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Past President: Navitha Ramesh, MD, FCC  
President Elect: Joshua Marks, MD, FACS, FCCM  
Secretary: Amanda Holyk, PharmD, BCCCP  
Treasurer: Barbara Birriel, PhD, ACNP-BC, FCCM  
SE Rep: Dan Wu, DO, FACOS, FACS, FCCM  
NE Rep: Jonathan Goldner, DO, FCCM  
West Rep: Janine Then, Pharm D, BC, Mandi Krach  
Central Rep: Michelle D yanani,  
Communications: Rich Arbour, RN, MSN  
Education: John Madara, MD & Brenda Engler  
Membership: 4 regional reps  
PA Med Society rep: Herb Patrick, MD, FCCM

Pennsylvania Chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine  
SCCM Business Meeting  
August 18, 2023  
Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Lori Demko @1655.
2. Members of the chapter leadership introduced to attendees. Attendees present: Niels Martin, Barbara Birriel, Lori Demko, Navitha Ramesh, Sandy Blossner, Margaret Wojnar, Rich Arbour, Amanda Holyk, John Madara, Herb Patrick, Joshua Marks, Brenda Engler, Janine Then
3. A motion to approve the Minutes from 8/18/22 and 1/23/23 was made by Rich Arbour and seconded by Herb Patrick.
4. **President's Report (Lori Demko assumed role as of 8/18/2023):**
  - Quarterly meetings (February at SCCM, spring conference call, August at Challenges, fall conference call): *Spring meeting was missed, but will plan to continue quarterly meetings going forward (targeting October 16th @ 330pm for fall meeting). Barb Birriel will send out meeting invite with zoom information. Spring meeting will be coupled with the reception at SCCM, with plans for the executive board to meeting 30 minutes before.*
  - *Chapter Alliance Status Report to be submitted by Lori Demko before September 12 Chapter Alliance meeting*
  - Chapter Alliance Update - Dan/Navitha – No update provided. Dan absent
  - Annual Challenges Conference/Meeting - Planning for 2024: *The date is not committed, but likely to be 8/16/24 pending on hotel availability. Chapter may need to contribute funds if needed pending financial review by Penn state continuing ED. Attendance was down this year at 117. Chapter will plan to utilize early, regular promotion throughout the year. Will revisit changing the date to fall or spring to promote better attendance. Will look regionally to determine if there are any outliers in the regions that can be targeted. Will plan to separate the communication for the chapter meeting vs the Conference/CE communication from Penn state for the next meeting. Consider asking Dawn to include questions in post meeting survey asking attendees preferred dates, and inquiring if they stayed the weekend or went Hershey Park, etc. Discussion regarding date change for 2025-2026 meeting will occur at the fall meeting. It was also suggested to utilize paper post cards to promote challenges.*
  - Stipend to Chapter President / Officers to attend congress and chapters alliance: *This was approved by Niels Martin and seconded by Barb Birriel. The president, or other*

*executive offer if president unable to attend, can submit a formal request for support if appropriate. The amount will be contingent upon the chapter finances for that year, concomitant institutional support and at the discretion of the executive board.*

*- PA Chapter SCCM Booth at Congress 2024 – It was determined that the chapter will proceed with a booth at congress (SCCM provides to chapter at no cost). Goal will be to promote the annual meeting, PA chapter reception, in-training grant and case presentation/Research awards and target new members including in-training physicians and pharmacists. At the next chapter alliance meeting, Lori Demko will inquire about a list of sponsored fellows in PA.*

*- Revision of Chapter Logo to create a higher quality/resolution image: Barb Birriel will work with her contact to finalize new logo and will revisit purchasing merchandise at the fall meeting. Current options include a tablecloth (4-one for each region), banner/flag, badge ribbons, and pens, surgical caps.*

#### **4. Past President's Report - Navitha Ramesh**

*- 2023 Annual Operational Report to SCCM- last years was submitted, next submission anticipated to be March 2024 will be submitted by Lori Demko.*

*- FCCS Course/Ultrasound Course- The grant in question expired so the chapter will not sponsor an FCCS course this year. Lori Cox was able to coordinate an ultrasound course for APPs at Hershey this past year but reach was limited due to these logistics. Will look for opportunities to sponsor existing courses for advertising (ex. new fellows conference in Philadelphia). Brenda will discuss opportunities for collaboration with Geisinger as they run an ultrasound course two times per year. Any groups interested in PASCCM sponsorship should submit a letter describing the events and funds requested to the chapter executive board for approval*

#### **5. Secretary's Report - Amanda Holyk**

*- Amanda Holyk will look into scanning priority documents from the box into a virtual forum. Lori Demko will inquire at Chapters Alliance what other chapters are doing regarding file/record keeping. After fall meeting's approval of summer minutes, Amanda Holyk will plan to begin uploading minutes and any other necessary approved documents to SCCM connect.*

#### **6. Treasurer's Report - Barb Birriel**

*- Balance- See separate Treasurer's report*

*- Income review- See separate Treasurer's report*

*- Expenses- See separate Treasurer's report. The Pharmacy CE for challenges will revert back to Penn State after this year (used UPMC for 2023).*

*- Joseph & Rae Brown Award (\$1000) - August 1 Nomination Deadline - to be reviewed and determined. No submissions have been sent to the executive board at this time. The award description was not advertised correctly on SCCM connect (should include "promote critical care at the regional or local level"). Lori Demko will reach out to Dominika about this.*

*- The \$500 award for the audience voted case and research presentations will continue. Rich Arbour will promote this for next Challenges and target trainees. Any trainee of any discipline who is a first author and PA chapter member will receive complimentary registration for Challenges. This was approved by Niels Martin and Seconded by Barb Birriel.*

- *Drinker Critical Care Society (Philadelphia) \$500 annually. The chapter has not been invoiced since 2021. Niels Martin will follow up this. Will consider a chapter promotion table at the Drinker Society meetings. This will be discussed further at the fall meeting.*

**7. Education Committee - Josh Marks & Brenda Engler**

- *No In-training grant applicants since last submission withdrawal. Plan to utilize the list of sponsored fellows from Chapter Alliance to advertise this award. It was voted to add the members of the education committee to the Challenges planning committee for next year. John Madera, MD will join the education committee. Lori Demko will contact Dawn and have her add Josh, Brenda & John to the Challenges committee*

**8. Communication Committee - Rich Arbour. SCCM Connect & Twitter for meeting reminders**

*and updates. Only 29 twitter followers to the Chapter account, will work to increase this. See above regarding communications tactics for next challenges meeting promotion. Update chapter officer list annually. Rich Arbour or Lori Demko will reach out to Dominika to ensure this is correct on SCCM connect. Consider obtaining PA chapter members involvement at annual congress using a survey or google doc to advertise and promote the chapter. Can utilize Critical Care connections to promote and advertise the chapter but will need to remember that this is done 3 months in advance.*

**9. Membership Committee - PA Chapter SCCM currently has 315 members**

- *Comprised of Regional Reps. Look for opportunities to promote dinner, networking events, webinars. Advertise chapter. Reminder that there is a \$500 sponsorship to hold meetings.  
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**10. PA Medical Society Update (Herb Patrick):**

- *Senate Bill 631 reintroduced for consideration and would provide a legal basis for POLST forms to be used across all health care settings. This would require a yearly renewal to keep it active. PAMED is supporting this legislation.  
- ACP offers lunchtime 30 minutes session for intensivists over zoom. Herb Patrick offered to look into coordinating an ethics topic co-sponsored by the chapter.  
- Herb Patrick will also plan to submit an article to the PA Medical Society Journal on behalf of the chapter. Lori Demko will proof read if necessary prior to submission.*

**11. Old Business**

- *As discussed above.*

**12. Open Forum/New Business – Nominations for President- Elect:**

- *Joshua Marks, MD has accepted the nomination.*

**13. Next Meetings – October 16<sup>th</sup> at 330pm SCCM Congress 1/21-1/23/24 Phoenix, AZ**

**14. Adjourn @ 1838.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Holyk, PharmD, BCCCP

Secretary, PA Chapter SCCM