

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



**Heather M. Prendergast, MD, MPH, FACEP**

# Passing the Torch: A Year As President in Review

As I pass the gavel and turn the ICEP presidency over to Dr. Edward Ward, I look back over this past year with a sense of pride.

One year ago, there were a number of controversial issues and unanswered questions on the table: What would happen with health reform? Would the Supreme Court uphold any of the insurance mandates? Would the challenges to the out-of-network balance billing law (Illinois Public Act 96-1523) eventually be resolved? And how would Illinois' dire economic woes affect the many functions of our chapter as well as the practice of emergency medicine in our state?

Even without my crystal ball, there were several things I knew for certain. First, that ICEP is an amazing organization with a dedicated staff that supports a diverse and enterprising Board of Directors committed to improving the landscape for emergency medicine in Illinois. And of course, we have a membership that really cares about patient health and is invested in the continued success of our specialty.

On both a regional and national level, ICEP's leaders are respected as patient advocates and

innovative leaders in this state's health care. Regionally, our organization has had a tremendous impact on legislation and the education of our government leaders as well as the populace. Our sterling reputation has opened many doors, and I believe that this played an integral role in the number of legislative victories we have achieved this year.

ICEP was able to successfully petition to JCAR/HFS to exclude Level II emergency services from the Medicaid copayment provision under the SMART Act. During our recent "Get on the Bus" Advocacy & Mobilization event, we focused our efforts around 3 key issues with great success. The out-of-network amendment passed the Senate 54-0 (in our favor); the telehealth legislation was passed out of committee; and a bill to dilute emergency physician board certification requirements for trauma centers was defeated.

On the national level, Illinois is currently the only state with two members serving on the ACEP Board of Directors, Drs. Rebecca Parker and Mark Mackey. We have had two consecutive years of ICEP Council Resolutions adopted by the ACEP Council and Board of Directors (one on the formation of a transitions of care task force and one on the study of the effect of psychiatric patient boarding in the ED).

All of us should feel proud of the accomplishments of our organization. No issues that impact health care in this state, and particularly to the practice of our specialty, are ignored or dismissed. We strive to be aware of all threats and to stay on top of developments, thus enabling us to organize appropriate and timely responses to all pertinent issues.

As an organization committed to excellence in emergency care in these tough economic times, ICEP will continue to face legislative challenges. We have not seen the full impact of the SMART Act that was signed into law or its related legislation, but rest assured that ICEP will analyze and disseminate this information to our membership and mobilize an effective response.

During the past year, overall membership in ICEP has increased. We have seen more engagement in virtually all areas of our organization. As part of our strategic planning session, we distributed a survey to all ICEP members. The ICEP Board of Directors and committee chairs reviewed the findings and immediately took action.

We added more procedural/simulation courses; we revamped existing courses to reflect changes in learning preferences; we started a Young Physicians Section and had record attendance

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at the inaugural Resident Career Day with over 256 participants from across the state. We formed new alliances and expanded our health care reach through collaborative relationships with the Illinois Emergency Nurses Association and the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants.

Having the opportunity to serve as your ICEP president for the last year has been one of the greatest honors I have experienced. I could not have imagined a more fulfilling call to service than serving among the executive leadership of the ICEP organization. ICEP is the membership and it was a pleasure to be a part of the representation of this organization.

In closing, I would encourage all members, at some point during your tenure in the organization, to move outside of your comfort zone and get more involved by serving as a chair of committee, an organizer of a conference, or running for the ICEP Board of Directors. I guarantee you it will be a very rewarding experience.

All the best,



— Heather Prendergast, MD, MPH,  
FACEP, ICEP President

# ICEP Members Honored for Service, Dedication

Two ICEP members were honored during the Annual Business Meeting at the Spring Symposium on Thursday, May 2 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.



**Susan Fuchs,  
MD, FACEP**

Susan Fuchs, MD, FACEP, and E. Bradshaw Bunney, MD, FACEP were honored by ICEP for their contributions to the college and emergency medicine.

## Bill. B. Smiley Award

Dr. Bunney, of Northbrook, 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. Bunney is a Past President of ICEP. He served on the Board of Directors for several terms, coming to the College's aid twice over the past 5 years to fill vacancies on the Board. He is the only President to serve two consecutive terms as President.

He is a longtime lecturer at ICEP's Emergency Medicine Board Review Intensive course and volunteers regularly to serve as faculty for the Oral Board Review Courses. He also serves as a Councillor and remains active on ICEP committees.

Dr. Bunney has been the Residency Director at the University of Illinois at Chicago Emergency Medicine Residency since 2006. He is also an Associate Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.



**E. Bradshaw Bunney,  
MD, FACEP**

He has been a national speaker for ACEP and an invited speaker across the country. He is a member of the board of the Foundation for Education and Research in Neurological Emergencies.

## ICEP Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Fuchs, of Chicago, is the recipient of the ICEP Meritorious Service Award, honoring her significant contributions to the advancement of emergency medicine by exemplary service.

Dr. Fuchs is a past ICEP Board member, serving two terms from 2004-2010. She is a longtime member of ICEP's EMS Committee and the ITLS Illinois Advisory Committee. She served as co-course director for ICEP's APLS\*PALS course for many years and continues to regularly serve as faculty for the Oral Board Review Courses.

Dr. Fuchs is the Associate Director, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine, at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, a position she has held since 1996. She is also EMS Medical Director, Associate Hospital, Chicago North EMS System. She is a professor in the department of pediatrics at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine.

She is actively involved with the Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, serving on their Advisory Board for more than 15 years. She has been recognized with the Illinois Department of Public Health's Ron E. Lee, MD Excellence Awards on two separate occasions.



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# New Members, Officers Assume Roles on ICEP Board of Directors

Heather Prendergast, MD, MPH, FACEP turned over the gavel to incoming President Edward Ward, MD, MPH, FACEP at the Annual Business Meeting that took place during the Spring Symposium on May 2 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Ward will serve as President for the 2013-2014 term. Dr. Prendergast will serve as Past President.

The results of the Board elections were also announced at the meeting. Elected to the Board of Directors were Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP; David Griffen, MD, PhD, FACEP; Edward P. Sloan, MD, MPH, FACEP; and John W. Williams, MD, FACEP. John Moustoukas, MD, MBA, of Chicago, was elected as the Board's Resident Member.

The officer elections were also decided. Dr.



Outgoing President Dr. Heather Prendergast presents Incoming President Dr. Edward Ward with the gavel as a symbol of his presidency at the 2013 Spring Symposium.

Griffen was elected President-Elect. John W. Hafner, Jr., MD, MPH, FACEP was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Scott French, MD, FACEP, was elected Member-at-Large.

At the meeting, four outgoing Board members were recognized for their service to ICEP.

Dr. Prendergast thanked Shu Chan, MD, MS, FACEP, Michael Wahl, MD, FACEP, Leslie Zun, MD, FACEP, and resident member Michael Paddock, DO, MS, for their commitment to the organization.

At the Board meeting following the Spring Symposium, ICEP's Councillors for 2013 were selected. Representing the Chapter at ACEP's Council Meeting will be:

- E. Bradshaw Bunney, MD, FACEP
- Shu B. Chan, MD, MS, FACEP
- Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP
- Marc Dorfman, MD, FACEP, MACP
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- Heather Prendergast, MD, MPH, FACEP
- Dino P. Rumoro, DO, FACEP
- Edward P. Sloan, MD, MPH, FACEP
- Edward Ward, MD, MPH, FACEP

Serving as Alternate Councillors will be:

- Don Cohen, MD, FACEP
- Deborah E. Weber, MD, FACEP
- John W. Williams, MD, FACEP

## Efforts to Dilute Board Certification Requirements for EPs Thwarted

ICEP has opposed a bill that would have provided the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) the authority to issue waivers to non-Board certified emergency physicians working in Level II trauma centers. The bill, HB 2774, was introduced by Rep. Don Moffit (R – Galesburg) at the request of a hospital and constituent in his district.

ICEP Board member and SIU Emergency Medicine Residency Director David Griffen, MD, PhD, FACEP, testified at a House hearing on the bill on April 11. Dr. Griffen stated that trauma patients are among the most vulnerable who enter the health care system. They need

rapid assessment and treatment of their injuries by qualified physicians when they present at the door of a trauma center. Only Board certified emergency physicians can provide the high quality of care necessary to quickly assess and stabilize the lives of critical trauma patients.

Dr. Griffen also emphasized that Board certification is the gold standard for emergency medicine. In addition to intensive residency training, Board Certified Emergency Physicians must pass rigorous written and oral examinations, and maintain certification through annual continuing medical education with emphasis on

trauma physiology, assessment, and management.

IDPH opposed the bill in committee stating that hospitals who wished to be designated at trauma centers have had adequate time to retain Board certified emergency physicians. In fact, all but a couple of Level II trauma centers across the state have met the emergency physician staffing standards.

ICEP's lobbyists have continued to oppose the bill on behalf of the College. The bills' sponsor has not called the bill for a vote and is not expected to do through the end of the legislative session.

# Highlights of 2013 Spring Symposium

The 2013 Spring Symposium & Annual Business Meeting drew a crowd of more than 220 physicians, residents and medical students on May 2 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Kevin M. Klauer, DO, EJD, FACEP, Vice Speaker of the ACEP Council, presented "Dealing with Dogma: Challenging the Myths of Medicine." His dynamic session incorporated current literature into practice to improve the quality and efficiency of care delivery and proposed strategies to improve patient safety.

Dr. Klauer also presented an update on ACEP's activities as part of the Annual Business Meeting.

Jaewon Ryu, MD, JD, analyzed delivery systems and payment changes as it impacts emergency physicians, outlining evolving trends in health industry payment changes as well as components of value-based purchasing.

Matthew Pirotte, MD, winner of the 2012 NEXT Forum, presented "Emergency Medicine Without an IV," a clinical session that examined the problems of difficult vascular access and illustrated alternate routes of drug delivery, including intraosseous access.

A Statewide Research Showcase highlighted emergency medicine research conducted by Illinois investigators. Four oral presentations were given during a morning session, and research posters were on display in the exhibit area. Download the eBook of abstracts for all research presentations submitted for the 2013 Spring Symposium online at [ICEP.org/research](http://ICEP.org/research).

For details about the Annual Business Meeting, including newly elected Board members and 2013 award winners, please see the stories on Pages 2-3.

For more photos from the Symposium, check out ICEP's Facebook page: [Facebook.com/ICEPfan](https://www.facebook.com/ICEPfan).



ICEP award winners Dr. Susan Fuchs (far left) and Dr. Brad Bunney (far right) are congratulated by ICEP Board members Dr. Heather Prendergast and Dr. Edward Ward.



Incoming President Dr. Edward Ward (right) thanks Dr. Kevin Klauer (left) for speaking at the Symposium. Dr. Klauer is the Vice Speaker of the ACEP Council.



Speakers Dr. Matthew Pirotte (left) and Dr. Jaewon Ryu (right) presented lectures at the 2013 Spring Symposium.

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Outgoing Board member Dr. Mike Wahl (left) discusses a product with one of the exhibitors.



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# EMS Week Is May 19-25: ACEP Provides Resources for Recognition, Events

National Emergency Medical Services Week will be celebrated May 19-25, 2013, with Wednesday, May 22 dedicated as Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Day. This year's EMS Week theme is "EMS: One Mission. One Team."



National EMS Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." This information can be used throughout the year for public education and safety programs.

ACEP provides staff and financial support for the production and distribution of EMS Week

promotional materials as a public education service. Among the items available are an EMS Week Planning Guide that can help local and state institutions with ideas for how to promote EMS Week in their own communities.

To download the Planning Guide, visit ACEP's EMS Week website at [ACEP.org/EMSWeek](http://ACEP.org/EMSWeek). Or visit EMS Week on Facebook: [Facebook.com/NationalEMSWeek](https://www.facebook.com/NationalEMSWeek).

## 2013 Resident Career Day Set for August 29 at Resurrection

ICEP residents and medical students should save the date for Thursday, August 29 for ICEP's 2nd annual Resident Career Day, to be held at Presence Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago. Illinois residencies are asked to reserve the date as well and plan to send their residents.

The morning program puts residents in touch with the experts to learn best practices for professional development. Topics will be announced shortly.

The program will then segue into a networking luncheon designed to help attendees discover career opportunities: The field's top recruiters will rotate through tables of participants, giving attendees the best chance to meet potential employers and make valuable connections for the future.



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The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, working with representatives from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of

Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), has designed a multi-phase quality improvement initiative to ensure that every emergency department is ready to care for children.

Called the National Pediatric Readiness Project, it is the first national assessment of pediatric readiness in EDs across the United States. The first step in this multi-phase initiative is a confidential web-based assessment based on the 2009 "Guidelines for the Care of Children in the Emergency Department" published in the *Annals of Emergency Medicine* and *Pediatrics* journals.



The overall objective is to assess pediatric readiness of EDs while increasing awareness of the national guidelines developed by AAP, ACEP, and ENA and sponsored by 22 other organizations, including the Joint Commission and the Ameri-

can Medical Association.

In April, emergency departments in Illinois received invitations to access the online portal and complete the Pediatric Readiness assessment. By participating in the assessment, EDs will, for the first time, be able to benchmark their readiness against other facilities with similar pediatric patient volumes within their state and the nation.

After completing the web-based assessment, facilities receive immediate feedback on their pediatric readiness. The ultimate goal is to assist EDs in meeting their pediatric readiness

goals and achieve 100 percent compliance with nationally published guidelines. California was the first state to participate in this assessment, achieving a 90 percent response rate.

ICEP members are a critical element in the success of the project. You can assist by advocating among your peers for completion of the assessment and initiation of quality improvement measures targeted toward implementation of the national guidelines.

To get involved, you are encouraged to:

- Remind fellow members about the Pediatric Readiness Project and the importance of ED participation, and encourage colleagues to complete the assessment
- Share resources and best practices that can improve an ED's capability to provide appropriate pediatric care
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## ICEP Lobbying Trip to Springfield a Success

A group of ICEP members convened at the Capitol in Springfield in March to meet with their state legislators and educate them on the top issues in emergency medicine in Illinois. Gov. Pat Quinn issued a proclamation to designate March 13, 2013 as Emergency Medicine Day in Illinois.


This year, Chicago area members took a bus from the ICEP office and met additional members in Springfield. The day was a success, with ICEP lobbying three main issues: out-of-network amendment, telehealth, and advanced practice nurses. More photos from 2013 EM Day are online at [Facebook.com/ICEPfan](https://www.facebook.com/ICEPfan).

## ACEP Encourages Members to Make Arrangements for 2013 SA Housing

ACEP is reminding its members that housing for ACEP Scientific Assembly Seattle opened at the end of Scientific Assembly 2012. There are still twelve hotels available, but eight hotels have already filled their blocks.

To find more information about housing, visit [ACEP.org/sa-hotels](http://ACEP.org/sa-hotels). ACEP 2013 Scientific Assembly will be held October 14-17 in Seattle.

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**May 14, 2013**

**ICEP EM Board Review Intensive Course Committee**  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
ICEP Board Room  
Downers Grove

**May 19-22, 2013**

**ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference**  
Omni Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

**May 20, 2013**

**Emergent Procedures Simulation Skills Lab**  
NorthShore Center for Simulation & Innovation  
Evanston Hospital  
Evanston

**May 22, 2013**

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

**May 22, 2013**

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

**May 23, 2013**

**EM4LIFE 2012 LLSA Article Review Course**  
ICEP Conference Center  
Downers Grove

**May 27, 2013**

**Office Closed  
Memorial Day Holiday**

**June 3, 2013**

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

**June 3, 2013**

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

**June 10, 2013**

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

**July 4-5, 2013**

**Office Closed  
Independence Day Holiday**

**August 13-16, 2013**

**Emergency Medicine Board Review Intensive Course for Qualifying & ConCert Prep**  
ICEP Conference Center  
Downers Grove

**August 17, 2013**

**EM4LIFE 2012 LLSA Article Review Course**  
ICEP Conference Center  
Downers Grove

**August 26, 2013**

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

**August 29, 2013**

**Resident Career Day**  
Presence Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago

**September 2, 2013**

**Office Closed  
Labor Day Holiday**

**September 12-13, 2013**

**Oral Board Review Courses**  
Chicago O'Hare Marriott  
Chicago

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