

House of Delegates
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Friday, November 10, 2006

Minutes

James Mallette, Jr., M.D., Speaker, HOD called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

William Dolen, M.D., ACAAI President, urged continued effective communication with the Board of Regents through the House of Delegates and commended the current speaker Dr James Mallette.

ACAAI President-elect, Dr Daniel Ein reiterated the message of communication through the House of Delegates via email: president@acaai.org

Minutes of the November 4, 2005 HOD meeting in Anaheim were unanimously approved.

Dr. Donald Aaronson, President of the Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology discussed Pay for Performance (P4P) and the involvement of ACAAI, JCAAI, AAAAI in the development and approval of the practice parameters.

Dr. Allen Meadows urged the Local, State and Regional Allergy Societies to join the Board of Regents on May 7, 2007 to meet with their legislative representatives on Capitol Hill.

Dr Robert Nathan, JCAAI President discussed issues that are emailed to members periodically via *New News You Can Use* including information on:

- **OIG Report**
- **USP797**
- **Xolair Billing** (currently as injection only 90772 NOT 99211)
- **IVIG Shortage**
- **ICD10 Coding**
- **Graduate Medical Education** (reduced number of allergy residency training programs from 120 to 71 urgent need to prove financial support for future of profession with JCAAI/AAAAI/ACAAI)
- **Need to provide evidence that allergists do it better.** (JCAAI will provide presentation of talking points for RSL presidents to meet with carriers)
- **CPT codes** (discussed 95004/95024/95027/95115/95117)

Dr James Pollowitz, President of the NY State Society of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology presented a resolution that future practice parameters regarding immunotherapy guidelines incorporate evidence based medicine or state when it is an opinion so the practicing allergist is not in legal jeopardy on "matters of professional style rather than substance." The resolution was unanimously passed.

Dr Kevin McGrath, Vice Speaker of the HOD presented information that future immunotherapy practice parameters be considered with significant input from the HOD and RSL before being approved by the ACAAI.

There were no new candidates proposed for the HOD officers and the following slate was unanimous approved: Drs. James Mallette, Speaker; Kevin McGrath; Vice Speaker, and Christopher Randolph, Secretary.

Dr Michael Kaliner, MD, President of World Allergy Organization, described GLORIA -- a WAO free speaker program on allergy and asthma topics for CME credit provided by ACAAI. He also urged attendance at the next WAO meeting in Bangkok, Thailand (December 2007) which includes both a Food Allergy and Immunotherapy Symposia.

HOD was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Randolph, M.D.
Secretary