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**Notes from ACEP21 Boston**  
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**MT ACEP President**

It is hard to summarize an intense week of Council, elections and scientific meetings, so I will share just a few brief words on ACEP 2021. During the summer, there was some doubt whether the conference would go on in person as scheduled or not. After a great deal of ongoing planning and institution of safety protocols, ACEP Council and the Scientific Assembly came to Boston as scheduled!

ACEP Council had a record number of resolutions presented for deliberation, so it was a full and busy agenda. One prominent theme included a number of resolutions surrounding the practice of emergency medicine by non-physicians, the importance of physician-led teams (and board-certified emergency physicians) in emergency medicine, and the oversight of the practice of medicine by boards of medicine. There was a clear mandate by the Council for ACEP education about and promotion of the role of emergency physicians, including increased workforce transparency.

After our experience in the last 20 months or so, telemedicine/telehealth topics were discussed a number of times. Clearly, having leveraged this technology during COVID has been the “proof of concept” spurring us to continue finding efficient means of providing best care. Telemedicine is here to stay, and the Council wishes ACEP to continue exploring best means of using these technologies, especially in rural and low volume emergency departments.

**At least 4 adopted resolutions directly related to the practice of emergency medicine in rural areas.** Rural emergency departments take care of some of our most at-risk patients, yet are less frequently staffed by ABEM/AOBEM physicians. ACEP will be taking up the concept of rural provider support as well as specific training to better prepare EM physicians for the broad array of challenges that face the rural and frontier providers. Concepts discussed were recruitment, equity of pay and rural training pathways, among others.

A full compendium of the resolutions taken up by council [can be found here](#). If you are interested in the progress of action taken on this year's adopted resolutions (or any past year's resolution), [that can be found here](#).

Elections held during Council resulted in Dr. Chris Kang becoming the new ACEP President-elect, to join President Gillian Schmitz. Dr. Kang has long been an advocate for ACEP support of small chapters and EMS issues. Dr. Rami Khoury from Michigan and Dr. Heidi Knowles from Texas were newly elected to serve on the ACEP Board. And finally, Dr. Melissa Costello from Alabama was selected as the new Vice-speaker for the coming term, bringing her wealth of Council experience to the podium to lead us efficiently through future debate and deliberations. If you are interested in the full composition of the Board or Council officers, [check out this press release](#).

As we approached this year's Scientific Assembly, it was unclear how well attended it might be with the uncertainties of travel, large gatherings and COVID. While not at the recordbreaking numbers of recent years, the attendance reflected our desire to meet and share with each other the experiences and challenges we have all had since we last met 2 years ago in Denver.

Even if you were unable to attend in person or online, you can still avail yourself of the incredible wide array of topics presented by registering for [Virtual ACEP](#), with over 200 hours of CME credit available.

During my time in Boston, I was able to have personal discussions with the ACEP President Gillian Schmitz, President-elect Chris Kang, and a number of Board members to discuss the challenges of small chapters and rural practice. These are topics that are definitely on their radar this year. This is a moment for Montana to take advantage of this emphasis and get the support of our College on issues that affect us most. I believe there may also be opportunities to share our experiences with other small chapters and to bring our common concerns to the forefront. Let's take advantage of this chance to engage ACEP fully and utilize the power of our membership to improve emergency medicine in Montana.

Finally, I'd like to ask if you have special interests or passions within emergency medicine? Recruitment and retention in rural practice? Critical care transport in the mountain west? COVID challenges and solutions? ED boarding? We welcome your thoughts and would enjoy including them in a future newsletter. Just reach out and we can tell you how to contribute.

Stay safe and well as we enter the 'interesting' flu season which lays ahead.  
/Harry

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## Welcome New MT ACEP Members!

Timothy Bikman, DO  
David Birdsall, MD  
Jack T Branston, MD  
Kelly Jean Dewey, DO  
Aron Haire, DO  
Tyler J Hurst, DO  
Tanner Kovacs, Kovacs  
Thomas Olejnik, DO  
William F Selde, FACEP, FACEP  
Zach Sturges, MD  
Zach M Zemore, MD

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## FROM NATIONAL ACEP



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### Featured News

#### "We cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together"

In her address to the ACEP Council on Oct. 24, 2021, ACEP President Dr. Gillian Schmitz outlined her vision and approach as the College's new leader. [Watch her speech.](#)

#### EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- [Emergency Physicians Explore the Future of the Emergency Medicine Workforce](#) (ACEP Now, 10/25/21)
- [2021 Survey of the Emergency Medicine Job Market](#) (ACEP Now, 10/18/21)
- Get the latest workforce updates at [www.acep.org/workforce](http://www.acep.org/workforce).
- Visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

#### Regulatory News:

- [Status Update: ACEP Actions to Push Back Against Flawed No Surprises Act Regulation](#) (11/18/21)

- [Breaking down the Biden Administration's new vaccine mandates: How do they impact you?](#) (11/11/21)
- [Emergency Physicians Call on Biden Administration to Amend Interim Final Rule on Surprise Billing](#) (11/9/21)
- [The 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Final Reg: Highlights and Perspective](#) (11/4/21)

### **EM Physicians Join Forces to Create Award-Winning COVID-19 Field Guide**

In [this video](#), ACEP members tell the origin story of the award-winning [COVID-19 Field Guide](#), a valuable resource that has been utilized by emergency clinicians in more than 160 countries.

### **Rescue Team Doctor at the Surfside Condo Collapse Shares Experience**

In this [ACEP Now article](#), Dr. Benjamin Abo gives a firsthand account of what it was like for the urban search and rescue teams that responded to the Surfside condo collapse. (Plus, get bonus content from Dr. Abo on this month's [ACEP Nowcast](#).)

## **ACEP Member Benefits**

### **A Checklist to Help You Negotiate The Best Employment Contract**

Employment contracts are complex and often difficult to navigate. [This checklist](#) is designed to help you consider all the right questions when reviewing any employment contract you receive.

### **Legal and Financial Support Services**

For just \$15 per year, ACEP members can access Mines & Associates' [legal and financial support assistance](#). This service includes unlimited 30-minute in-person consultation for each individual legal matter, unlimited telephonic 30-minute consultation per financial matter, and 25% discount on select legal and financial services all with MINES network legal and financial professionals.

For more employment contract & job hunt resources, visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

## **Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines**

**Nov. 29-Dec. 4:** [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\) Workshop](#)

**Dec. 4:** Last day to submit your videos for the [TikDoc Challenge](#)

**Dec. 16:** [Alleviating the Pain: Managing Sickle Cell Patients](#)

**Jan. 17-19:** [Reimbursement & Coding Conference](#)

**Jan. 18:** [Advanced EM Ultrasonography Exam Review Course](#)



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Virtual ACEP21 allows you to:

- Keep track of your CME with ACEP's CME Tracker
- Download PDFs of presenters' slides
- View the Research Forum poster hall
- Earn over 200 CME credits for three years

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- On-demand courses are available until October 24, 2024.
- CME Certificates will reflect "ACEP21 Scientific Assembly" with a sub-title of the individual course name.

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