

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring Is A Time of Rebirth and Renewal



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.
—Margaret Mead

John W. Hafner, Jr., MD, MPH, FACEP

When I grew up in the semi-arid landscape of New Mexico, the seasons passed slowly, never with a definitive arrival. After spending the last 20 years in Illinois, I look forward to the changing of winter to spring. The days seem brighter as the green of the grass and foliage return, and folks make their way to more outside activities. It is with this backdrop that ICEP also undergoes a metamorphosis in leadership.

Annually, this metamorphosis is visible as the expiring Board of Director members leave and newly elected members step forward. This year, Drs. John Williams, David Griffen and Dallas Holladay will be leaving the Board. I join the other Board members in thanking them for their tireless and professional service to the emergency physicians and patients of Illinois. We are all better off because of their service.

At the Annual Business Meeting at the Spring Symposium on May 5, we will also welcome our newly elected Board members and their

unique vision to the Board. This cycling of leadership and voices is a constructive rebirth of the Board of Directors and allows for fresh growth and purpose. Dr. Valerie Phillips will serve as President starting May 5, and with her outstanding guidance, the organization will continue to reach new heights.

As I reflect upon the events of last year, I believe ICEP has had an exceptional year. First and foremost, one of our own, Dr. Rebecca Parker, was elected as ACEP President-Elect at the ACEP Council Meeting in Boston. Dr. Parker currently serves as the Chair of the ACEP Board of Directors and has served ACEP meritoriously on many committees and task forces. She was honored last year with the Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award, ICEP's highest honor, for her many contribution to emergency medicine and ICEP.

Assisting in Dr. Parker's campaign was an enormous honor for myself and other ICEP Councillors that culminated in well-deserved success. Dr. Parker's vision for her term includes establishing emergency medicine as the nucleus of a new acute-care continuum and to enhance ACEP's diversity.

Also at ACEP15, Virginia (Ginny) Kennedy

Palys, JD, who has served as the Executive Director of ICEP for more than three decades, was presented with the ACEP Honorary Membership Award, honoring her contributions and dedication. I can honestly say that the staff of ICEP is our organization's lifeblood, and without them we would have no successes. Truly Ginny has helped to forge our organization and

has been the captain of the ICEP ship for many years, and we hope for many more.

One of our own ICEP members, Dr. William Sullivan, successfully authored a ACEP resolution that was adopted by the ACEP Council at the 2015 ACEP Council Meeting. The resolution creates a mechanism whereby emergency physicians who are not members of ACEP and have provided unethical legal testimony involving ACEP members, can be held accountable. Dr. Sullivan has been a long-

standing medicolegal expert for ICEP and will be recognized at the Spring Symposium with the Bill B. Smiley Award for his many contributions (please see story on Page 3).

Further cause for celebration is our own ICEP Board of Directors member Dr. Mark Courtney elected as the incoming president of the

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— Dr. John Hafner

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Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM). Mark is a warm and genuine physician whose immense intellect will serve that body well. Congratulations to Mark!

New to this year was the addition of the ICEP Leadership Scholarships. The scholarships target residents and young physicians (less than 5 years out of residency) who are interested in developing their leadership and advocacy knowledge and skill set. Recipients attend the ICEP Advocacy Day as well as receive \$750 to attend ACEP's Leadership and Advocacy Conference on May 15-18, 2016 in Washington, DC. They will also attend the ICEP Leadership Development Forum to be held in the fall. The 2016 scholarship recipients are Dr. Kassandra Cooper of Peoria and Dr. Chinmay Patel of Springfield. These young leaders show tremendous potential and it is our hope that this scholarship program encourages them and future recipients to become the next generation of leaders at ICEP and in emergency medicine.

The year has not been without its challenges. As an organization that seeks excellence for the care of emergency patients, ICEP continues to face legislative challenges. Endeavors such as ICEP Advocacy Day are and will remain critical mechanisms to engage the Illinois legislature and advocate for our patients and specialty.

Complicating our efforts this year was the legislative gridlock and failure to pass a state budget, limiting future growth and stacking up nearly \$6.5 billion in unpaid bills. Also this year, ICEP strongly opposed Illinois Senate Bill 2205, which would amend the Medical Practice Act and require emergency physicians to report to the Secretary of State certain medical conditions of a driver that are likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to safely operate a motor vehicle within 10 days of identification of condition. The bill is a reminder as to how important the role of organized medicine is for emergency physicians, especially in the state that they practice.

I would like to close by reflecting upon what an honor it has been to serve you as the President of ICEP. I will always remember this opportunity as one of the greatest and most fulfilling roles of my career as an emergency physician. I have learned much, but most importantly I have met and experienced a multitude of amazing physicians and supporting staff that truly make our organization great. It is the members of ICEP that truly drive the changes to improve the care of our patients in our state. Thank you for your contributions and please continue to step forward and remain involved!



— John W. Hafner, Jr., MD, MPH, FACEP
ICEP President

ICEP Member Dr. Jerrold Leikin Appointed to State Board of Health By Governor Rauner



Jerrold Leikin,
MD, FACEP

ICEP member Jerrold Leikin, MD, FACEP, of Glencoe, was recently appointed by Governor Bruce Rauner to the State Board of Health.

Dr. Leikin is one of the five physician members of the 17-member State Board of Health, which advises the Pub-

lic Health Director on health needs assessments, statewide health objectives, policy development and assurance of access to necessary services, according to its website.

“Leikin is a leader in the field of toxicology, having written a number of textbooks that are used throughout the country and around the world,” an April 15 statement from Rauner’s office said. “In addition to toxicology, he is considered an expert in bioterrorism and is consulted nationally and internationally on this topic.”

Dr. Leikin is the director of medical toxicology at NorthShore University HealthSystem-OMEGA in Glenview. He received his medical degree from Chicago Medical School and completed his residency in emergency medicine at Northwestern University McGaw Medical Center.

He has been an ICEP member for more than 30 years.



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Two Members to Be Honored at Spring Symposium with ICEP's Annual Awards

Join your colleagues at the Spring Symposium on Thursday, May 5 to honor two ICEP members for their contributions to the college and emergency medicine.

William P. Sullivan, DO, JD, FACEP, and John M. Ortinau, MD, FACEP, will be recognized during the Annual Business Meeting at the Symposium. The Symposium is held at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Bill. B. Smiley Award

Dr. Sullivan, of Frankfort, is the recipient of the Bill B. Smiley Meritorious Service Award, which honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of emergency medicine in Illinois. The Bill B. Smiley award is ICEP's highest honor.

Dr. Sullivan, a past president of ICEP, has shown tremendous leadership on medical-legal issues throughout his career, most recently authoring a resolution on ethics submitted by ICEP and passed by the ACEP Council in 2015. He is a longtime member of national ACEP's Medical Legal Committee and has served as Chairman of ACEP's Standard of Care Task Force since 2008. He is also a member of the ED Legal Letter Editorial Board.

Dr. Sullivan continues to be active in ICEP activities, serving on the Practice Management Committee and as a dedicated speaker at the Emergency Medicine Board Review Intensive course. He also consistently serves as faculty for the Oral Board Review Courses.

Dr. Sullivan is an attending physician at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley and in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System in Chicago. He is a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Midwestern University in Downers Grove and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Sullivan attended the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed a dual residency in internal medicine and emergency medicine at Midwestern University. He completed his law degree at Chicago-Kent College of Law.



William Sullivan,
DO, JD, FACEP



John M. Ortinau,
MD, FACEP

ICEP Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Ortinau, of Barrington, is the recipient of the ICEP Meritorious Service Award, honoring his significant contributions to the advancement of emergency medicine by exemplary service.

Dr. Ortinau has been a member of ICEP since its inception in 1977, serving on the Board of Directors from 1993 to 2001 and as President for the 1999-2000 term. He is a longtime member of the EMS Committee and has served as the Committee Chair since 2014.

Dr. Ortinau has been the EMS Medical Director for the Northwest Community EMS System since 1997 and plans to retire at the end of 2016. He is also an attending emergency physician and EMT and Paramedic Instructor for the system. He serves as an expert witness in medical legal issues involving EMS and emergency medicine.

Dr. Ortinau attended Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and completed his residency in family practice at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. He was one of the first physicians to earn subspecialty board certification in Emergency Medical Services from the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

2016 Spring Symposium Program

The Spring Symposium and Annual Business Meeting is ICEP's member favorite annual event. On the agenda in 2016 are:

- A critical care panel discussion featuring Nicholas Mohr, MD, MS, FACEP, Matthew Siedsma, MD, and David Barounis, MD will discuss new developments in critical care for the emergency physician and how it can impact clinical outcomes of patients cared for in the emergency department. The point-counterpoint format will include research and policy implications.
- Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MS, MPH, FACEP will examine the heart failure management paradigm from the ED to hospital admission and discharge, including diagnosing acute heart failure accurately and analyzing evidence to support current and novel therapies for treatment. This session is presented in conjunction with Novartis.
- The Resident Speaker Forum will showcase novice speakers from each residency in a lecture competition, with feedback and a winner selected by an expert panel of judges.
- A Statewide Research Showcase will spotlight the best in Illinois emergency medicine research, featuring oral presentations and research posters.

The Annual Business Meeting will also include the results of the Board of Directors elections and recognition of the ICEP Leadership Fellowship recipients (see story on Page 4).

To register, visit ICEP.org or call 630-495-6400, ext. 200. The program is open to all attending physicians, residents and medical students.



Two Young Physicians Awarded Leadership Scholarships in 2016

ICEP members Kassandra Cooper, DO, MS, of Peoria, and Chinmay Patel, DO, of Springfield, have been selected as the recipients of ICEP's Leadership Scholarships in 2016.



Kassandra Cooper, DO, MS

The new program awards \$750 Leadership Scholarships to young physician members (less than 5 years out of residency).

Drs. Cooper and Patel will be recognized during the Annual Business Meeting at the Spring Symposium on May 5 in Chicago.

Dr. Cooper is a second-year emergency medicine resident at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria. She graduated from AT Still University-KCOM in Kirksville, Missouri, in 2014. Dr. Cooper is chair of the UICOMP Resident Quality and Safety Coun-



Chinmay Patel, DO

cil and is a member of ICEP's Patient and Physician Advocacy Committee.

Dr. Patel is a third-year emergency medicine resident at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He is the chief resident for the program. Dr. Patel graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2013. He also acts as the emergency medicine resident representative to the House Staff Board of Directors in Springfield.

As part of the scholarship program, Drs. Cooper and Patel attended ICEP Advocacy Day in Springfield and will attend the ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC, in May. They will also attend the ICEP Leadership Development Forum that will be held this fall.

EMS Alliance Recognizes Rep. Donald Moffitt with 2016 Award

The Illinois EMS Alliance presented Rep. Donald L. Moffitt (R-Gilson) with its 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award and renamed the award the Donald L. Moffitt Award in his honor. The award was presented at the EMS Summit on April 5 in Springfield.

This is the first lifetime achievement award given by the Illinois EMS Alliance. It recognizes Rep. Moffitt for "his friendship and ever-present smile, his legislative support of life-saving and quality-of-life enhancing work in Emergency Medicine Services, and his leadership on the House Task Force on EMS Funding."

Rep. Moffitt is retiring in 2016, and the Alliance thanked him for all of his years of service to the EMS community throughout the state.

"It is quite fitting that our first Lifetime Achievement Award honors Don, as he has enacted decades of EMS legislation that benefited Illinois, especially the rural areas," the Alliance stated.



Chief Mike Hansen (right) presents State Representative Don Moffitt with the Illinois EMS Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award at the EMS Summit on April 5.

Spaces Open for Sim Course on May 6: Special Discount!

ICEP is offering a special one-time promotion to attend the May 6 Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab! Register online at ICEP.org and use discount code MAYTWITTER to receive \$100 off your registration. The course is held at the Grainger Center for Simulation and Innovation at Evanston Hospital.

A limited number of spaces at the course are available, so sign up today to reserve your spot at the discounted rate. The discount applies only to new registrants who will attend the ICEP program on Friday, May 6, 2016. Discount is not valid for September 30, 2016 course.

The Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab teaches emergency medicine practitioners critical skills for the critical-care environment. The one-day course demonstrates and allows physicians to practice procedures that are seldom performed day-to-day in the emergency department because their clinical presentation is rare.



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Highlights of 2016 ICEP Advocacy Day

Thirty ICEP members from Springfield, Peoria and the Chicagoland area met in Springfield for ICEP Advocacy Day on April 7.

The program started at the Sangamo Club where participants were briefed by ICEP lobbyist Molly Rockford of Illinois Strategies; Patient & Physician Advocacy Chair Yanina Purim-Shem-Tov, MD, FACEP; Mike Wahl, MD, FACEP, medical director of the Illinois Poison Center; and staff members from the Illinois State Medical Society.

After lunch, participants went to the Capitol to take meetings with legislators and their staff members to discuss the key issues identified by the Patient & Physician Advocacy Committee:

- The value of emergency medicine and the importance of protecting the emergency medicine safety net
- Restoration of funding for the Illinois Poison Center as a vital resource for health care providers as well as the public
- Extension of immunity to all health care professionals who administer opioid antidotes such as naloxone to a patient

Members were able to meet with Sen. Sam McCann, Sen. Raoul Kwame, Sen. Daniel Biss, Sen. Jim Oberweis, and Rep. Laura Fine, among other legislators and their staff members.



Dr. Kassandra Cooper, ICEP President Dr. John Hafner, and President-Elect Dr. Valerie Phillips pose in the rotunda of the Capitol Building before their legislative visits.



ICEP Advocacy Day participants convene on the steps of the State Capitol before beginning legislative visits to discuss key emergency medicine issues.



LEFT: Dr. Alejandro Palma (left), Dr. Willard Sharp (right), and his son, Zach, (center) in the hall of the Capitol. RIGHT: Residents from the SIU School of Medicine discuss issues with Sen. Sam McCann.



Sen. Sam McCann (R-Plainview) [far right] takes a meeting with ICEP members from the SIU School of Medicine in his office as part of ICEP Advocacy Day.

More photos online at [ICEP.org!](http://ICEP.org)



Registration Open Now for ICEP Resident Career Day on Sept. 29 at Northwestern

Mark your calendar and register now for ICEP's Resident Career Day on Thursday, September 29 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Registration is free for all ICEP members.

ICEP's half-day program is designed to provide resources and advice to residents, medical students, and young physicians as they embark on their emergency medicine careers.

The 2016 program features:

- Christopher S. Kang, MD, FACEP, of the ACEP Board of Directors, discussing the benefits of involvement in professional organizations to enhance clinical practice and satisfaction while improving patient care
- Rob Rogers, MD, of The University of Kentucky College of Medicine, demonstrating the value of lifelong learning as an essential part of maintaining clinical excellence throughout your career
- William Sullivan, DO, JD, FACEP, re-



viewing common physician employment contract terms and simple negotiating tactics to help create a favorable contract

The program also includes the "Speed Dating" Career Fair where participants network with the field's top recruiters in a round-table format to discover career opportunities and make key connections with potential employers.

Medical students and 1st year residents who don't wish to participate in the Career Fair can sit down with ACEP President-Elect Rebecca

Parker, MD, FACEP for an open forum discussion of current issues.

Resident Career Day also includes a short presentation that explores the physician's role in the organ and tissue donation process coordinated by Gift of Hope.

Life after residency brings a new set of challenges. Resident Career Day focuses on giving you the tools you need to meet this challenges head on and turn them into opportunities. Register at ICEP.org to attend.



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ICEP Recognizes Members Serving on ACEP Committees

ICEP acknowledges its members who have served on ACEP committees for the 2015-2016 committee cycle:

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David Howes, MD, FACEP
Archana Shah, MD
Caroline Yang, MD

Awards Committee

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Serena Baqai, DO

Medical Legal Committee

Daniel Sullivan, MD, JD, FACEP
William Sullivan, DO, JD, FACEP

Disaster Preparedness & Response Committee

Brigham Temple, MD, FACEP

ACEP Seeks Comments on Draft Clinical Policy on Adult Patients with Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

The draft clinical policy on adult patients with suspected or confirmed acute carbon monoxide poisoning is in the review stage of ACEP clinical policy development. Comments on the draft are being sought by the ACEP Clinical Policies Committee.

The comment period for the policy, "Critical Issues in the Evaluation and Management of Adult Patients Presenting to the Emergency Department with Acute Carbon Monoxide Poisoning," is open for 60 days and closes May 7. Comments should be submitted online through the form found at ACEP.org.

All comments will be carefully reviewed by

the Committee, and used to further refine and enhance the draft when evidence supports the changes. Individual reviewer names will not be used in the final document. Comments do not imply endorsement of the document and will be stated as such in the final document.

Comments should be focused on the clinical content of the document, and not copyediting. Document comments in the format requested, making note of additional evidence as appropriate.

For questions, please contact Mary Anne Mitchell, ELS, at mmitchell@acep.org, or Rhonda Whitson, RHIA, at rwhitson@acep.org.

Don't Miss EM4LIFE on May 24: 2015 LLSA Review

Have you completed your 2015 LLSA article review requirement? ICEP's EM4LIFE course can help! The 2015 LLSA articles will be covered on Tuesday, May 24 at the ICEP Conference Center in Downers Grove.

EM4LIFE review courses help you meet your EMCC requirements by getting your LLSA done in just one day — including the exam! All sessions include the opportunity to take the LLSA exam online in a group setting.

The EM4LIFE program is presented by noted author Deborah E. Weber, MD, FACEP and includes Dr. Weber's popular EM4LIFE PEARLS resource. EM4LIFE PEARLS reviews the key points of each LLSA article in a concise, easy-to-read bullet-point format.

Registration is open online now at ICEP.org.

The cost of the course is \$275 for ICEP/ACEP members and \$299 for non-member physicians. (Cost includes the EM4LIFE PEARLS. You will also receive an extensive PowerPoint hand-out at the course.)

If you don't have time to attend the course, you can purchase the EM4LIFE PEARLS product for self-study for \$80. Visit ICEP.org to place your order.

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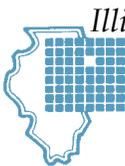


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ICEP Calendar of Events 2016

May 5, 2016

Spring Symposium & Annual Business Meeting
 Northwestern Memorial Hospital
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May 6, 2016

Emergency Procedures Simulation Skills Lab
 Grainger Center for Simulation and Education, Evanston Hospital, Evanston

May 24, 2016

EM4LIFE 2015 LLSA Article Review Course
 ICEP Conference Center
 Downers Grove

May 30, 2016

ICEP Office Closed
 Memorial Day Holiday

June 2, 2016

EMS Committee Meeting
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

June 2, 2016

EMS Forum
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 ICEP Conference Center
 Downers Grove

June 6, 2016

Finance Committee Meeting
 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

June 6, 2016

Board of Directors Meeting
 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

July 4, 2016

ICEP Office Closed
 Independence Day Holiday

August 16-19, 2016

Emergency Medicine Board Review Intensive
 ICEP Conference Center
 Downers Grove

August 29, 2016

Education Committee Meeting
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

September 5, 2016

ICEP Office Closed
 Labor Day Holiday

September 7, 2016

EMS Committee Meeting
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

September 7, 2016

EMS Forum
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
 ICEP Conference Center
 Downers Grove

September 9-10, 2016

Oral Board Review Courses
 Chicago O'Hare Marriott
 Chicago

September 12, 2016

ITLS Illinois Advisory Committee Meeting
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 ICEP Conference Center
 Downers Grove

September 26, 2016

Finance Committee Meeting
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 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

September 26, 2016

Board of Directors Meeting
 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
 ICEP Board Room
 Downers Grove

September 29, 2016

Resident Career Day
 Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago

September 30, 2016

Emergency Procedures Simulation Skills Lab
 Grainger Center for Simulation and Education, Evanston Hospital, Evanston

