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Council of EMS Fellowship Directors  
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Conference Call Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, 2 March 2011

Chair: David Cone, MD

Vice-Chair: Francis Mencl, MD

Vice-Chair: Karl Sporer, MD

1. The meeting was called to order at 14:02 ET by the chair.
2. The meeting notes from the January 12 meeting in Bonita Springs was reviewed – there were no corrections, questions, or concerns.
3. Current status of ACGME work:

A committee of three, chaired by Wallace Carter, is currently working on the draft “Special Requirements” for EMS fellowship programs. The committee is hoping to complete this draft by late spring; after further editing and processing by ACGME, it should be available for public comment sometime this fall. The public comment period is only 45 days long, leaving our group with a fairly small time window to discuss it and prepare comments. NAEMSP would like to submit a single cohesive set of comments representing the best consensus of the nation’s EMS physicians and fellowship directors, to maximize the chances that concerns will be addressed.

David Tan brought up an issue raised by Brian Brown at the recent AAEM meeting: when ACGME assembles the Program Information Form (“PIF”), will the term “resident” still be used – or will the language all be changed to “fellow”? We understand that ACGME simply means “trainee” here – but are their billing implications when an EMS fellow is described in ACGME documents as a “resident”? There was discussion of the analogy to toxicology fellows and their ability to bill for services when functioning as attending physicians – this is a high-priority item for this Council given the tenuous financial state of many fellowship programs.

4. Current status of ABEM work:

The ABEM item-writing task group met for the first time last week in Charlotte, NC to begin the work needed to create the board certification exam. While the work is largely confidential, Ritu Sahni, Jane Brice, and Sandy Bogucki have indicated that the project is still on track to offer the exam for the first time in mid-2013.



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5. Action items:

a. Late summer/early fall: a teleconference will be led by Sal Silvestri and Doug Kupas, both of whom have years of experience as EM residency directors, regarding ACGME processes, PIFs, surviving the accreditation process, etc.

b. The next in-person meeting of the Council is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, 11 January 2012, 14:00 MT, on the “pre-day” of the NAEMSP Annual Meeting in Tucson AZ. If there is not a substantial amount of work to be done, the meeting may be moved later in the afternoon to maximize the ability of members to get to Tucson that day, rather than arriving on Tuesday and having to pay for an additional hotel night.

c. Conference calls will be scheduled to rotate day of week, week of month, and time of day to avoid completely blocking participants with standing commitments. Most of the work of the group will likely be done by e-mail and perhaps document discussions boards / blogs through Google Groups, as it may be difficult to get useful work done on conference calls with large numbers of participants.

6. Additional discussion:

Chris Martin-Gill (Chair, NAEMSP Fellows & Fellowship Graduates Committee) will be circulating a survey shortly via SurveyMonkey to try to gather up-to-date information on existing programs. His committee will remain in charge of keeping the roster of fellowship programs. His e-mail address is [martingillc2@upmc.edu](mailto:martingillc2@upmc.edu), and Council members are welcome to send him updated fellowship listing information at any time.

David Schoenwetter has assembled a draft survey regarding the resources available at fellowship programs – so that programs can potentially share resources. This survey will also be circulated in the next few weeks.

7. The conference call was adjourned at 14:28 ET.