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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

Come on spring! As we are starting to see the COVID positivity rates and hospitalizations decline across the country, there may be a little relief afoot. I want to thank and continue to encourage all my EM colleagues. Many of us will have long lasting scars from the last 2- years but there is a possibility that the worst is behind us.

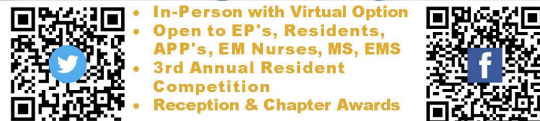
Maryland ACEP continues to work hard for our members and keep you abreast of key issues impacting our specialty. As you may know, for the second year our legislative reception at the Red, Red, Wine Bar in Annapolis was cancelled due to COVID-19. Historically we would discuss pertinent issues with our legislators. If we are lucky, we will be able to hold this fantastic in-person event next year. In lieu of this, we will hold virtual legislative advocacy sessions with key legislators. This was very successful last year.

A key victory for Maryland ACEP this winter was our effectiveness in raising the awareness of a recent decision by Optum (Maryland's Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization) to deny payments for Emergency Department professional claims with a behavioral or mental health diagnosis, unless the treating physicians were certified in behavioral health. Optum was denying payments citing that the ED physician was not certified as a mental health provider. Maryland ACEP

raised this issue to the Maryland Department of Health, and we were able to have this reversed. Optum will now reprocess claims that were previously denied if the denial was solely because the treating clinician in the ED was not certified in behavioral health.

Our major focus currently is on our Educational Conference on Thursday, April 21st. We are hoping to see you there in-person or virtually. There will be more information regarding the conference along with some great content in this edition. Be well friends.

News Education Committee
2022 Educational Conference & Annual Meeting
Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP



- In-Person with Virtual Option
- Open to EP's, Residents, APP's, EM Nurses, MS, EMS
- 3rd Annual Resident Competition
- Reception & Chapter Awards

This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

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[Registration is open!](#)

We are planning a hybrid event allowing for in-person and virtual participation, though we hope to see you there in person.

Current ACEP President, [Dr. Gillian Schmitz](#), will be providing an ACEP update.

Join us for the 3rd Annual Resident Competition. It's back again this year. Competition for the [Linder Cup](#) looks to be fierce this year!

Take advantage of the Early Bird pricing - open until Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The code is EarlyBird22.

Finally, we hope, COVID allowing, to end the day with a Happy Hour where committee representatives will be available for those that would like to get more involved in Maryland ACEP. 2022 is looking to be a great conference so we hope to see you on Thursday, April 21st.

HOT TOPIC: Workplace Violence

Are you a Victim of Workplace Violence?

It is clear to the leaders of Maryland ACEP and the Maryland ENA that the staff of Emergency Departments are the victims of workplace violence. However, nobody

knows the full extent of the violence since it is underreported, and most of the assailants are not charged or arrested. In order to be more effective in advocating for you to our state legislative, it would be incredibly helpful if you would help us in collecting data on workplace violence. Below is a link and QR code that will take you to a simple form where you can report an incident of workplace violence.

It would be greatly appreciated if you can post this article and the below flyer in your breakrooms and share with your physician and nursing staff. We would like to have broad reporting of all incidents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP](#).

The link to the survey is [here](#).

The flyer can be downloaded [here](#).



News Legislative & Public Policy Committee
Theresa E. Tasse, MD
Danna Kauffman - Chapter Lobbyist

The 2022 General Assembly began on January 12, 2022. Given the surge in COVID-19 cases, the General Assembly will once again begin in a virtual mode. Currently, the Senate plans to return to a modified in-person mode around February 14th, depending on health metrics. Unfortunately, due to the virtual format and the uncertainty moving forward, MDACEP cancelled its annual Legislative Reception at Red, Red Wine Bar for the second year. MDACEP will be working with members to schedule meetings (i.e., virtual meetings) with legislators, like last Session.

In addition, to once again being virtual, this Session is unique in that the General Assembly will be discussing the redistricting maps for the State, an exercise that occurs once every 10-years, as well as preparing for re-election. Many veteran legislators, such as Chair Shane Pendergrass (House Health and Government Operations), Chair Maggie McIntosh (House Appropriations) and Chair Delores Kelley (Senate Finance) have announced their retirements after this Session, setting the stage for new leadership announcements for the 2023 Session. Besides redistricting, other hot topics will be the legalization of recreational cannabis, the use of the projected 2023 budget surplus and climate change. As usual, MDACEP leadership will continue its efforts to review any legislation introduced that affects the practice of emergency medicine.

Weekly Legislative Meetings

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Join us for our weekly Legislative Meetings held with the chapter Lobbyists - [Danna Kauffman](#).

When, where, and how long will the meetings be held?

Every Monday @ 1PM EST. Via Zoom and until Monday, April 4th.

Who can join the meeting?

Any member of the chapter is welcome to join and voice your opinion on any bill the chapter is considering supporting/not-supporting.

If you would like Danna or the chapter to add you to the list of members who are getting reports during the legislative session, please send an email to the chapter at md.chapter@acep.org.

News Nominations Committee **Orlee I. Panitch, MD, FACEP (Chair)** **Kerry Forrestal, MD, FACEP (Co-Chair)**

Run for an open position on the Chapter Board. We've extended the deadline for you to run for an open position.

The deadline is Wednesday, February 9th @ midnight.

The positions that are up for election are the following: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Director (4-positions), Resident Representative (1-one resident from each of the ACGME or AOA approved emergency medicine residency programs based in Maryland), Councillor (5-positions), Alternate Councillor (7-positions).

If you are interested in becoming part of the Maryland Chapter Board, please send your current curriculum vitae to the Nominations Committee. Your CV can be sent via [email](#) and use our [candidate form](#) to answer a few questions about your interest.

A final list of the newly elected Chapter Board Members will be presented during the Maryland ACEP Chapter Educational Conference & Annual Meeting that will be held on Thursday, April 21st.

[Run Here](#)

2022 Chapter Award Nominations

Nominate a colleague for a chapter award. We are extending the deadline for you to nominate one of your colleagues for a chapter award. We really don't want the great work of your colleagues across the state to go unrecognized.

Awards will be issued during the educational conference & annual meeting that will be held on Thursday, April 21st.

The deadline to nominate for an award is Wednesday, February 9th @ midnight.

The awards that will be issued are the following:

**Advanced Practice Provider of the Year
Chairperson of the Year
Clinician of the Year
Emergency Medicine Nurse of the Year
EMS Physician of the Year
Legislator of the Year
Physician of the Year
Resident of the Year**

A description of each award can be found [here](#). Award recipients are encouraged to attend the educational conference in-person or virtually at which time you will be recognized for the award.

[Nominate Here](#)

Upcoming Chapter Event



**Friday, March 11th
10:30AM EST**

Virtually - Zoom

All members are welcome to attend this meeting. The link to join via Zoom will be shared, via email, prior to the date. Or [contact](#) the chapter if you are interested in attending.

For a list of future chapter events, click [here](#).

News New Chief Medical Officer Howard University Hospital

Join us in congratulating our very own Chapter President, Dr. Robert Linton, for his new role of Chief Medical Officer at Howard University Hospital.

[Read more details here](#).

Did you Know?

Did you know that National ACEP continually cares about your well-being, education, & strives to find ways to make your practice of emergency medicine easier for you? Read more details below.

[Bedside Tool - Hyper K](#)
[PEERcert+ Advanced Ultrasound](#)
[#BikERdocs](#)
[Low-RISK DVT](#)
[CORD 2022 Academic Assembly](#)

Welcome New Members

A special welcome to the new members of the Maryland Chapter and to those that renewed their membership with the chapter. We are excited to have you!

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