

**Foundation for Osteopathic Emergency Medicine
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Conference Call
August 27, 2013**

Minutes

Members Present:

Sherry Turner, D.O., FACOEP, President
Peter J. Kaplan, Vice President
William F. Lynch, Secretary
Juan Acosta, D.O., MS, Ph.D., FACOEP-D, Immediate Past President
Steve Hollosi, D.O.
Victor J. Scali, D.O., FACOEP-D
Robert Suter, D.O., FACOEP-D
Janice Wachtler, BAE, CBA, Executive Director

Members Excused:

Michael Allswede, D.O.
Joseph Kissinger
Douglas Webster, D.O., FACOEP-D, Treasurer
Stephanie Whitmer, Associate Executive Director

Members Absent:

Rudolph Bescherer, Jr., D.O., FACOEP

The call was convened by Sherry Turner, D.O., FACOEP, President, at 2:05 p.m. who took attendance to ensure that a quorum was established. At this time she entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2013 Conference Call as written. A motion was made and duly seconded and the Minutes were approved.

President's Report. Dr. Turner stated that she was in the office in early August and taped individual video 'thank you cards' to past supporters and that these were posted on the Foundation's Facebook page as well as sent to the individual donors. These have been very well accepted.

Vice President's Report – Mr. Kaplan stated that he is working on issues related to the Gala and hope to have that wrapped up shortly.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Lynch stated that he and Ms. Wachtler visited the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel and working with the hotel and ACOEP's Event staff to find the ideal place for the Gala. Initially it was to be within the ACOEP's main conference room; however, the turnaround time between the Fellowship Ceremony, the Gala's Reception and the Gala itself was too short to adequately turn this room. The hotel was looking at moving functions to allow the Gala location to be set well before the end of the reception. Mr. Lynch also stated that they are currently auditioning a band for the function and would like to have approval to spend between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to hire a band.

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A motion was made and seconded to allocate a maximum of \$4,000 to hire a band and do appropriate lighting for the Gala. This was duly seconded and approved.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Wachtler stated that she was working with Macy's to determine if we could purchase ¼ lb Frango Mints at cost to supply as gifts. She would have more information within the first few weeks of September.

St. Barnabas Request for Funding – The Board discussed the request for funding by St. Barnabas Hospital grant request. The grant was for support of research on the role humidity played in overall health of patients with COPD specifically those who are cocaine dependent. The grant would have two sites, NYC and Denver. The original questions about Dr. Olsen being the primary investigator and no longer employed at the site were answered by the institution. Finally after much discussion the Board felt it could not support this as it did not directly relate to the improvement or advancement of emergency care.

A motion was made and duly seconded to **not support** this grant request. A vote was taken and this motion to **disapprove** was supported.

Paper scoring – the Board has several members who questioned the scoring techniques and what their responsibility is in the process. The questions were clarified and the members satisfied.

Dr. Turner announced that she would be in Chicago for RQII on September 3rd and she would report on this committee at the next conference call at the end of September.

Dr. Turner asked that a request be submitted to the program directors to solicit judges for the various events from the core faculty of the residency programs. Ms. Wachtler stated that this would be done before week's end.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Wachtler
Executive Director