

Date: November 12, 2009
Place: Orlando, FL
Time: 9:00AM



**Florida College of Emergency Physicians
Board of Directors**

Members Present: Miguel Acevedo, M.D., FACEP; Tony Andrulonis, M.D., FACEP; Andrew Bern, M.D., FACEP; Ashley Booth, M.D., FACEP; Amy Conley, M.D., FACEP; Fred Epstein, M.D., FACEP; Vidor Friedman, M.D., FACEP; Gary Gillette, M.D., FACEP; Mylissa Graber, M.D., FACEP; Kelly Gray-Eurom, M.D., FACEP; Steven Kailes, M.D., FACEP; Beth Longenecker, M.D., FACEP; Michael Lozano, M.D., FACEP; Joe Nelson, D.O., FACEP; Ernest Page, M.D., FACEP; Marc Plotkin, M.D., FACEP; Leila Posaw, M.D., FACEP; Joel Stern, M.D., FACEP

Members Absent: Jay Falk, M.D., FACEP; William Jackman, M.D.; Tracy Sanson, M.D., FACEP

Guests: Wayne Barry, M.D., FACEP; Toni Large

FCEP staff present: Beth Brunner, Michael Citro, Delaina Bomhoff

	Topic	Discussion	Decision/ Action
1.0	Welcome and Introductions:	The meeting was called to order at 9:08am by Dr. Mylissa Graber, President. Members and guests were introduced. Dr. Graber shared that Dr. Plotkin has been appointed to serve the remaining one-year term for Dr. Sahijwani, who tenured his resignation.	
2.0	Review & Approve Minutes	Minutes from August 2009 were reviewed Motion to approve with change on page 1 - 5.0 reference to Migel Machado; motion seconded and approved	Motion Approved
4.0	Treasurers Report	<p>Dr. Kelly Gray-Eurom reviewed the 2008/2009 year end financials. FCEP had more members for the year ended, but less revenue. ACEP system for dues dispersement to chapters was reviewed. Dr. Graber shared overview of how with payment methodology ACEP does not disperse chapter dues until full payment is made . It was discussed that it would be preferable for a percentage of each payment to go to chapter instead of waiting until completely paid. Senior/retired/life members of college may have impact as well since they have no dues. FCEP has a membership initiative underway and that prior to year-end – all elible non-members would be targeted with ACEP and FCEP direct mail piece to include an EMPulse..</p> <p>EMPulse advertising was addressed. It was discussed that EMPulse should seek non-traditional advertisers, such as Health Clubs, Banks, Realtors, Wellness Centers, Car Sales, Hospitality and Theme Parks. Michael shared that more money was actually brought in last year than this. However, as result of pre-paid in 07/08 this is not reflected.</p> <p>The CPA is currently finalizing the 2008/2009 Review of FCEP statements. This will be shared with the Board upon completion.</p> <p>Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2009-2010</p>	Motion

		The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Conley motioned to approve the budget; seconded and approved.	approved
5.0	FCEP Presidents Update	<p>Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Graber apprised member on the strategic plan. The newest area of the plan includes life style and practice enhancement/wellness. Each Board member was asked to submit one area/recommendation for action to Dr. Graber.</p> <p>Board of Nursing Rule on Sedation – Dr. Page shared draft language. The proposed rule is designed to limit use of propofol and other sedatives. It was discussed that Hospice, RN’s and Emergency Physicians should be able to administer these procedural sedation. December 3rd is the next meeting of the Board. Following minor medication the position statement was reviewed and approved. Staff will contact the BON to determine if the issue will be included on the agenda and to identify FCEP Board representative to attend the hearing.</p> <p>Florida ENA Interaction – FCEP is going to do outreach to seek opportunities to work closer on policy initiatives with Florida Emergency Nurses Association.</p> <p>ABEM Update There are 400 ABEM qualified physicians in the state of Florida that are not FCEP members. The Board will have to commit to the recruitment of these physicians. This will include Board Member commitment to utilize phone calls, contact, and personal relationships. The 400 name list will be sent out electronically so Board members can identify and contact individuals that they know personally. FCEP will also plan personal visits with EM group leaders to encourage their involvement. If a member finds someone resistant to FCEP they should find out why, so it can be addressed.</p> <p>AAPS Meeting – Dr. Graber updated members on recent meeting with representatives of AAPS, including their new lobbyist. AAPS will be revising their position on FCEP’s effort, moving forward, to address requirement for EM residency training for AAPS recognition for board certification.</p> <p>EMLRC Update – Dr. Page provided update on the EMLRC building and programs. The new building is intended to house EMLRC and FCEP. FCEP has loaned EMLRC \$100,000 of which EMLRC has been making monthly interest payments on. The original building cost was approximately \$6million. However this has been modified to a “Phased” building plan with the first phase being built to be approximately 7400 sq feet. EMLRC has obtained initial loan approval for \$800,000. Board members discussed options relative to allocation of the loan to building costs with partial ownership, and option to lease FCEP office.</p> <p>Action Beth will provide cost projections for both building up and expanding out. Dr. Friedman motioned that Beth provide FCEP Board with a proposal and/or business plan regarding FCEP’s relationship for purpose of the building; motion seconded and approved.</p>	Action Motion Accepted
6.0	ACEP Update	ACEP Update - Dr. Andy Bern reviewed Scientific Assembly/Councillor meeting. He provided overview of elections and	

		his upcoming bid for reelection to the ACEP Board in 2010.	
7.0	State EMS Medical Director Report	<p>Dr. Nelson reported that the State EMS Strategic Plan is in process to be updated for next 2 yr cycle. Decisions revolve around EMS agenda for future. Florida may also adopt the National Registry national exam as standard at all levels and require national accreditation of training programs. This would help bring in Paramedics from other states.</p> <p>EMSTARS is gaining momentum being incorporated into over fifty percent of EMS agency/Fire Departments..</p>	
8.0	Governmental Affairs Committee Report	<p>Dr. Friedman reviewed the Governmental Affairs Committee meeting. He also provided overview of his visit with Senator Le Mieux held at the Orlando social services/medical clinic. The Center provides approximately 90,000 uninsured care and services. Dr. Friedman indicated the Senator welcomed his update on the amount of emergency care provided to the uninsured.</p> <p>Beth will send a followup letter on behalf of Dr. Friedman.</p> <p>CCE's. EM group letters will be sent to request 2010 CCE support with followup phone call from FCEP leadership. A financial overview of both of FCEP's CCE's was provided.</p> <p>Department of Health Workforce Initiative – Dr Kailes is reviewing. Dr. Lozano and Dr. Bern volunteered to review as well.</p> <p>FCEP Legislative/Regulatory Priorities Toni Large reviewed the Health care Bill Tracking Chart. It will be updated on website on weekly/biweekly basis. Dr. Graber asked that the next FCEP Board conference call include review of the list of proposed bills and prioritized..</p> <p>Review of Legislative Agenda Sovereign Immunity. – It was discussed that FCEP may need to broaden scope to include tort reform rather than solely focus on sovereign immunity. It was recommended that SI be broadened in scope to provide improved tort climate rather than focusing completely on sovereign immunity..</p> <p>Balance billing threat is the priority of FCEP. The Consumer Advocate is supporting limiting or eliminating balance billing to the patient (consumer) for hospital physician based services, including emergency care. Dr. Booth is developing a position statement.</p> <p>Motion that FCEP endorse Ben Graber for Congress; motion seconded and passed.</p>	<p><i>Action</i></p> <p><i>Action</i></p> <p><i>Action</i></p> <p><i>Action</i></p> <p><i>Motion approved</i></p>
9.0	Medical Economics Committee	<p>Billing and Coding Meeting Overview – Dr. Acevedo reviewed the Billing and Coding conference held in September. It was very successful due to quality of speakers and ability to lower the cost using Florida Hospital educational facilities.</p> <p>Balanced Billing. Dr. Booth will work with members of the Medical</p>	

		<p>Economics Committee and Government Affairs Cmte to develop strategy for balance billing legislation.</p> <p>The new ICD-9/10 about to be released will require significant education for all billers and emergency physicians. This may be a pre-conference opportunity for Symposium or separate 1 day program.</p>	
10.0	Academic Affairs Committee	<p>EM Days Review: EM Days is March 8-10, 2010. The program agenda is being developed with the involvement of EMRAF and Gov't Affairs Co-chairs, Toni and staff.</p> <p>Florida Consortium for Academic Emergency Medicine draft document overview was reviewed. The intent is to share expertise in areas of research/education and to collaborate on grant applications. Dr. Gray-Eurom motioned to endorse concept; motion seconded and approved.</p>	<i>Motion Accepted</i>
11.0	Professional Development	<p>Dr. Wayne Barry provided Professional Development Committee report. He shared effort to recruit new/past FCEP members – using list of ABEM physicians acquired from ACEP. This list will also be used by ACEP for a mailing in early December. FCEP will be using the list for recruitment with individual FCEP Board member contact as well as through an EMPulse mailing.</p> <p>Dr. Barry also shared wellness initiative bring undertaken by the Committee. A Chapter grant will be submitted requesting support for a web based resource center on wellness issues for all emergency physicians.</p>	
12.0	EMS Trauma Committee	<p>The meeting of the EMS Trauma committee was well attended. Committee members addressed STEMI as a FCEP issue. At this point, AHA has not shared any proposed legislation. The issue will continue to be monitored.</p> <p>First Responder Program Update. The EMLRC's federal grant to develop Computer Based Training for First Responders was reviewed. The program should go live during the summer of 2010.</p>	
13.0	EMRAF Update	<p>EMRAF is Working on EMDays and Symposium 2010 planning. Each of the Florida residency programs is asked to participate in the planning. The Board discussed encouraging each residency program to support an EMRAF representative to attend ACEP's Legislative and Advocacy Program in 2010. Staff will followup with the programs on this effort.</p>	<i>Action</i>
14.0	Media Public Relations/ EMPulse Update	<p>Preferred Partner Program – Michael Citro reported that the associates with UBS has left and joined the Eaton Group. There is confusion in whether the agreement was with Eaton or UBS or partnership of the two. All FCEP members that were members of UBS have moved over to Eaton. FCEP is currently in process of securing documentation from Eaton group to pursue the partnership platform.</p> <p>Companies selling disability insurance are interested in preferred partnership. FCEP has received a proposal from professional disability Insurance Specialists. This would provide contribution to FCEP in amount of approximately 10% of total sales. There needs to be a Board contact to review company and recommend whether to accept or not accept PDIS as preferred partner. Dr. Plotkin will review and report to the Board for determination on partnership approval..</p>	<i>Action</i>

		Dr. Conley motioned that an EMPulse business plan be developed for 2010 and beyond; motion seconded and approved.	<i>Motion Accepted</i>
15.0	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:40PM	