

President's Update

By Megan McElhinny, MD



We're heading into an exciting time with ACEP Scientific Assembly coming up early this year in September. This all in the backdrop of impressive challenges and opportunities for advocacy in pursuit of the longevity and quality of emergency medicine provided to our patients. Threats to Medicare loom despite efforts to advocate on behalf of our patients and our profession, standing with the house of medicine. Many of you

appreciate the challenges that these funding cuts present to our practice. The conversations with our AzCEP membership are probably the most important and very welcome as we continue to navigate the current challenges. I encourage you to engage with the political process, speaking truth through your on-shift experiences. We have opportunities to engage with current political candidates, including our own Amish Shah, in efforts to shape the conversation going forward and even more possibilities to support financially for those strapped for time with ACEP's NEMPAC.

ACEP Council resolutions review are right around the corner and a great reminder of the opportunities for learning, collaboration and fellowship at the annual scientific assembly and council meeting. We are also looking forward to our inaugural "destination board meeting" in Flagstaff this upcoming October. It will be a chance for our membership to show up in person, and we encourage taking the pause in your busy schedule to prioritize face-to-face conversation and collaboration. The company and the climate should be amazing, and it promises to be a great way to break up your mid-week grind. It's also never too early to start drafting your AzCEP Seed Grant applications; application templates are available on the AzCEP website, and applications are due November 15th. Lastly, a call for engagement, as we work to better include representation from many of our rural and currently unrepresented practice groups. Your emails and calls are welcome and appreciated.

Kindly,
Megan McElhinny

ACEP25 Events to Be Aware Of...

-AzCEP Happy Hour, Monday, 9/8/2025, 5:00-6:30PM

-Research Forum, Tuesday, 9/9/2025, 8:00-8:50 AM
Lisa Villarroel, MD, MPH, with ADHS is giving the talk "Let the Patients Flow: Implementing Hospital and Statewide Capacity Command Centers"

-Advocacy, Tuesday, 9/9/2025, 9:00-9:25 AM
Todd Taylor, MD, FACEP, Intro to AI: Risk, Reality, Reward



Calendar of Events

Mark your Calendar and Get Active in AzCEP!

Sept 7-10 ACEP25 in Salt Lake City

Sept 8 AzCEP Happy Hour, 5-6:30pm

Oct 22 Destination Board/Membership Mtg in Flagstaff; Hybrid 1pm

Nov 5 EM Opioid Summit-Hybrid

Dec 3 Board/Membership Mtg, 1pm

All AzCEP members are **welcome and encouraged** to attend the Board Meetings. Contact [Stephanie](#) for additional information.

Board Meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held Virtually at **1:00pm**



**THE CARDIAC ARREST SURVIVAL SUMMIT
IS COMING TO PHOENIX THIS DECEMBER**

Dec. 3–6, 2025 • Arizona Grand Resort • Workshops Dec. 2 & 3

Be Among the First to Learn About the New ECC & CPR Guidelines!

What is CASSummit?

The Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit is the only national conference that uniquely addresses every link in the chain of survival. This high-impact event features hands-on training, powerful stories and the latest science in resuscitation. This year features our most robust program ever, with 200+ speakers and 100 sessions across 7 educational tracks.

New AHA ECC & CPR Guidelines

Learn about the American Heart Association's newly released 2025 ECC & CPR Guidelines — the first major update since 2020. Learn directly from the experts who helped write them, and discover how the updates will shape real-world emergency response.

Arizona Resident Discount

Come for 1 day, 2 days or the whole conference at discounted prices!

- Full conference pass: \$695 (save \$100)
 - 1-day pass: \$250 (save \$140)
 - 2-day pass: \$500 (save \$190)
- 1- and 2-day passes include the Opening Keynote & Welcome Reception on Wednesday
- Survivor Celebration on Thursday night — free to all with music and mingling!

When choosing your registration type, select "Arizona Resident" and your discounted rate will automatically apply. You'll provide your AZ address later.

JOIN US AT THE ARIZONA GRAND RESORT

Learn more and register at: www.citizen CPR summit.org

Arizona discounts available now through the end of CASSummit • See FAQs on next page

Cash Basis	ACEP PIL by Class July 2024 through June 2025									
	Annual Meeting (ACEP)	ED Dec Day (ACEP)	EM Summit (ACEP)	SIMWires (ACEP)	Sum Retreat (ACEP)	ACEP - Other (ACEP)	Total ACEP	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	
Ordinary Income/Expense										
Income										
L-ACEP										
Annual Meeting	15,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,300.00	0.00	-15,300.00	ACEP:
Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,948.81	100,948.81	95,908.00	-5,948.61	ACEP24 Councilors/8
EM Summit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	LACEP5
SIMWires	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,950.00	0.00	0.00	4,950.00	0.00	4,950.00	Board (July Repl)
Summer Retreat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Educ Grant Meet
Total L-ACEP	15,300.00	0.00	0.00	4,950.00	0.00	100,948.81	121,198.81	111,908.00	-10,008.61	
Investments										
Investment-Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,201.88	6,201.88	0.00	-6,201.88	Honorarium/Board
Total Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,201.88	6,201.88	0.00	-6,201.88	ACEP24 Councilors/8
Wells Fargo Checking Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.27	0.27	0.00	-0.27	LACEP5 (Pres/Pres-elect)
Total Income	15,300.00	0.00	0.00	4,950.00	0.00	107,150.76	127,400.76	111,908.00	-16,905.76	LACEP5 (2 residents)
Gross Profit	15,300.00	0.00	0.00	4,950.00	0.00	107,150.76	127,400.76	111,908.00	-16,905.76	
Expense										
Bank Fees/transaction fees	370.15	0.00	0.00	177.21	0.00	0.00	547.36	-458.00	-90.36	
Education Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Food	3,455.38	1,247.41	0.00	1,308.86	0.00	2,870.70	8,883.45	8,250.00	633.55	
Honorarium/Stipend	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	6,100.00	0.00	2,900.00	
Hotel	486.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	486.35	2,000.00	1,513.65	
Independent Contract Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,999.95	38,999.95	41,000.00	3,000.05	
Insurance D&O	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,262.80	2,262.80	2,250.00	-12.80	
Insurance Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,037.00	1,037.00	0.00	-1,037.00	
Legislative Counsel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	41,000.00	-1,000.00	
Meeting	420.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	470.00	0.00	-470.00	
Membership/Recruitment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	746.87	771.87	800.00	28.13	
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.20	32.20	400.00	367.80	
Printing	0.00	128.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.51	234.96	-450.00	-215.04	
Property Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.68	11.68	0.00	-11.68	
Rentals	2,290.00	0.00	0.00	3,900.00	0.00	0.00	6,190.00	6,200.00	1,000.00	
Tax Prep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	500.00	400.00	
Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	748.46	748.46	700.00	-48.46	
Travel	0.00	0.00	2.00	901.00	0.00	1,079.00	1,242.00	1,000.00	242.00	
Website/Tech Staff	90.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,659.80	1,749.80	1,600.00	-149.80	
Total Expense	7,552.80	1,373.86	2.00	4,878.75	0.00	95,215.14	112,814.05	118,821.00	6,016.95	
Net Ordinary Income	7,747.14	-1,373.86	-2.00	279.81	0.00	7,940.62	14,991.71	(8,331.00)		
Funds from Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Net Income	7,747.14	-1,373.86	-2.00	279.81	0.00	7,940.62	14,991.71	(8,331.00)		

24-25 EDY Report: Thanks to our rescheduled Annual Meeting/Scientific Assembly, we ended the year in the black with a Net Income of \$14,991.71, due to our non-dues revenue stream. Our control expenses were also kept in check due to the pared-down format of our ED Dec Day and our lower or not used stipends. Declining membership is still an issue and we were down 13% of our regular members from last year but the silver lining is that we are retaining more recently graduated residents. Last fiscal year there were only 53 that chose to keep up their membership and this year this year we are at 87, with 17 of them choosing the set, monthly plan price of \$15.

Wayne Martini, II, MD, FACEP, Treasurer

As you can see, I had issues with document. To see a clear picture, it's at the bottom of this [page](#) on the website. Stephanie

An ACEP Well-being Committee Goal is to have 10 Peer-to-Peer trained members in each state. If you're going to ACEP25, consider checking this opportunity out.

Peer-to-Peer Support Training September 9 | 8 am - Noon

Join the **Peer-to-Peer Support Training for Emergency Physicians** to gain the skills and confidence to support your peers' mental health. Designed by and for emergency physicians, this program fosters a culture of trust, teaches evidence-based techniques to recognize distress, and strengthens resilience to combat burnout. Healthier physicians mean better patient care—be part of the movement to transform emergency medicine, one peer conversation at a time.



2025 EM Opioid Summit-Hybrid ***November 5; 8:00am-12:30pm***



Come hear local experts talk about the latest updates regarding opioid guidelines, reporting, risk reductions and what other facilities are implementing to deal with this crisis to get your required CME credits.

OPEN to ALL ED Providers, including APP's & ED Nurses

NEW location; Honor Health Transformation Center @ I-17 & 101 Freeways

Registration Info will be sent soon...watch your emails!

Mark Your Calendars...NEW Date!

ED Doc Day @ The Capitol **March 18, 2026**



- 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!

AzCEP Membership Destination Board Meeting

This year, we will pilot a "**Destination Meeting**", on **October 22**. This would be an annual occasion for our membership to meet outside of Phoenix, to enjoy the company of our membership, to meet with fellow board members face to face, and to allow for social and recreational activities. In 2025 we will be meeting in Flagstaff to enjoy the crisp fall air, sample some local brews, come together for an industry-sponsored dinner, and enjoy some light recreation in nature. ALL are welcome! Contact [Stephanie](#) if coming.

OCTOBER 22, 2025

1:00pm; Membership/Board Meeting, Fat Olives, 2308 E Route 66
6:30pm; Sponsored Dinner, Mother Road Brewery, 7 S Mikes Pike St
Hotel suggestion; High Country Motor Lodge, 1000 W Rte 66

OCTOBER 23, 2025

9:00am; The Arboretum at Flagstaff, 4001 S Woody Mountain Rd



**Sep 26-30, 2025 -
Outrigger Paradise
Hotel, Waikiki!**

Early sign-up is \$899 for up to 14 CME (depending upon attendance). Code AZCEP2025 will get an additional \$50 off.

Here's the link to the page: <https://happydocsummercamp.com/happy-doc-hawaii-placeholder/>

ITLS

ITLS is working on smaller regional courses in southern/southeastern AZ, central AZ (Phoenix area), and northern/northeastern AZ. We just held courses at White Mountain Regional Medical Center in Northeastern Arizona at the beginning of the month. There will be several Pediatric ITLS courses throughout the state this year.

Go to our website to look for upcoming courses: www.itlsaz.org or contact me at (Bradley.s.butler6.mil@health.mil) if you are interested in being involved in teaching and/or if you are considering being Medical Director for ITLS in AZ!

Brad Butler, MD, FACEP
CAPT MC (FMF), USN
Medical Director
Arizona ITLS

Dignity East Valley Residency Update

By Rebecca Roberts, DO

We now have our second class of residents! Our residency family is doubling in size and our new interns have soared through a whirlwind first few weeks as they completed orientation and are getting adjusted to the department. We had a wonderful retreat in Show Low this summer to welcome our new residents featuring board games, water balloons, pickleball, rope climbing, and lots of bonding!

Our interns have started the year strong performing intubations, placing chest tubes, treating traumas, and generally giving compassionate care to our patients in the ED. Meanwhile, we have continued to make learning fun through didactics games such as our recent orthopedic procedures relay race. Residents practiced placing splints on each other, identifying fractures on x-rays, performing arthrocentesis and getting compartment pressures all for points to take their family team to the finish line at the end of the year.

We cannot wait to see where this next year takes us and watching the residents grow - for both our new interns and our freshly minted PGY-2s!



**East Valley Emergency Medicine
Class of 2028**



James Carty
Arizona College of Osteopathic
Medicine of Midwestern University



Jessica Diaz
University of Arizona College
of Medicine - Tucson



Steven Flinders
Arizona College of Osteopathic
Medicine of Midwestern University



Natalie Gnelting
University of Pikeville - Kentucky
College of Osteopathic Medicine



Zaid Khan
Idaho College of
Osteopathic Medicine



Briella Taylor
Lincoln Memorial University -
DeBusk College of Osteopathic
Medicine



Christopher Touresian
Arizona College of Osteopathic
Medicine of Midwestern University



DeQuan Weston
The University of Texas
Southwestern Medical School

COPA Resident's Column
By Scott Austin, DO and Colin Hurkett, MD

Hello everyone! My name is Scott Austin and I would love to take this opportunity to introduce myself as well as my colleague, Colin Hurkett. We will be your new AzCEP representatives for COPA this year. We both were raised in the great state of Arizona and we are so excited to meet and serve with you all.

This July, we welcomed a brand new batch of intern residents and we could not be more excited to have



them. They come from all over the country and they are very well prepared to start serving our communities as physicians. This July, they began with intern orientation, gaining the basic foundations of emergency medicine. Of course, they had to stop and get a photo on the helipad here at Valleywise, the best views in Phoenix! They are now starting their first shifts in the department and will be amazing providers.

 Andrade, Amber Western University of Health Sciences	 Cusimano, Jason Univ of Arizona - Phoenix	 Dean, David Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Med	 Ferri, Francesca Creighton University School of Medicine-Phoenix	 Garcia, Brandon University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix	 Hanss, Alec University of Arizona College of Medicine Tucson	 Linane, Mackenzie Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Phillips, Alicia University of Nebraska College of Medicine	 Sposet, Samantha Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine	 Steffan, Paige University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix	 Taillon, Jared New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine	 Tate, Makenzie Campbell University Jerry M Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine	 Tatur, Benjamin Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine	 Taylor, Brandon Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine
<p>Creighton University SOM/Valleywise Health Medical Center</p>			 Tentis, Morgan Medical College of Wisconsin	 Weiler, Nicholas Medical College of Wisconsin	<p>Emergency Medicine Residency Class of 2028</p>	

Other Association Colleagues to check out;

-2025 Arizona Hospital & Healthcare Guide

-Arizona Medical Association; For a Limited Time: Major Discounts on ArMA Membership! The Arizona Medical Association is physicians' first line of defense at the Arizona State Capitol and beyond. But, we're only as strong as our membership. For a short time, you can join your colleagues at a discounted rate through our promotions:

-ABEM Volunteer Request; ABEM is seeking volunteers to serve as examinees (mock test takers) for a practice administration of the new Certifying Exam taking place November 3-4, 2025, at the AIME Center in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Kingman Regional Medical Center's Resident's Corner

By Taylor Cornwell-Hinrichs, DO, MPH, MLIS, R2

Kingman Regional Medical Center Emergency Medicine Residency is proud to welcome our new interns! Below is some fun facts to help us get to know them.

Bachar Hachem, DO: hometown: Tyre, Lebanon and then Las Vegas, Nevada; medical school: Touro University Nevada; favorite hobbies: weightlifting, watching UFC and soccer; favorite drug: droperidol; fun fact: kidney transplant recipients don't usually get their native kidneys removed, they just walk around with three kidneys.

Ethan Wright, DO: hometown: Scottsdale, AZ; medical school: Midwestern University AZCOM; favorite hobbies: weightlifting, country dancing; favorite drug: Ativan; fun fact: almost all European languages, as well as English, Greek, Latin, and other Indo-Iranian languages (Farsi, Hindi, Punjabi, Sanskrit etc.) all come from an ancient original mother language called "Proto-Indo European" that existed roughly 6000 years ago, spoken by proto Indo Europeans originating in modern day Ukraine region.

Julian Brix, DO: hometown: Las Vegas, NV; medical school: Touro University Nevada; favorite hobbies: board games, miniature painting, video games, firearms; favorite drug: droperidol; fun fact: he speaks English, Tagalog, and Thai.

Landon Lawson, MD: hometown: Reno, NV; medical school: Ross University; favorite hobbies: working with his hands, cooking, building; favorite drug: Haldol; fun fact: he enjoys skydiving.

Lindsay Escobedo, DO: hometown: Prosser, WA; medical school: Noorda COM in Provo, UT; favorite hobbies: alternative health, camping, boating, attending festivals, live music events, rodeos, fairs, musical theater; favorite drug: tirzepatide; fun fact: she has a doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine.

Marvin Slack II, DO: hometown: San Diego, CA; medical school: ATSU-SOMA; favorite hobbies: movies, live music, traveling, hiking; favorite drug: ketamine; fun fact: early in his academic career, he earned an Associates degree in Visual and Performing Arts and has worked on several community plays.



2025 EM Research Seed Grants Applications Available!

I'm pleased to share that AzCEP will again be offering **\$1000 EM Research Seed Grant(s)**. The application can be found on the [website](#) and the deadline is **November 15**.



For past award recipients, you can check out the list on the [website](#).

Need a Guest Lecturer?

Updated list available!

AzCEP has pulled together a list of speaker topics and presenters to assist in program needs in the state. This updated version includes what type of practice environment the lecturer practices in. Check it out for **NEW** topics and speakers! See the list on the front page of the website; www.azcep.org



Abrazo West's Resident's Corner *By Devi Dearmon-Moore, MD*

Hello from the West Valley!

We're so excited to start the academic year and welcome a new class of interns! It's always a busy time of year when the temperatures are heating up and new learners are in the department. We've been so impressed by how our interns are handling their new responsibilities as compassionate medical providers and demonstrating their skills resuscitating critically ill patients.

Outside of the department we've had lots of opportunities to spend time with each other! For example, at our quarterly women-in-medicine event, this time a dinner at Thea where we invited some of our amazing female faculty members to share their knowledge and advice, and also a residency



party at one of our lovely faculty member's house. We're looking forward to spending more time together at ACEP, which all our 3rd year residents will attend next month, and AAEM, which all our residents attend in the spring.



ACEP Resources & Latest News

ACEP Names Michael Fraser, PhD, as Next Executive Director

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is pleased to announce Michael Fraser, PhD, MS, CAE as its next executive director. [Read more.](#)

Fewer Than Half of Emergency Visits Staffed by Majority

Physician-Owned Practices, New Analysis Shows
Most emergency department visits are staffed by physicians employed by health systems or private equity-owned staffing groups... [Read more.](#)

ACEP-Supported Oregon Law Bans Physician Non-Compete Agreements

With strong support from the Oregon chapter of ACEP, a new Oregon state law will safeguard physician autonomy and workforce mobility by banning non-compete agreements. [Read more.](#)

Emergency Physicians Strongly Support the No Surprises Enforcement Act

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) strongly supports the No Surprises Enforcement Act, legislation that will hold insurance companies accountable for continued and willful violations of the federal law... [Read more.](#)

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act and Implications for Emergency Medicine

The latest installment of ACEP's "Capitol Rounds" webinar series offers an overview of the recently-passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and its significant implications for emergency physicians' practice and patients. [Read more.](#)

Proposed CMS Rules Include Medicare Pay Increase, ACEP-Suggested Telehealth Fixes, Boarding Measure

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing to adopt a new quality measure developed and supported by ACEP members. [Read more.](#)

Emergency Physicians Prescribing Fewer Opioids for Low Back Pain, Study Finds

New research examining emergency department visits for low back pain found a significant decline in the use of opioids for treatment, according to a study published in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. [Read more.](#)

New York ACEP-Supported Bill Would Ease ED Violence Reporting

In a major step to improve protections for emergency physicians and care teams, a New York ACEP-supported bill would empower victims of workplace assault to give statements at their job sites. [Read more.](#)

ACEP Statement Regarding Senate Passage of Reconciliation Package

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is deeply concerned by the Senate's passage of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" reconciliation package. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

Oral Board Course Review

Thursday, August 21, 2025

- * Session 1: 8:00 AM – 12:45 PM Eastern time
 - * Session 2: 1:00 PM – 5:45 PM Eastern time
- Oral Board Review Course Held Virtually by Zoom - Ohio ACEP offers a virtual course designed to prepare individuals to take the Oral Board Exam. Our course is designed to optimize your exam performance, teach techniques for success, and enhance your case management skills!

Chapter Grant Program: Helping States Meet Their Health Policy Needs

Thursday, August 28, 2025

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Central time

Hear from four Chapters that successfully applied for and received a State Public Policy Grant to support their Chapter's health policy efforts. Learn firsthand about their experience with the grant proposal process, the outcomes they've achieved since receiving funding, and ideas to inspire your own future grant applications. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and tips from peers who've been through it!

ACEP Accelerate

January 18-23, 2026
Emergency medicine continues to move beyond traditional routes. And more and more emergency physicians are looking for ways to elevate their career fulfillment. With multiple meetings in one location within the same week, ACEP Accelerate offers different tracks to forge ahead and rise to your career goals. [Register Today!](#)

ACEP25 Scientific Assembly

September 7-10, 2025
For the first time, ACEP's annual meeting will be in the beautiful city of Salt Lake City, UT. The world's largest emergency medicine educational conference brings together the global EM community.



AzCEP News & Notes

Dr. Frank LoVecchio receives Lifetime Achievement Award!

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Dr. Frank LoVecchio — an emergency medicine physician at Valleywise Health — for his extensive experience practically and clinically relating to emergency medicine and medical toxicology. He has received more than a dozen research and teaching awards.

According to his award nomination, Dr. LoVecchio is the author of more than 300 peer review articles and has given lectures in over 20 countries. The seasoned physician has organized and participated in multiple international medical missions and has been honored locally and nationally for his contributions to the health care field.

Dr. LoVecchio is also a site investigator on seven NIH grants awarded through the Emergency Medicine Network (EMNet), including grants for work on influenza screening. Currently, he is performing research about drug development, drugs of abuse, Covid-19, infectious diseases, and environmental illness.

Advocacy at Home/ August Recess Toolkit for ACEP Members/ August 2025

We understand that advocacy plays a vital role and is an important part of the membership and benefits that ACEP national and AzCEP local provides for its members. We encourage you to reach out to your Congressional delegation during their August recess via a call, a letter, an email or scheduling an office visit at their Arizona Office to discuss the national issues raised by ACEP. Here is their [August Recess Toolkit](#) to use. For your federal legislators names and their website, click on the links below for their contact information.

Here is a [link](#) to help you find your Congressional representative

Here is a [link](#) for you to use to contact your United States Senators

Please contact us if you have any questions.

[Megan McElhinny](#)
[John Thomas](#)

LIFE and SOS Fall Gala; Celebrating the lives of those who save lives every day.

LIFE is holding a [Fall Gala](#) to raise funds to provide free programs to medical professionals and students to decrease their burnout and suicide rates. Come join us!

2025 Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit

Did you know that the 2025 Cardiac Arrest Survival Summit will be held in Arizona this year? The event takes place Dec. 3-6, at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, Arizona. We have several AzCEP members (Drs. Garth Gemar, Gail Bradley and Josh Zeidler) on the planning committee and it is sure to be an impressive event. See page 2 for more details.

Prudent Layperson violations, Downcoding, Bad Payor Behavior

Have you been dealing with any new issues with regard to downcoding, reimbursement denials in violation of prudent layperson, or other bad payor behavior? The State Legislative and Regulatory Committee has been working with national ACEP over the last year to monitor and address any issues that arise, but wanted to make sure state chapters aren't dealing with new issues that haven't been passed along to national ACEP.

If you do have issues or questions, feel free to message me, Dr. Dan Elliott, directly on engagED or email me at dan.elliott1889@gmail.com and I will make sure your info gets passed along and addressed.

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*Congratulations
to our newest
FACEP members!*

**Megan L McElhinny, MD,
FACEP**

**Cameron Nima Nourani,
MD, FACEP**

Legislative Update

By John Thomas, AzCEP Legislative Counsel

It is August and the Legislature has FINALLY adjourned (sine die) for the year! When the state Constitution was first adopted and Arizona officially became a state back in 1912, the consensus at that time was that Arizona should have a part-time legislature so that the legislators would have other jobs to attend to when not in legislative session. This was based on the belief that the state would be better represented at the Capitol by people who had an understanding of the effect that government could have, negatively or positively, on them and their livelihoods. It also helped that there was no air conditioning in the Capitol buildings at that time so there was an added emphasis to wrap up the state's business and head home before the Summer weather was upon them.

That thought process has been upended over the last several years with the Legislature staying in session until late June. June 27th to be exact for 2025. Where that impacts AzCEP and other health groups is that staying in session for an additional amount of days allows the opportunity for some bills that are detrimental to our members to be resurrected and moved yet again through the legislative process.

This year, there were over 1,850 bills, Memorials and Resolutions introduced at the Capitol with 4 separate budget proposals alone introduced over the last few weeks of session. Each of these budget proposals required a line by line reading of the several hundred pages of new laws to ensure that an old issue wasn't resurrected or a new law wasn't added at the last minute that would be opposed by our membership. It makes for a very busy time until the legislature finally adjourns for the year.

2026 will be an election year for our 9 members of the US House of Representatives as well as our state offices (Governor, Attorney General etc.) and all of our 90 state legislators. This provides you with an opportunity to meet them at local campaign events to introduce yourself and discuss issues of importance to you and your AzCEP members. AzCEP Board member and former state representative Dr. Amish Shaw has already announced that he will be running for Congress in Arizona District 1.

At the state level, we currently have one doctor who is a state representative and at least 5 nurses or spouses of nurses who serve in the legislature. The one doctor who is currently serving as a state representative is planning to run for the Corporation Commission in 2026, so we are hoping that another doctor steps up and runs for legislature.

Enjoy these remaining days of Summer and we will see you at an upcoming board meeting or next March at our ED Doc Day at the Capitol!

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