

President's Update

By Nicole Hodgson, MD, FACEP

Hello AZCEP!

Your Arizona Councillors have returned from representing you at ACEP Scientific Assembly in Boston! This year, we were able to participate in a hybrid Council with both in-person and virtual opportunities. Our team engaged in lively debate on several topics, ranging from scope of practice issues to emergency department firearm bans. Our AzCEP-sponsored Resolution 31, "Employment-Retaliation, Whistleblower, Wrongful Termination," passed without opposition! Major thanks to Drs. Olga Gokova, Rebecca Parker, and Amish Shah for bringing this project to fruition and fighting for greater legal protections for working emergency physicians. Dr. Paul Kozak also played a prominent national



role at Council this year, serving as a key member of Reference Committee B. Great work everyone!

If you're not an elected Councillor but are interested in having your voice heard regarding Council resolutions, email Stephanie Butler at azacep@gmail.com and come join our board/membership meetings; we discuss all resolutions and decide on plans of action at the meeting immediately prior to ACEP Scientific Assembly each year.

Speaking of Stephanie, please send her your congratulations – her hard work and dedication to our Chapter and to Emergency Medicine were recognized this year when she received the Diane K. Bollman Chapter Advocate Award!

DIANE K. BOLLMAN CHAPTER ADVOCATE AWARD



Stephanie Butler



We have another upcoming event - please mark **March 2** on your calendars for **ED Doc Day at the Capitol!** If you've never attended an ED Doc Day before, come on out and we'll show you the ropes. You'll have the opportunity to talk with your state representatives and senators about the issues that matter most.

As always, you can reach me at hodgson.nicole@mayo.edu or tweet at AZCEP or myself at [@ArizonaACEP](https://twitter.com/ArizonaACEP) and [@nhodgsonem](https://twitter.com/nhodgsonem).

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AzCEP
invites you to the

*50th Anniversary
Reception*

FEBRUARY

2nd

WEDNESDAY

2022 from 5-7pm

POMELO AT
THE ORCHARD

7100 N. 12th Street

Phoenix, Arizona 85020

We hope to see you there!

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JANUARY



ITLS

Unfortunately, due to the continuing COVID pandemic, we had to once again cancel (actually postpone) ITLS on the River this Fall. To mitigate the effect on continuing our mission (improving trauma care throughout our state and region), we have scheduled a limited provider course for both pediatric (PITLS) ITLS as well as an adult provider course. Phoenix Children's Hospital has graciously agreed to host this course March 26th and March 27th. See our website for registration at www.itlsaz.org. We have also brought back our free virtual CME courses. We have already provided 2 hours of CME to over a hundred EMS providers, first responders, nurses, and physicians with just our first two lectures. See our website for more information on past and upcoming courses. Thanks to all the speakers who helped make this happen!

Our new ITLS State Coordinator, Tim Freund, TPC, FPC, EMT-P, continues to provide excellent and enthusiastic leadership for ITLS in Arizona and thanks to Dr. Rachel Munn for her interest in learning the role of ITLS Medical Director.

Finally, I want to congratulate our past State Coordinator, Amy Boise, EMT-P, for being selected for the prestigious **2021 ITLS Jackie Campbell Award**. This award is for an esteemed ITLS member who lives the "wind beneath my wings" philosophy embodied by the late Jackie Campbell. This is quite an honor and serves as recognition for the outstanding work Amy has done for ITLS and trauma care and education in Arizona for the past 3 decades.

Congratulations Amy!

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UofA-University Campus Resident's Corner

*By Brandon Godfrey, MD &
Jacquelyn R. Hoffman, MD*

Greetings from Tucson,

We are doing well down here. Our interns are doing amazing and have adjusted to residency seamlessly. Juniors have been doing a great job with their added responsibilities in the ED. Our seniors were able to attend ACEP and had an amazing time in Boston both attending the conference and exploring the city. As a group we have been able to perform some local community service with Watershed management group here in Tucson. Our zoom interview season has kicked off again and we have already seen some excellent candidates come through. Some of our seniors have also started matching into fellowships and we wanted to give them a big congratulations on their successful match. The ones that have matched thus far are:

Ashley Lutrick – EMS, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

Mary Knotts – EMS, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Tyrel Fisher – EMS, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

Travis Martin – Pain Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Congratulations

Valleywise Resident's Column

By Shelby Hoebee, MD and Katrina Lettang, MD

As recruitment season kicks off, we have been searching hard for our next intern class. This is always such a fun time for the residents to meet with our prospective applicants. We are so lucky that we get to know so many different students from a variety of backgrounds. Since interviews are still virtual this year, the group got together to prep some goodies for the applicants. We can't wait to see who will join us next year!

This fall, the residency got together to discuss various topics on how to make the residency the best it could be! It was great spending time with the group and escaping the Phoenix heat in Strawberry, Arizona. These meetings are vital to improving our program each year and definitely help with our wellness.

Drs. Cabahug, Hall, and Singh led a fantastic service project for Circle the City bringing the residency together to make over 100 kindness kits for the local homeless shelter. We are hoping to make this an annual event!

Last month, the seniors got to travel all the way across the country for the ACEP Scientific Assembly in Boston. It felt great to be back in person again! They got to learn a ton of invaluable tips and tricks that they've already begun using in the department.

As you can tell, we have been staying extremely busy this beautiful fall! The Maricopa Instagram has been on fire recently with all of our shenanigans. Featuring everything from resident pet profiles to intern spotlights to answering all things interview season. If you want to see what else the Copa Cabana has been up to, check out [@maricopaemergencymedicine](#).



Putting together care packages for Circle the City



Wellness hike with program leadership



Drs. Henry, Schwebach, and Wristers goofing around with their nerdy night theme



PGY3s hanging out at ACEP

News & Notes

EM Physician Workforce of the Future Info

- [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.
- 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)

Get the Support You Need

Stress is high right now, on so many levels. Everyone has unique needs depending on personal circumstances, but the following free support services are available:

- [Crisis counseling/wellness sessions](#) available 24/7 and strictly confidential
- [Peer support line](#) for physicians and medical students, available 24/7
- [Let's Talk forum](#) for ACEP members, our only forum to allow anonymous posts

<https://www.acep.org/support>

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.

[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.

[Improve the Quality of Acute Care to Patients with ACEP Accreditation](#)

When you choose accreditation, you are choosing to pursue a commitment to excellence across the spectrum of care that will help attract more patients and elevate your institution— providing a competitive edge in the marketplace.

- Strengthen community confidence in the quality and safety of care, treatment, and services – achieving accreditation makes a strong statement to the community about an organization's efforts to provide the highest quality services.
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Learn more about ACEP's Accreditation Programs <https://www.acep.org/patient-care/accreditation-programs/>

[Thoughtful Life Conversations: Advance Care Planning](#)

Arizona POLST is part of the National POLST Program that helps patients get the medical treatments they want, and avoid medical treatments they do not want, when they are seriously ill or frail. It's about helping people live the way they want until they die. POLST is only for the seriously ill and frail and is different than an advance directive because it is a portable medical order completed by a healthcare provider after a goals of care conversation and shared decision making about current treatment preferences. POLST exists because other advance care planning documents (advance directives and DNR forms) do not meet the needs of all seriously ill and frail individuals. Visit the AzPOLST website (<https://azpolst.org/>) to learn more about POLST and review educational modules available.

Kingman Regional Medical Center Resident's Corner

By David C. Weech DO, MBA, Chief Resident

A Huge shout out to doctors Rondon and Hasenbalg for their success in the ACOEP fall scientific assembly competitions. Dr. Rondon placed 1st in the Oral Abstract competition with his presentation on The Comparative Efficacy of High and Low Titer COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma in the Community Setting. Dr. Bailey Hasenbalg placed 2nd in the Research Paper Competition with her paper on Sex-specific Differences in Upper and Lower Extremity Deep Vein Thromboses at a Rural Community Hospital. This is a huge accomplishment for both of them and can't wait to see what research they're working on next.



In other news, Kingman conquered another escape room on our most recent resident retreat. This was some much needed R&R given our numbers have been much higher than previous years. This is a great team building activity and by no stretch of the imagination a walk in the park.

This was followed by an amazing lunch at the amazing Carson Kitchen in downtown Las Vegas. The meal included some of the best food in the country and the oxtail risotto was to die for. This is an absolute must of visiting Vegas.



ED Doc Day @ The Capitol

March 2, 2022

We Need You!

- Educate legislators on the critical service you provide every shift
- Learn about issues impacting emergency medicine
- Attend Committee meetings
- Network with fellow AzCEP members
- We provide training and go over issues before hand



We need your participation to make this event a success!

Sign-up today!

AzCEP Annual Meeting w/Elections for 2022-2023

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Mark the date for the AzCEP Annual meeting; the site is still TBD.



We are always looking for interested members to get involved on committees or to run for a Board of Directors position. Attend the annual meeting and get more involved in 2022!

Don't Forget About our AzCEP Career Center

AzCEP is proud to announce its new AzCEP Career Center - the premier resource to connect career opportunities with highly qualified emergency medicine talent. The Career Center is designed to provide you with a better overall experience through a modern design and an intuitive interface. You will be able to access the Career Center through any device of your choice- smartphone, tablet, or desktop. To access AzCEP Career Center, visit:

<https://azcep.careerwebsite.com/> or find it on the front page of our website, <http://azcep.org/>

The AzCEP Career Center will allow you to:

Manage Your Career:

- Search and apply to the best EM jobs at organization that value your credentials!
- Upload your anonymous resume so employers can contact you, but you maintain control of your information and choose to whom you release your information.
- Receive an alert every time a job becomes available that matches your personal profile, skills, interests, and preferred location(s).
- Access career resources and job searching tips and tools.

Recruit for Open Positions:

- Post your jobs, or your organization's jobs, where the most qualified EM professionals will find and apply to them.
- Promote your jobs directly to job seekers via our exclusive Job Flash email.
- Search the resume database and contact qualified candidates proactively.
- Expose your job postings to a larger audience through our NEW diversity, veterans and social networks.

Take a look & log on today at; <https://azcep.careerwebsite.com/>

We hope this newly design career center will make a significant difference for you, our members, as you navigate your career path.

Questions? Feedback? If you need assistance about this service call the managing company at 860-437-5700.



Legislative Update

By John Thomas, AzCEP Legislative Counsel

It's been a busy time at the state Capitol!

10 of the 90 members of the legislature have already resigned in 2021 with more expected resignations by the end of the year. Some have resigned to take new jobs, some have resigned to run for other offices in 2022, some have resigned to move out of state and some have resigned for personal reasons. **This is HIGHLY UNUSUAL for a non-election year.**

This will result in at least 12% of the legislators being new in January when the 2022 legislative session begins on Monday, January 10th. Add to this the fact that 2022 is an election year AND that the legislators will all be running in newly drawn legislative districts (new legislative districts are created every 10 years based on the Decennial Census), some currently seated legislators will end up having to run against other currently seated legislators in the 2022 election cycle. In addition, those interested in running for the legislature won't even know until at least late December where their new legislative district lines will be drawn.

2022 is also an election year for state offices including the Governor's office, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Governor's race alone is important as the newly elected Governor will appoint the heads of all of the state agencies including the Department of Health Services.

Why I am bringing this up: it is VITALLY IMPORTANT for our membership to participate, with both time and/or money, in the various political races throughout the state in 2022. Take the time to attend candidate forums in your area. Introduce yourself to the candidate and let them know that you are available if they have a question regarding legislation affecting the medical profession.

We have already lost Representative Randy Friese, a physician from Southern Arizona, who resigned from the legislature in November and now our own Emergency Doctor and AzCEP board member Representative Amish Shah has a number of people running in his primary election in August including (based on the current legislative maps) two other sitting legislators. As each legislative district only has two House seats available, the competition for those new seats will be strong.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ED DOC DAY AT THE CAPITOL ON MARCH 2nd, 2022!

After a one year hiatus due to COVID protocols at the Capitol, AzCEP will be once again be hosting our annual ED Doctor Day on Wednesday, March 2nd at the state Capitol. We will start off the morning with a guest speaker up in the Senate Gallery overlooking the Senate floor. We will then head out to the capitol grounds for breakfast/coffee and to receive our morning legislative visit assignments. This is followed by a barbeque lunch on the Capitol grounds which gives each of you an opportunity to discuss issues of importance with your legislators over lunch. As the turnout by legislators is strong, it is important for you to schedule time through 1:30pm so that we have AzCEP members available for those legislators who arrive late. If you are unable to attend the morning session, please still consider scheduling time to attend the legislative luncheon.

It should be an interesting 2022 political year in Arizona. See you on March 2nd!

John Thomas
AzCEP Lobbyist

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