

A Newsletter for the Members of the
Tennessee College of Emergency Physicians - Summer 2023

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President's Message
Stanton Elseroad, MD, MBA, FACEP

This is definitely an unprecedented time for the practice of emergency medicine. What encourages me is I know that we will make it better together.

Do many of your colleagues ask what does ACEP do for you? [Here's the best answer.](#)

Most notably an ACEP team including our own Dr. John Proctor saved each ED doc \$800 by fighting for proper RVU compensation.

I have heard from many of you struggling with the mess of contract changes. I know that there is exceptional physician care being provided to many of my friends and family who visit the emergency departments that had these sudden transitions. As

you continue to care for Tennessee, [ACEP has some resources to help you through this](#).

For those of you still struggling with malpractice please review the recent webinar: [“Navigating Legal Concerns During Your APP Transition”](#).

We all know the psychiatric holds are a burden on our ability to provide emergent care. But now the [local media](#) is taking note.

Our own Dr. Sandy Herman continues to [fight for boarding solutions](#) at the system level.

Our own Dr. Ben Smith has a very useful website to electronically write a certificate of need for [involuntary psychiatric commitment](#).

Look forward to seeing all who can join me in Philly! If you spend too much time reuniting with your colleagues, remember virtual [ACEP23](#) is included with your registration this year.

Thanks for the great care day in and day out!

Chapter Bylaws Kenneth Holbert, MD, FACEP

The Bylaws for our state are now approved by the National ACEP Bylaws Committee.

This is resolved a major problem that is existed for the past 6-years. I owe thanks to Sandy Herman and members of the ACEP Bylaws Committee for assistance.



Some of the problems that were resolved this time:

1. The method of delivery of ballots for Board and also the members changed from postal delivery to electronic means. This required modification in a number of different parts.
2. The involvement of candidate members and medical students was vague and sometimes contradictory in the previous Bylaws. These were resolved by allowing candidate members to vote on issues as members and the medical students to be allowed to vote within the committees of which they were members. Voting for officers remains a privilege for members.

Other problems were addressed which you can find by obtaining a copy of the Bylaws from National ACEP.



FROM NATIONAL ACEP



ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP President shares highlights of ACEP victories. In the July issue of *ACEP Now*, Medical Editor in Chief Cedric Dark, MD, FACEP, checks in with ACEP President Chris Kang, MD, FACEP, for the latest on the College's work to address ED boarding, physician burnout, private equity in EM and more. [Read more.](#)

Advocacy victory: In a big win for emergency physicians, changes to the surprise billing process are now in the works. We heard your concerns and used our voice to call out extensive flaws in the law's implementation. This is your dues dollars at work. [Read more.](#)

Latest updates related to the APP closure: In the wake of American Physician Partners' closing, many members need immediate support. Even if you weren't directly impacted, the changing landscape of healthcare brings uncertainty - and ACEP has [tools](#) to help.

- Watch our recent [legal webinar about job transitions](#) to help with contract decisions.
- Access our **new** [contract toolkit](#) with extensive, members-only FAQs about insurance, contracts and legal issues during career transitions

- Email presidentkang@acep.org if you or a colleague has been affected, and share specific circumstances so ACEP can provide tailored assistance.

Your newest member benefit helps with contract review and negotiations! ACEP's new partnership with Resolve gives you free access to real-time salary data, a contract scorecard to rate any new or existing contract, and updates on the current J-1 waiver cycle. ACEP members also get 20% off additional packages from Resolve. [Read more.](#)

Millions in Funding Set for ALTO, MAT Programs. ACEP advocacy resulted in millions of dollars in grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The significant boost for emergency physician-led Alternative to Opioids (ALTO) and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs will help save lives and improve care related to opioid use disorder. ACEP developed and worked to pass the law to establish ALTO and strongly supports MAT expansion, including the recent repeal of the "X-waiver." [Read more.](#)

ICYMI, ACEP releases statements on Diversity and CMGs

On July 14, ACEP issued a [Policy Statement on the Corporate Practice of Medicine](#). ACEP believes the physician-patient relationship is the moral center of medicine. The integrity of this relationship must never be compromised. On July 20, ACEP issued a Joint [Statement from EM organizations on efforts to diversify healthcare](#) professionals in the U.S. [See all policy statements.](#)

ACEP Grassroots Advocacy

ACEP's ED Visit Program

As part of ACEP's federal advocacy efforts, we aim to have as many legislators as possible visit emergency departments in their communities to see first-hand the inner workings of an ED and those patients seeking care in the ED. Members of Congress rely heavily upon input from their constituents when considering issues and making policy decisions. As the front line of our nation's health care delivery system, emergency physicians are well-positioned to educate legislators on a wide range of issues including patient access, public health concerns, rural and inner-city health issues, and quality of care.

ACEP assists in the scheduling and preparation for these visits, including talking points and tips on coordinating the visit with your hospital staff and administration. For more information about hosting an ED visit for your federal legislator, please contact [Jeanne Slade](#) or [Liz Demorest](#) in the ACEP Washington, D.C. Office.

NEMPAC Networking Opportunities at ACEP23:

The NEMPAC Board of Trustees is inviting NEMPAC VIP donors to two exclusive events at ACEP23 – don't miss the opportunity to network with ACEP leaders and colleagues who support emergency medicine advocacy!

NEMPAC VIP Donor Reception

When: Sunday, October 8, 6-8 p.m.

Where: The Liberty View at Independence Visitor Center, 599 Market Street, Philadelphia

How to Receive an Invitation: Donate \$600 (\$365 for transitioning and retired members, \$60 for residents)

NEMPAC “Give-a-Shift” Donor Lounge

When: Monday, October 9 – Wednesday, October 11, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. each day

Where: Philadelphia Convention Center, Level 100, Room 117

How to Receive an Invitation: Donate \$1,200 (\$365 for transitioning and retired members, \$120 for residents)

[Donate to NEMPAC](#) by October 4 or during ACEP23 to join us at the Reception and Lounge!

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Sep. 18: Nominations due for [ACEP's Medical Humanities Writing & Visual Arts Awards](#)

Oct 9-12: [ACEP23](#) Scientific Assembly, Philadelphia, PA

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