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## Chapter Newsletter

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### President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

As I look back & close out my term as President of the Chapter, I am still amazed at how we pulled through a very difficult pandemic.

As your new President takes over after our Thursday, April 21st Educational Conference & Annual Meeting, please be assured he, with the support of a strong

Chapter Board, will continue to fight for you & emergency medicine in Maryland.

### Workplace Violence

Please continue to report any workplace issues you are facing in the emergency department, encourage your staff to do the same, and spread the word across your emergency department. MDACEP is working on collecting data that we are hopeful will be useful when presenting our stance in-front of legislators. Read more about how we are collecting the data in the article below.

### Educational Conference

We are just about a month away for our in-person Educational Conference & Annual Meeting. Planning is under way and we have no doubt that you will enjoy the speaker line-up.

If you haven't already done so, register for the conference, get your CME, come watch as we issue chapter awards to our well deserving colleagues, and join us for the happy hour that will be held afterwards. Read more about the conference in Dr. Bond's article below.

### Legislative Meetings

Until Monday, April 4th we will be holding weekly standing meetings during the session. We need your voice. Please join us and let us know what you think should

be our stance regarding issues affecting emergency medicine in Maryland. More details are listed in the article below.

### **Chapter Board Meetings**

I wanted to remind you that all chapter members are welcome to attend any Chapter Board Meeting. If you would like more information about our 2022 Chapter Board Meetings, [please reach out](#).

Have a great year and see you on Thursday, April 21st!

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## ***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](#).



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**News Education Committee**  
**Michael C. Bond, MD, FAAEM, FACEP**

The Maryland ACEP Chapter Education Committee has planned an exciting Educational Conference & Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 21st at the [BWI Airport Marriott](#). We hope that you can join us in-person, but we will have a hybrid option where you can watch the live stream from home. We promise a great lunch and are planning on a Happy Hour to end the day so you can interact with your Emergency Medicine colleagues.

ACEP President, Dr. Gillian Schmitz, will present a national ACEP update. We will get updates on billing changes coming in 2023, along with talks on syncope, GI Bleeds and massive transfusions, care of Transgender patients, and how documentation disasters can cause medicolegal nightmares. For a full list of lectures that qualify for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* please click [here](#).

[Register here](#)

Finally, if you would like to join the Education Committee and help plan next year's conference or help us come up with other educational activities to improve the Emergency Medicine care in Maryland, please reach out to [Michael Bond](#) or [Adriana Alvarez](#). All are welcome!

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**News Nominations Committee**  
**Orlee I. Panitch, MD, FACEP**

The Nominations Committee would like to present a slate of candidates. They are the following:

Officers shall serve a term of 1-year and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of 2-two consecutive terms in any one office. There is 1-one President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer position open. You will need to vote for 1-one President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Executive Board Candidates (Officers)**

**President:** [Michael A. Silverman, MD, FACEP](#)

**President-Elect:** [Michael C. Bond, MD, FACEP, FAAEM](#)

**Secretary:** [Kerry Forrestal, MD, MBA, FACEP](#)

**Treasurer:** [Suzanna Martin, MD, PhD, FACEP](#)

Directors shall serve a term of 2-years, contingent upon maintenance of membership in the Chapter, and each such Director shall be eligible to serve a maximum of 2-two consecutive terms. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Immediate Past President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 6-six elected Directors, all elected from the regular membership. There are 4-four open positions for Chapter Board of Directors. You will need to vote for 4-four Board of Directors.

**Board of Director Candidates**

[Dov Frankel, MD, FACEP](#)

[Jonathan L. Hansen, MD, FACEP](#)

[Reginald M. Brown, MD](#)

[Timothy P. Chizmar, MD, FACEP](#)

Councillors shall be elected by the Chapter to 2-year terms, but no Councillor may serve, or be nominated as a candidate by the Committee on Nominations, for more than 3-three consecutive 2-two-year terms, except by a vote of three-quarters of the Chapter members present and voting at the annual meeting. There are 5-five open positions for Councillor. You will need to vote for 5-five Councillors only.

#### **Councillor Candidates**

[Jonathan L. Hansen, MD, FACEP](#)

[Karen Dixon, MD, FACEP](#)

[R. Gentry Wilkerson, MD, FACEP](#)

[Timothy P. Chizmar, MD, FACEP](#)

[Kathleen D. Keeffe, MD, FACEP](#)

[Sydney E. DeAngelis, MD, FACEP](#)

The regular members of the Chapter may also elect 7-seven Alternate Councillors for each Councillor, who may be made available for seating when the Councillor is not present. There are 7-seven Alternate Councillor position open. For this term, you will need to only vote for 1-Alternate Councillor. However, write-in nominations are allowed.

#### **Alternate Councillor Candidates**

[Sydney E. DeAngelis, MD, FACEP](#)

Write-In Nominations are Allowed

The deadline to vote is Friday, April 1st at midnight.

**\*Please do not forward your ballot and vote twice. If a ballot is forwarded, only the first vote submitted will be recorded - one ballot - one vote!**



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

The 2022 General Assembly has passed the halfway mark. Several members have testified in support of several bills on behalf of Maryland ACEP. Dr. Robert Linton, President of MDACEP, **testified on House Bill 293/Senate Bill 241: Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund**, which establishes the 9-8-8 Trust Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline and developing and implementing a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of the continuum of behavioral health crisis response services. Dr. Kyle Fischer **testified on House Bill 1005/Senate Bill 350: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Community Violence Prevention Services**. This bill requires Medicaid to provide “community violence prevention services” beginning July 1, 2023. It is noteworthy that Dr. Fischer worked in other states to design similar programs. Dr. Mike Murphy **testified on House Bill 1154: Criminal Law - Felony Second-Degree Assault - Emergency Medical Care Workers**, which makes assaulting a worker providing care in an emergency department a second-degree felony assault. Maryland ACEP thanks you for taking the time to represent us on these important issues before the General Assembly.

As the General Assembly enters the next half of Session, MDACEP is pleased to announce that the proposed FY2023 budget returns E&M reimbursement codes to 100% of Medicare and provides an additional \$1.4 million in the Loan Assistance Repayment Program. These were priority issues for MDACEP. So far, the General Assembly has been supportive of both funding allocations. MDACEP will continue to advocate for our physicians up until adjournment of the General Assembly on April 11th.

Our advocacy does not stop there - it will continue through the interim to ensure that our priority issues continue to be addressed in the 2023 Session.

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**House Bill 293/Senate Bill 241**  
**Kyle Fischer, MD, MPH, FACEP**

The Maryland General Assembly is back in session! Although COVID-19 still looms large, the legislators have gone hybrid, resuming some in person activities. Personally, I found this to be a welcome change as I made a trip to Annapolis to testify for Senate Bill 350: Maryland Medical Assistance Program Community Violence Prevention Services.



Anyone that has met me knows I am passionate about building better systems of care for violently injured patients. Medicine's historical "treat 'em and street 'em" approach has led to untreated post-traumatic stress disorder, repeat injuries, and retaliatory violence. That is why I was excited to make the trip to speak in favor of SB350, a bill that creates new insurance benefits for these patients to ensure coordinated, comprehensive care after injury.

Despite COVID precautions, the hearing felt the same as prior sessions. You have two minutes to speak uninterrupted, followed by a few questions from interested legislators. Democracy in action! For any ACEP member that hasn't testified on a bill before, I highly recommend it. MDACEP's Public Policy Committee meets weekly during session to review relevant bills and make sure our voice is heard.

Please join us. Your voice matters!



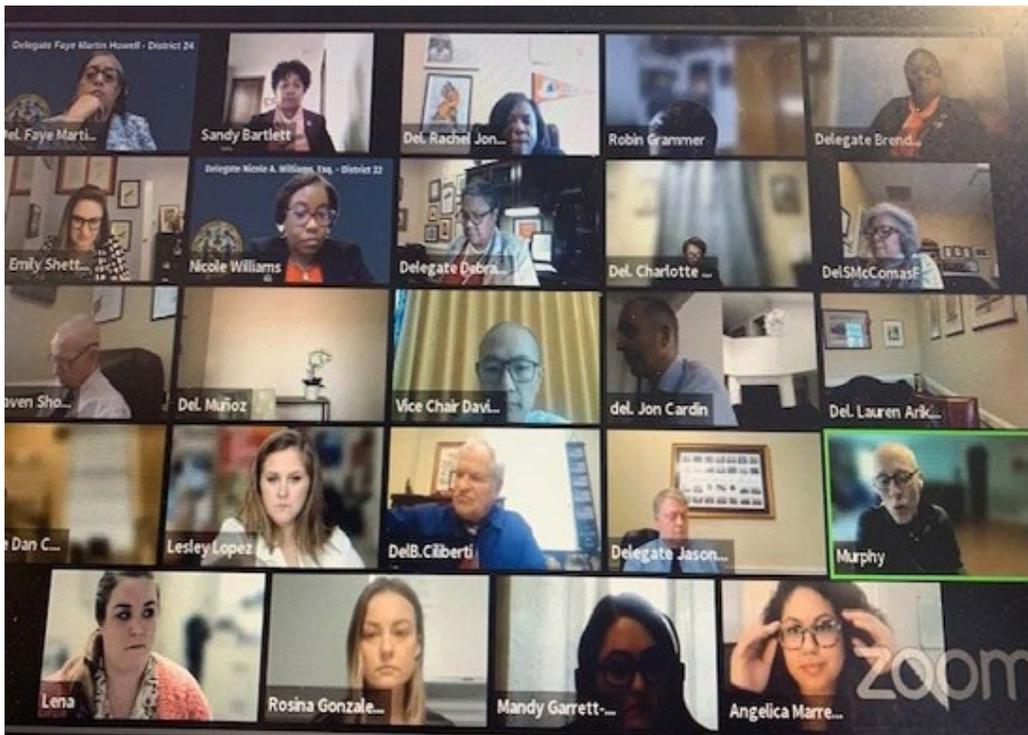
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**House Bill 1154**  
**Michael P. Murphy, MD, FACEP**



I recently testified in favor of HB 1154, a bill that would make assaulting Emergency Healthcare Workers a felony--we would be added to a bill that already punishes anyone who assaults a Law Enforcement Officer or Pre-hospital Provider. This is the second time I have testified on behalf of this type of bill and I think it went better this time than it did 3-years ago.

Believe it or not, I don't think this bill is a "slam-dunk" to get passed. There is tremendous antipathy by many delegates to add felony charges to any situation, no matter how obvious it may seem to us. Three years ago, there was much more contention coming from the delegates than this year. The ENA members did a great job painting a picture that shows the risks we take with dangerous patients. I'm not convinced that will be enough. Take the time to call your delegate and let them know they should support HB 1154. Thanks to Danna Kauffman for your help in preparing. I would encourage everyone to get involved with the legislative process. It's important and you can make a difference!



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## Weekly Legislative Meetings

### Weekly Legislative Meetings

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](mailto:md.chapter@acep.org).

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## **NOTICE:** Updated Chapter Bylaws

### What are Chapter Bylaws?

Chapter Bylaws are a guide to the structure of the chapter, including how the chapter is governed, its object or purpose, how someone can become a member, the duties and obligations of members, the officers and how they are elected and for what term of office, how often there must be business meetings, the names of standing committees, the name of the parliamentary authority, and how the Bylaws are amended.

As many of you know, the Maryland ACEP Chapter is a non-profit organization that functions by following its Chapter Bylaws. Chapter Bylaws are required to stay in compliance with not only national ACEP's Bylaws but also with the state.

For this reason, this year the Maryland ACEP Chapter Board worked diligently with national ACEP's Bylaws Committee Members to update the Chapter Bylaws. Per the Chapter Bylaws and as a member of the chapter, read & prepare to vote on the updated version during a Chapter Annual Meeting.

The Chapter Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21st from 11:50AM-1:00PM EST. Please join us for the Annual Meeting where we will vote to approve the newly updated Chapter Bylaws.

[Updated Chapter Bylaws](#)  
[Registration](#)

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