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President's Message
Heather Heaton, MD, FACEP

Colleagues: I was looking back at the quarter 2 newsletter and reflecting on the weather I commented on (finishing out winter 3, looking towards spring), it is hard to believe that summer seems to be wrapping up now; it came and went too quickly. I'm a Nebraska Cornhusker fan (yes, we are rebuilding) and can almost smell fall and football.

For my department, quarter 3 is always a challenging quarter for us as our volumes surge; quarter 4 brought us no relief last year, but fingers crossed for this year. Flexibility remains the only constant theme. And the need for a community.

ACEP's Scientific Assembly is in San Francisco this year from October 1-4, and it would be great to see you there. The infamous social media personalities [Dr. and Lady Glaucomflecken](#) will be joining us there as keynotes speakers to share their perspectives about the physician, patient, and family experience—I have no doubt their presentation will be memorable. Prior to that, MNACEP Councilors will be in San Francisco for the Council meeting—the Council is a deliberative body of ACEP comprised of members of the chapters, the sections, and various other EM leadership organizations. The Council elects the president-elect and Board of Directors members, plus votes on resolutions, ranging from bylaw changes to resolutions that guide policy development and activities of the College. If you're interested in hearing more about this, or providing input on resolutions that we're deliberating, let me know. Our role is to represent you.

With gratitude for what you do,
Heather

Legislative Update

Buck McAlpin, Legislative Consultant

As we look back on the 2022 legislative session, very little was accomplished by legislators as they wrapped up session. None of the supplemental budget bills passed that would have provided some much-needed additional funding for nursing homes, mental health, and transportation, both emergently and non-emergent. The only piece of legislation in regard to health care that was secured and passed on the final evening of the session was a 400-page policy only bill with no real money attached to that. That bill did provide some important waivers for the ambulance industry around staffing, expired supplies, and re-certification.

At the beginning of the legislative session, the legislature and the Governor focused extensively on workforce issues. The Governor made large proposals of \$100 million plus to bolster training and recruitment of a new engaged workforce that included health care. The MN Senate focused lots of time and money around public safety and lifting the police numbers in MN, offering training dollars and bonus money for retaining current and attracting new law enforcement officers. None of those provisions passed at the end of the day.

On August 9th Minnesota held its primaries across the state with some challenges to incumbent House members and Senators in the MN Legislature. Across the State most primaries continued to favor the incumbents when they were challenged. As we look at the November general election in MN, remember that the House, Senate, Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Treasurer are up for grabs. The major political influence currently still revolves around public safety and the economy as the major factors driving voters in recent polling.

The general election will take place on November 8th this year and will have some long-lasting impacts on who will secure control of the House, Senate, and the Governor's office. Depending on the make-up of the legislature we will see an extensive change in Chairs of Committees in both bodies.

This year we have witnessed one of the largest retirements in the history of the legislature. Over 40 legislators will not seek re-election in 2023, and many of the retirements are from veteran chairs in the Committees.

Also, 12 MN House members will be running for the MN Senate as they seek to move to the higher chamber in 2023.

As we look towards the start of the 2023 legislative session the Policy and Advocacy Committee of MNACEP will continue to meet and discuss our legislative platform.

Welcome New MNACEP Members!

Mitchell Annis
Solana Rose Archuleta, MD
Haleigh A Bodeau, MD
Ethan S Bryce, MD
Sara Katharine Buerk, MD
Tracy Duong Bui
Mitchell Butterbaugh, NRP
Kevin M Casey, DO, FACEP
Taylor M Christian, MD
Taylor L Cross, DO
Alexis del Vecchio, MD
Jlor Dizon
Anthony V Edholm, MD
Emily Ferrari, MD
Hans Gao, MD
Carolyn Geraci, MD
Alexander D Ginsburg, MD
Max Goder-Reiser, MD
Shaun Goodwin, MD
Brian Thomas Gooley, MD
Mackenzie Herzig, DO
Daria Denise Hunter, MD
Kavita John-Pierce, MD
Arthur Jurao, MD
Madison Elizabeth Kahle
Tyler J Koonst, MD
Katherine Kuefler, MD
Donnell Philippe Octavio Lazaro Paulina, MD
Francisco Lazaro-Paulina, MD
Dylan J Leonard, MD
Steven C Mahnke, MD
Nardos H Makonnen, MD
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Jacob R Morey, MD
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Matt Nolan, MD
Emily Marie Poels, MD
Sarah M Raleigh, MD
Elizabeth C Robinson, MD
Rachel H Root, MD
Alora Faye Sager
Alexander Schin, MD
Hamdi Sheikh Said, MD
Meghan Shorter, MD
Yonaton M Siegel-Richman, MD
Peter Thomas Simonse, DO
Evan Smith, MD
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ACEP Resources & Latest News

Monkeypox: Utilize [ACEP's monkeypox resources](#), including the [Monkeypox Field Guide](#) and the [Monkeypox EM Project](#).

The Wait is Over — The No Surprises Act Final Reg is Out!

- The [latest edition of Regs & Eggs](#) highlights some of the major policies and their implications on you as emergency physicians.
- [Read ACEP's comprehensive summary](#) of the final rule of the *No Surprises Act* that came out on August 19. See the specific provisions ACEP has been fighting for and how they were incorporated into the rule.
- **Related study:** [Insurer QPA calculation may violate No Surprises Act](#)

Apply for ACEP's Reimbursement Leadership Development Program by Sept. 8.

ACEP is sponsoring three members to attend several key events in order to train the future leaders in EM reimbursement. Commitment is estimated at 25 days of travel during the 18-month program. [Learn more](#).

Advocating for Physician-Led Care Teams

As part of our advocacy to combat dangerous policies allowing non-physicians to practice medicine without physician supervision, ACEP just released another entry in our My Experience Matters video series. This campaign amplifies the voices of members who began their career in another role on the care team. This time, we hear from Ricki Brown-Forestiere, MD, who began her medical career as a physician assistant. She was told her PA training would prepare her to do pretty much everything a physician does, but nothing could have been further from the truth. [Hear about it in her Doc Blog](#). **Related:** [Learn more about ACEP's efforts](#) to protect the physician-led care team.

Advocacy at Home Toolkit: Connect with your Legislators

Elected officials are back in their districts for the month and our [Advocacy At Home: August Recess Toolkit](#) can help you set and prepare for local meetings with federal legislators or staff. This is a great time to share your stories that personalize our calls for policy changes. Find this toolkit and more helpful resources for speaking with media and legislators in [ACEP's Media Hub](#).

Myth BustED: Patients' Rights in the Emergency Department

ACEP recently launched a "Myth BustED" video series to debunk common misconceptions and educate the public about emergency care. In our first video—[Patients' Rights in the Emergency Room](#)—Dr. Avir Mitra educates patients about laws like EMTALA and the Prudent Layperson Standard that protect access to emergency care. [Watch now to see how ACEP is encouraging patients to always seek care when they need it.](#)

ACEP22 Countdown

There are only 34 days left until the ACEP Scientific Assembly in San Francisco.

While you're in trip-planning mode, keep these recent updates in mind:

- **Get Your Bike Helmet Ready! Dr. and Lady Glaucomflecken** [are speaking at ACEP22!](#) Don't miss these social media sensations as they share their perspectives about the physician, patient and family experience.
- **Family:** [Affordable childcare is available on site](#), but it does require pre-registration so we can ensure appropriate staffing.

Flights: ACEP partner TripEasy could help you [save money on your flights](#) to the Bay Area.

Hotels: Many of our [convention hotels have recently lowered their rates](#). If you've already booked, your rate will automatically be adjusted to reflect the new prices

New Bedside Tools for Posterior Circulation Ischemic Stroke, Cancer Complications

- [Dizzy+](#) is focused on the recognition and treatment of posterior circulation ischemic stroke.
- [ImmunoTox](#) is focused on caring for patients who are experiencing adverse events related to cancer immunotherapy.

Introducing the EM Opioid Advisory Network

Receive clinical guidance, discover tools and resources, and get your questions answered through ACEP's EM Opioid Advisory Network. ACEP's new initiative connects emergency physicians combating the opioid crisis with expert advice on managing Opioid Use Disorder patients presenting in the ED, creating a protocol to initiate buprenorphine, and more. The expert panel is here to help ALL emergency health care professionals, free of charge. [Learn more.](#)

Virtual Grand Rounds: Trauma is coming up Aug. 31. [Register today.](#)

Podcast: Podcast: This week in our ACEP Frontline author series, Dr. Jay Baruch talks about his new book, "**Tornado of Life: A Doctor's Journey Through Constraints and Creativity in the ER.**" [Listen now.](#)

Now Accepting ACEP23 Course Proposals

As we start our countdown to ACEP22 in San Francisco, we're already thinking about ACEP23 in Philadelphia! ACEP's Educational Meetings Subcommittee is now accepting course proposals for the 2023 Scientific Assembly. [Learn more.](#)

In Memoriam: [ACEP remembers emergency medicine pioneer Jim Roberts, MD, FACEP.](#) One of the first five board-certified emergency medicine physicians, Dr. Roberts became a household name in our specialty through his authorship of *Clinical Procedures in Emergency Medicine and Acute Care*, a prominent book that printed seven editions.

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

- Aug. 31:** [Virtual Grand Rounds – Trauma](#)
Aug. 31: Last day to bid on items in the [EMF Silent Auction](#)
Sept. 15: [When We Don't Have Workers, We Need to Change the Work](#)
Sept. 19: [GEDs and Patient Safety Innovations](#)
Sept. 22: [The Challenge of Rural Emergency Care During the Pandemic and After](#)
Sept. 22: [Management of the Well-Appearing Febrile Young Infant: Integrating the AAP Guideline into Practice](#)
Oct. 1-4: [ACEP Scientific Assembly](#) in San Francisco
Oct. 17-22: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\)](#)
Nov. 11: Last day to submit [ACEP23 course proposals](#)
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