

A Newsletter for the Members of the Louisiana Chapter - Fall 2021



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**President's Message**

**Michael D. Smith, MD, MBA, CPE, FACEP**

Welcome back from ACEP21. It was nice after almost two years of the pandemic to travel, interact with colleagues, and participate in ways other than Zoom meetings. While the Scientific Assembly was held as a hybrid model, the majority of the council meeting was in person.

Your Louisiana Chapter submitted several resolutions for consideration during the Council meeting. They centered on issues we have dealt with heavily during the past year such as scope of practice creep, transparency to patients, and even went more ambitious with member-oriented elections and College representation issues.

The important thing is that, despite adoption or not of these resolutions, we remain a loud voice within the College. We need to learn from this Council meeting and prepare to submit new resolutions for the next one. We also must be proactive with the state legislature and be prepared for a new onslaught of scope of practice threats to our patients. We must maintain that the physician is the leader of the care team and the only one qualified to practice independently.

And we must do this while keeping the pandemic in mind despite numbers. Thankfully falling for most of us. This is compounded by the effects of Ida still being felt.

I wish you a calm Thanksgiving and holiday season and look forward to a bright 2022.

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### **Louisiana ACEP 2021 Council Report**

Debbie Fletcher, MD, FACEP, LA Councilor

Your Louisiana ACEP chapter was very active this year for council. Overall, there were a record number of resolutions submitted to council - 82 (and average is typically 40-50). Louisiana chapter submitted 11 of the 82, in addition to a few others submitted by those of us working with other individuals and sections. The overarching theme of our resolutions was to improve the ED life of working EM docs. We focused on issues of transparency, conflicts of interest, scope of practice encroachment, promoting EM physicians in marketing campaign, among others.

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### **LSMS Inauguration Speech HOD 2021**



William Freeman, MD

"These are the times that try men's souls: The summer soldier and sunshine patriot will, in this crisis shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

These immortal words were penned by Thomas Paine in his pamphlet entitled "The American Crisis." The winter of 1776 was a time in this country's history when the Revolutionary War was not going well. Things seemed bleak. George Washington's troops had lost major battles in August and as a result had lost New York City to the British. Between September and December over 11,000 troops had given up and were returning home. George Washington's army was wintering at McKonkey's Ferry, and the majority of his troops had service contracts that expired on December 31 – meaning they would be free to go home and quit the fight. After reading this initial pamphlet, General Washington ordered it to be read to his troops. This pamphlet by Thomas Paine rallied his troops and their support of the war. Their renewed hope led them to cross the Delaware river on Christmas and defeat the Hessians. And on January 2 they went on to defeat the British Army's best general, Earl Cornwallis.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the house of medicine is under attack. Our practice of medicine is under assault on many fronts. It is time we fight back! >>[READ MORE](#)

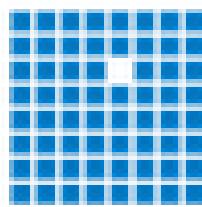
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### Welcome New Members!

Jonas V Adams, DO  
Miguel A Aguilera, MD  
Kiran Akbani  
Alexas Katherine Gaudet  
Karen E George, MD  
Roshni Guha Thakurta, MD  
John Matthew Jennings  
Ryan Christopher Jupiter, MD  
Nicole Kaban, MD  
Heather Melissa Murphy-Lavoie, MD, FACEP  
Emiley O'Pry  
Cristiana L Olaru, MD  
Adam Mitchell Robins  
Savannah Sadaippen  
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Kyley Wyss, MD  
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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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