standing Rules resolutions that are submitted by the July 18 resolution deadline and will provide comments to the Steering Committee and Bylaws Committee as necessary.

Ms. Sonja Montgomery provided an update on discussions by the Ethics Committee and the Medical-Legal Committee regarding implementation of Amended Resolution 11(15) Ethical Violations by Non-ACEP Members.

Candidate Forum Subcommittee

Dr. McManus reported that the majority of the subcommittee's objectives will be completed this summer and during the 2016 Council meeting.

The subcommittee agreed that videos of the candidates can be a useful tool in evaluating candidates. There was consensus that candidate videos: 1) should be optional and not a requirement; 2) should not exceed two minutes in length; 3) content should be unstructured and at the discretion of the candidate; 4) should not be played during the Council meeting; 5) made available on the Council meeting website and distributed on email and ACEP's social media; and 6) that guidance should be developed to assist candidates in the preparation of their individual video and the guidance included in the Candidate Campaign Rules. The subcommittee submitted the draft revised Candidate Campaign Rules for the Steering Committee's consideration.

It was moved THAT THE STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REVISED CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN RULES. The motion was adopted.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council Steering Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm Eastern time on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved by,



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