

The Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Conference Call  
January 22, 2013

Minutes

**Members Present:**

Juan Acosta, D.O., MS, FACOEP – President  
Peter Kaplan – Vice President  
Sherry Turner, D.O. – Treasurer  
Steve Hollosi, D.O.  
Joe Kissinger, CASE  
William F. Lynch, Jr.  
Victor Scali, D.O., FACOEP-D  
Robert E. Suter, D.O., FACOEP-D, FIFEM  
Janice Wachtler, BA, CBA, Executive Director  
Douglas Webster, D.O., FACOEP-D  
Stephanie Whitmer, Director of Development

**Not Present:**

Mike Allswede, D.O.  
David Levy, D.O., FACOEP – ACOEP Board Liaison

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The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by Juan Acosta, D.O., MS, FACOEP - President. A motion was made to accept the minutes from October 15, 2012 and November 27, 2012. The motion was duly seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Turner, D.O. reported that FOEM has over \$100,000.00 in its checking account and that it is her opinion that some of the money be moved to a short term money market account or an interest bearing checking account. The board agreed and Dr. Turner and Ms. Wachtler agreed to follow up on this initiative.

Run for Research

On April 3, 2013 the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual FOEM 5K Run for Research will take place in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Because of the difficulty is soliciting a sponsor for this event, the board decided to contact some of its vendors and ask a group of them to donate \$1000.00 instead of the full \$5000.00 package. This would give them advertisement on the back of the t-shirts, as well as recognition in The Pulse. Jan Wachtler agreed to write letters to some of the main vendors requesting their participation in this endeavor. As far as planning this event, Joe Kissinger recommended that Stephanie Whitmer contact Nora Gorman of

the Ft. Lauderdale Convention Bureau for assistance. Ms. Whitmer agreed to follow up on this. The board discussed the pledge forms that were distributed to all runners and decided that the top fundraiser would get 2 tickets to the 2013 Legacy Gala as well as recognition at the ACOEP Membership Meeting in the spring.

### 2013 Case Study Poster Competition

The 2013 Case Study Poster Competition will take place on April 3, 2013 in Ft. Lauderdale. In order to encourage quality, the board decided to only accept the top 25 posters. However, it was decided that all applicants be allowed to hang their poster on site to encourage involvement with FOEM and its mission. The top 25 posters will be recognized with a "Presenter" tag with their timeslot. Dr. Hollosi volunteered to emcee the event and Dr. Turner offered to be the official timer.

### Sponsorships

As of right now, FOEM has no sponsorships officially secured for 2013. Because sponsorship revenue accounted for 48% of the Foundation's revenue in 2012, this should be viewed as a serious problem. In order to remedy this, Ms. Whitmer volunteered to create a FOEM Sponsorship Database that lists all potential sponsors, their involvement (if any) with FOEM in the past, and which board member might be a good fit to make the ask. The database will be on the FOEM portal so that the FOEM board can be more prepared to make the ask. Dr. Scali reported that he is trying to secure TeamHealth again as presenting corporate sponsor of the 2013 Legacy Gala.

### CAMC Grant

In 2011, FOEM awarded the Charleston Area Medical Center a research grant for their study on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. If CAMC is not planning on publishing the paper, FOEM could publish it in The Pulse. Dr. Hollosi volunteered to follow up with them to determine if they are planning on publishing.

### FOEM Research Network

Dr. Scali reported on the status of the FOEM Research Network. Ms. Whitmer has removed the segregated totals section from the survey, and redistributed it to the Program Directors asking for their participation. Currently, Premier Heart is using the FRN in a national study on chest pain utilizing a new device. In order to get the word out and encourage full participation, Dr. Scali agreed to submit an article for the April 2013 issue of The Pulse.

### Elections

Because the Foundation has been operating without a full board, all terms were suspended indefinitely until all spots were filled. As a result of the 4 new board members in 2013, FOEM is ready to hold elections again and set new term limits for all the board members. Elections will take place at the April 2013 meeting of the Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine.

## Grant Handbook

Because 2013 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine, FOEM is celebrating by marketing their Grant Program in hopes of giving a large grant to commemorate the anniversary. To this end, Ms. Whitmer had edited and distributed the FOEM Grant Handbook to the board via email. After review, the board approved the changes and asked Ms. Whitmer to publish the Handbook on the website.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Whitmer  
Assistant Executive Director