Delegate Program Expanding

With the close of another successful AMTC we have some exciting firsts to share regarding the delegate program. Our program is stronger than ever and growing weekly. We not only have the most delegate representation we have ever had, we held the first AMTC delegate meeting in recent years. We are excited to announce a new component to the program: We are going international! Currently, we are in the process of structuring the program to include representation for our members outside the United States. With that being said, we are still looking for motivated members to represent our Canadian friends to the North. If you or someone you know would like to be involved during this exciting time of change, please visit us at our website, www.iafccp.org located under the Association tab and choose Delegates.

Not sure who your delegate is? Take a look at our website. We have recently updated it to include a delegate directory complete with hyperlinked email addresses. Have questions, concerns, feedback or need help? Reach out to your delegate for access to resources of the Association. Not seeing one listed for your state? Submit an application and your name could be there.

This is YOUR association, so don’t pass up an opportunity to become involved and help shape the future of paramedicine. Feel free to contact me with questions or interest in the program at coaks@iafccp.org.

Stay safe,

Cory Oaks
IAFCCP Welcomes Three New Board Members

Eric Bauer, MBA, FP-C, CCP-C, C-NPT
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The Medical Center EMS
Scottsville, TN

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Griffith University School of Medicine
EMS & Disaster Management
Queensland, Australia

Jonah Thompson, BA, NRP, CP-C
Community Paramedic Representative
Operations Manager, Mobile Integrated Health
Allegheny Health Network
Pittsburgh, PA

The 2019 – 2020 slate of Officers and Directors was introduced earlier this month at the IAFCCP General Membership Meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia during AMTC. To view all Officers and Directors, click here.

Safety is YOUR Responsibility

In the August Issue of this newsletter, I made a statement that it is OK to say NO, as a Medical Crew member. I feel that I need to make that point even clearer. As a Medical Crew member in a helicopter, an ambulance, or even a ship, it is your DUTY to say NO. As we continue to lose members of our community, in both Air and Ground transport, I continue to hear a very common theme...that crews don’t feel empowered to say NO when they feel unsafe. This needs to change and we, as medical crew members, need to drive this change. How? Become involved. Does your program have a Safety Program? Ask yourself, “What can I do to contribute?” Is your Safety Program run by the Administrators and Pilots? You should advocate for Medical Crew representation. Safety Culture starts with US. Be the drivers of change. Need help to drive that change? Reach out to other local programs in your area. I bet you would find plenty of likeminded medical crew, who want to drive change, or who have already started. I have yet to talk to a program, with a robust Safety Culture, who wasn’t willing to share information. Still stuck with where to start? You can reach out to me, at any time, day or night. I will always answer your email.

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Congress continues to discuss surprise medical billing, with a goal of finding a way to address the issue and find common ground between insurers and healthcare providers. This effort remains controversial in the approaches offered so far, which include separate proposals that vary in imposing a benchmark rate control over providers, data collection efforts, and/or some type of arbitration or independent dispute resolution process. Healthcare provider (including air ambulance services) are generally opposed to a benchmark rate, while insurers are generally opposed to any type of arbitration. This means progress has slowed overall, and time is running out in the legislative year for resolution. Should resolution not come in 2019, many will be watching closely to see if the issue re-emerges in 2020, as many in DC will have their attention focused on the 2020 Presidential and Congressional elections.

At the same time, Congress is also weighing impeachment, passage of “must-pass” appropriations legislation, and other issues that are complicating bipartisan cooperation. It seems unlikely that a stand-alone surprise billing bill will pass on its own, which would then require inclusion of surprise billing language as part of year-end package. This idea is also controversial as well.

Christopher D. Hall, IAFCCP GLAC Chairman
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Delegates Needed – Contact Cory Oaks at coaks@iafccp.org

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I have received a few questions lately, on Helicopter Shopping. The IAFCCP, ASTNA, and the ENA released a joint position paper on this topic called Responsible “Helicopter Shopping” Through Selective Resource Management. I urge you to take a look and post a copy at your base for review by all crew members.

Do you want to participate in the Safety conversation at the International Level? Would you like to exchange ideas with other safety minded professional in the industry? Then, I urge you to participate in the IAFCCP Safety Committee. I am looking for several participants who want to start driving change. If you are interested, please reach out to me via email and let’s get the conversation started. We have several big projects in the safety arena coming up and we are always looking for additional participation. I look forward to hearing from you!

Lastly, please stay safe out there. We are coming into the winter months for much of the U.S. Please remember to keep your outerwear with you, an extra snack or two in your pockets and even a small survival kit in your pocket. Take care of each other. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or comments.

By
Michael Mulhern
Safety Committee Chair
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