

Air Medical Physician Association

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The Air Medical Physician Association is an international organization committed to safe and efficacious critical care transport by promoting quality medical direction, research, education, leadership and collaboration.

Congratulations!

Four positions to serve two-year terms were open to the AMPA 2011 Election. The election winners were announced at the 2011 General Membership Meeting, on October 16 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Newly elected Board of Trustee members are:

Board Members at Large:

Michael Bigham, MD
Harinder Dhindsa, MD
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International Board Members at Large:

Eduardo Loyola, MD

P.S. Martin, MD continues as AMPA President, and William Hinckley as AMPA President-Elect. Board members who continue another year of service are Chris Fullagar, MD - Secretary-Treasurer, and Board Members at Large Michael Abernethy, MD, Lauri Bolton, MD, and Douglas Floccare, MD.



Although the dust has barely settled on 2011 AMTC, AMPA wants to be sure that you are aware that on-line submissions for 2012 AMTC are due soon. Please go to www.aams.org and look to Education 2012 AMTC. You have until **December 15, 2011** to complete on-line submissions. 2012 AMTC is being presented **October 22-24, 2012 in Seattle, Washington.**

While you have your calendars open, please add the AMPA *Medical Director Core Curriculum: Part II*, and the *Medical Director Forum*, both offered in Seattle on Sunday, **October 21, 2011.**

If you have topics that you would like to see brought for discussion at the *Medical Director Forum*, please contact Pat in the AMPA office. The Forum is YOUR venue for interactive discussion of issues that affect your ability to provide the best medical direction you can. If you have a hot topic, or an issue that you would like more information about, let us know!



AMPA Awards



AMPA Distinguished Physician:

The Distinguished Physician Award, established in 1993, recognizes an AMPA member for lifetime achievement and service to the Air Medical community. The candidates are nominated to and voted on by the AMPA Board.

AMPA proudly recognizes **Laurie A. Romig, MD, FACEP** as the 2011 Distinguished Physician. Laurie currently serves as the Medical Director for Pinellas County EMS, Florida. She is also an adjunct faculty member at St. Petersburg College EMS Training Program. Dr. Romig has volunteered countless hours with AMPA serving on the Board for eight years, four of those as Secretary-Treasurer. Her contributions to AMPA and to the air medical transport community are numerous and much appreciated.

Congratulations, Laurie!



AMPA Medical Director of the Year:

In contrast to the Distinguished Physician Award, which is intended to recognize lifetime achievement and service to AMPA and the Air

Medical community, the Medical Director of the Year is intended to recognize a physician who has made outstanding contributions to his or her program.

The candidates are nominated by their crews and voted on by the AMPA Board. Congratulations to **Dr. Peter C. Meyer** as the 2011 AMPA Medical Director of the Year! Dr. Meyer is the Medical Director of the Air Link Flight Service of Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. The flight team summarizes him as "always an exceptional role model; he challenges us to be the best we can be. He mentors us, supports us, and always lets us know how deeply he cares about both our program and each of us personally. ... he amazes us every day with his humor his sincerity, and his humility".

Congratulations, Peter



PRESIDENT-ELECT MESSAGE

We are face to face with our destiny and we must meet it with high and resolute courage. For us is the life of action, of strenuous performance of duty; let us live in the harness, striving mightily; let us rather run the risk of wearing out than resting out.

Address at the opening of the gubernatorial campaign, New York City, October 5, 1898 – 26th president of US (1858 - 1919)

My friends, this is an exciting time to be a physician in critical care transport medicine and a member of AMPA. Consider the following. AMPA members comprise: the immediate past president of AAMS, the chairman of the board and three additional board members of the Medevac Foundation International, the chair of CCT CORE, the medical director and three additional board members of The Center for Medical Transport Research, five members of the board of CAMTS, editor of *Air Medical Journal*, the Mission Steward and member of the board of ACCT For Patients, a medical advisor to the NTSB, and the leader of the OSI HEMS safety research group, to name just a few. Docs are stepping up to the plate and leading significant change for the better in transport medicine, to the benefit of our patients.

AMPA is stepping up its game as well. Take a look at our mission statement at the top of this newsletter, and see how the following accomplishments and current projects stack up against it. Our medical director Core Curriculum preconference has now educated 322 docs, 93 of whom have completed all three parts of the Core, which you all have continued to rate as excellent education. AMPA is a founding partner and driving force behind CCTMC, entering its 20th year in 2012, which attendees consistently rate as the premier clinical conference in critical care transport medicine. We are partnering with NAEMSP, ACEP, and AAEM to author a white paper of which our community is in desperate need, regarding appropriate HEMS utilization, and our own Doug Floccare is leading the charge. Last year, led by Mike Bigham, we initiated an AMPA-funded research seed grant to support vitally necessary young researchers in transport medicine, and the submissions were so strong that we voted to support not one but two \$2500 grants. Ira Blumen is leading a group of us that has begun work on the next edition of AMPA's *Principles and Direction of Air Medical Transport*, the definitive text in our field. PS Martin has recognized AMPA's need to modernize its communications with you, our members, as well as the rest of the transport medicine community, and is initiating an effort to move AMPA into the social media and Smartphone app game.

We need your help. There are many other projects that we can and should accomplish for our members and our patients, but we're currently limited by manpower. Every single AMPA member is insanely busy, and we on the board fully recognize that. But we also understand that the unfathomable talent and expertise that exists amongst you all is a resource that we're not fully utilizing. I'm still a fairly new AMPA member myself, having joined as a resident in 2002. I've never been a part of a national organization that was anywhere close to AMPA in terms of welcoming the contributions and talents of new, young members. If you want to get more involved with AMPA, we will welcome you with open arms and get you involved, I assure you. What do we need, specifically?

- We need tech-savvy folks to help us with an AMPA Smartphone app, social media, and website updating.
- We need the many of you that are excellent speakers and educators to

submit and teach, at AMTC, at CCTMC, and at AMPA's precons at both.

- We need folks to author and coauthor chapters for the next edition of AMPA's textbook.
- The chair-elect position of the AMTC Education Committee is currently sitting open, just awaiting a volunteer, and filling it with an AMPA member would be an excellent way for us to contribute to further elevating the value of AMTC.
- We need researchers to submit a proposal for the second annual AMPA Research Seed Grant.
- We need committed EBM-savvy folks to help us create evidence-based critical care transport medicine practice guidelines.

If you're interested in contributing in any of these ways, or in other ways, please contact The Straw That Stirs the AMPA Drink, Pat Petersen (ppeter1111@aol.com), and she will make it happen as she always does. On behalf of our patients, thank you for your commitment to excellence in critical care transport medicine and for, as TR so aptly put it, living in the harness.

Bill Hinckley, MD
AMPA President-Elect



Did you know.....

Most AMPA members who attended the October, 2011 *Medical Director Core Curriculum* and *Medical Director Forum* meetings were between 30-40 years of age with the average being 34. Most have been an AMPA member less than five years, and they first heard about AMPA from a colleague. The majority are emergency room physicians who have been a medical director less than five years, and spend less than 30% of their time on medical direction or air

medical transport activities. These members have attended the preconferences primarily to network and felt that the topics covered were more important to them than the location of the meeting or the number of CME awarded. Most did not need approval to attend the meeting, whose registration fees were covered by their hospital and/or transport program. Attending the AMPA Medical Director courses were more valuable to them than attending AMTC or CCTMC. All indicated that they will renew their AMPA membership.



Principles & Direction Of Air Medical Transport

The first edition of *Principles and Direction of Air Medical Transport* will soon be archived as the Textbook Task Force continues the process of developing the second edition. Several copies of the first edition are available for holiday giving to your flight team. The soft bound text is over 800 pages of everything-you-want/need-to-know-about-air-medical-transport provided by 128 authors and co-authors, many of them AMPA members, and all of them experts in medical transport and related topics. AMPA is very pleased that we can provide this extensive and valuable resource to the air medical community. The textbook and CD are available to AMPA members at a reduced price as follows:

Text/CD Combo \$60.00

(includes postage; contact the office for prices on multiple copies)

An Academic Member Residency Program can order 10 copies of the textbook for the price of the postage to mail! To take advantage of these exceptional values please contact Pat in the AMPA office at 801-263-AMPA! (801-263-2672)



Watch the AMPA website www.ampa.org and your mailbox for the CCTMC 2012 Brochure! CCTMC always promises excellent clinical education for the critical care transport medicine provider.....and they deliver! Save the dates!

**April 2-4, 2012
Loews Vanderbilt Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee**

AMPA Activities:

Saturday, March 31, 2012 - AMPA Board of Trustees Meeting - ALL AMPA members are welcome to this open meeting!

Sunday, April 2, 2012 - Critical Care Procedural Anatomy Program with morning didactic lectures following by a procedures lab at Vanderbilt Medical Center

Monday, April 2, 2012
1:00 p.m. Opening of the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference - General Session

Educational Objectives:

At the completion of this conference participants should be able to:

- Use state-of-the-art information to enhance and influence their clinical practice in the critical care air and ground transport environment, increase their skills, and influence their awareness of the unique environment in which they deliver medical care.
- Discuss the state of Critical Care Transport Education now and what we might expect in the future, describe evidence-based use of HEMS to save lives, and identify ten tricks of the trade to bring ICU level care to the transport environment.
- Apply discussion and case presentation to the management of closed head injuries, resuscitation of the hemorrhaging trauma patient, and abdominal compartment syndrome and the open abdomen.

- Discuss transport of the post cardiac arrest patient, transport of the post tPA patient, stabilization and transport of the multi-trauma patient, and what to do with the VAD patient with no pulse and no blood pressure.
- Evaluate assessment, treatment and transfer of the severely burned patient, traumatic brain injured patient, septic patient, and patient with an allergic reaction.
- Describe treatment considerations for the pediatric trauma patient, pediatric DKA patient, and evaluate terrible tot transports to find the take-a-way care tidbits.
- Evaluate severe pain and apply appropriate management options, describe mechanical ventilation in the transport setting, and assess the use of life-support technology in transport.

Please support this educational effort for AMPA and the professional associations including Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association, and the International Association of Flight & Critical Care Paramedics. The CCTMC is known for quality education and AMPA is proud to be a founding partner. CCTMC celebrates 20 years in 2012!

scientific research. Poster presentations will be formally judged during the conference on April 2nd and an Outstanding Research Award bestowed. Accepted abstracts will be published in the *Air Medical Journal*. Abstracts presented at other meetings during 2011-2012 will be considered. If abstracts have been published prior they will not be republished in the *Air Medical Journal*. Our goal is to nurture and provide an appropriate forum for research in air medical transport.

**Deadline: February 17, 2012
5:00 p.m. EST**

Abstracts must be sent as E-mail attachment in MS Word format (Macintosh or Windows) without names or institutions listed. Objective, methods, results and conclusion sections should be included, 3200 maximum number of characters allowed (including spaces). Use single line spacing. Leave one line of space between paragraphs. Left justify all text. Word documents should have 1 inch margins, and text in Times font, 12 point size. Please use the "word count" feature under "Tools" in Word. The E-mail cover should list names of participants in the study, institutional affiliations, funding sources, and identify the person who will present the poster at the conference. In addition, the E-mail cover must state whether or not the abstract has been or will be presented and/or published prior to April 2012. The reference must be supplied. Submissions should be sent to Reed.brozen@dartmouth.edu and must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on February 17, 2012.

Call for Abstracts

Reed Brozen, MD

**Critical Care Transport Medicine
Conference - April 2-4, 2012
Nashville, Tennessee**

The Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference (CCTMC) will once again feature a Scientific Forum with poster presentations of original



AMPA CORE CURRICULUM

The Medical Director Core Curriculum is offered as a preconference to the annual Air Medical Transport

Conference (AMTC). The AMPA Board of Trustees determined at the April 2003 Board meeting that offering a core curriculum process is relevant to the success of physicians managing critical care air and ground medical transport teams. The Core Curriculum is offered in three parts, which do not need to be taken consecutively, and covers topics in *Principles and Direction of Air Medical Transport*, a publication of AMPA. The sessions will be of interest to physicians just starting as medical directors, as well as those who are experienced. The preconference also offers an opportunity for physicians to network and presents a forum for interactive discussion.

The AMPA Medical Director Core Curriculum is recognized and recommended by CAMTS as background training for a Medical Director of a critical care transport program that is applying for accreditation or undergoing reaccreditation.

Past courses include:

- Part I: November 2, 2003 - Reno, Nevada
October 23, 2005 - Austin, Texas
October 19, 2008 - Minneapolis, MN
October 16, 2011 - St. Louis, MO
- Part II: April 12, 2004 - San Antonio, Texas
September 24, 2006 - Phoenix, AZ
October 25, 2009 - San Jose, CA
October 21, 2012 - Seattle, WA
- Part III: October 24, 2004 - Cincinnati, Ohio
September 16, 2007 - Tampa, FL
October 10, 2010 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Of the 322 physicians who have taken at least one Core Curriculum, the following 93 have completed all three. CONGRATULATIONS to all!

Azeemuddin Ahmed, MD

University of Iowa AirCare - Iowa City, Iowa

Isaac J.A. Akanko, MD

West African Rescue Association, Ghana

Lynthia Andrews, DO

Life Net - St. Joseph-Platte City, Missouri

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North Memorial Ambulance Service -
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Mayo Clinic/St. Mary's - Rochester,
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Airlift Northwest, Seattle, Washington

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Cleveland Metro Life Flight, Cleveland, Ohio

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NETS-NSW, Sydney, Australia

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UCAN - Chicago, Illinois

Lauri Bolton, MD

LIFE STAR Hartford Hospital, Hartford,
Connecticut

Asher Brand, MD

PHI Air Medical, Waynesboro, Virginia

Reed Brozen, MD

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Advanced Response
Team - Lebanon, New Hampshire

Michael Brunko, MD

Flight for Life Colorado - Denver, CO

Caroline Burnett-Garraway, MD

Lifeflight Bahamas - Nassau, Bahamas

Rafael Cabrera, MD

Life Flight - Caracas, Venezuela

Catherine Carrubba, MD

Aeromed-Tampa, Florida

Robert Chaplin, MD

Children's Hospital & Medical Center,
Omaha, Nebraska

Michael Clark, MD

Ministry St. Clare's Hospital/Ministry
Transport Service, Wausau, Wisconsin

Kevin Corcoran, DO

East Care - Brody School of Medicine -
Greenville, North Carolina

Jack Damiano, MD

Life Lion - Hershey, Pennsylvania

Jack Davidoff, MD

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Charles Farmer, MD

Aerocare Medical Transport - Tulsa, OK

Kathleen Fedack, MD

Air Ambulance Specialists, Inc. - Denver, CO

Scott French, MD

Superior Air Ambulance, Wilmette, Illinois

Deb Funk, MD

Life Net of New York-Albany, New York

Wade Gaasch, MD

PHI Air Medical - Ellicott City, Maryland

C. Wayne Gallops, DO

Quad Cities HEMS/Med Force-Moline, Illinois

Brett Greenfield, DO

MidAtlantic MedEvac, Voorhees, New Jersey

Daniel Guzman, MD
Teddy Bear Transport/Cook Children's
Medical Center - Fort Worth, Texas

Rose Haisler, DO
OSF St. Francis Life Flight - Peoria, Illinois

Andrew C. Hawk, MD
Care Flight Air & Mobile-Dayton, Ohio

Michael Hayes, DO
Coast to Coast, - Prescott, Arizona

Steven Henson, MD
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MedLink AIR - LaCrosse, Wisconsin

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Air Care & Mobile Care - Cincinnati, Ohio

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Eagle Air Medical, Scottsdale, Arizona

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North Carolina Baptist Hospital AirCare -
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Austin Travis County EMS - Austin, Texas

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Life Flight of Maine, Durham, Maine

David Kingfisher, MD
Life Star of Kansas - Topeka, Kansas

Jay Kovar, MD
PHI Air Medical - The Woodlands, Texas

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Cleveland Clinic Critical Care Transport -
Cleveland, Ohio

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Life Net Heartland - Omaha, Nebraska

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Asheville Jet - Atlanta, Georgia

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Flight for Life Colorado - Colorado Springs

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Henderson McGinnis, MD

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Grace on Wings - Plainfield, Indiana

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Air Ambulance Specialists, Inc-Denver, Colorado

John A. Pakiela, DO
MedFlight of Ohio - Macedonia, Ohio

Vincent Poirier, MD
SkyserviceAir Canada-Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Brian Price, MD
Air Evac Lifeteam - Austin, Texas

Albert Ritter, MD
Atlantic Ambulance

Ronald Roan, MD
AirMed International - Homewood, Alabama

Kenneth Robinson, MD
LIFE STAR-Hartford, Connecticut

Germano Rocchi, MD
SODS Elisoccorso - Ancona, Italy

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David Yew, MD

Hawaii Life Flight - Honolulu, Hawaii

Neil Yoder, DO

Kalitta Medflight - Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Michael Zimmerman, MD

Superior Air Ambulance - Winnetka, Illinois

Executive Summary - Board of Directors Meeting - October 13-15, 2011

The Board of Directors met in St Louis, MO prior to the AMTC. Dr. Ralph Rogers introduced Dr. Lawrence Steinkraus as the new representative for the AsMA member organization replacing Dr. Nick Lezama. Dr. Steinkraus is the Director of the Aerospace Medicine Fellowship at the Mayo Clinic.

Announcements: Ms Tammy Chatman, from Flight For Life in Milwaukee, will be our guest speaker on Saturday. She will be speaking on social networking. We will also honor Dr. John Overton who is leaving our Board of Directors. Dr. Overton will continue as the Managing Editor of the reference book "Safety and Quality in Medical Transport Systems: Creating an Effective Culture" and he will also continue to teach Just Culture. However, he will no longer serve on the Board. Dr. Overton has been hired as a medical advisor to the NTSB.

Treasurer's Report was provided by Mr. Smith. The balance sheet was distributed for the July, August and September 2011. Mr. Smith also introduced a budget for 2012 beginning in January, as the fiscal year will now correlate with the calendar year. The 2012 budget passed unanimously. Investment opportunities were discussed and it was decided to purchase short term CDs.

Executive Director's Report

Ms Frazer provided a report and discussion followed on each topic below:

Aviation fatigue research proposal from Dr. Steven Hursh, President of the Institutes for Behavior Resources, Inc. at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Letters and follow-up with the DOD on criteria for designating accreditation agencies

ARGUS consult update - LauraLee Demmons, one of our senior site surveyors who speaks Spanish, will conduct the first consultation with ARGUS in Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru.

The October newsletter was distributed and the Satisfaction Survey results (survey was emailed to over 200 medical transport services) were reviewed with the Board and will also be discussed at the Town Hall Meeting. At this meeting on



CAMTS UPDATE

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

Executive Summary - CAMTS BOARD MEETING -
October 16-18, 2008

Wednesday afternoon, we will provide AMTC attendees with the opportunity to discuss CAMTS issues with staff and Board members. We will also introduce the Levels of Accreditation draft developed initially at the July Board meeting.

MASGIT - Mr. Grynick provided an update of the final draft of the Model State Guidelines to be used to standardize EMS among States.

HR1117 and S-1407 drafts were discussed. Ms Frazer will share the latest drafts in dropbox along with the MASGIT final draft.

Consults and upcoming site visits were discussed along with dates and site for future meetings. It was decided to have a January 2012 Board meeting in Dallas and to combine our Spring meeting with the CCTMC in Nashville. There will be six accreditation deliberations for the January meeting and a committee will meet to review and revise the Standards Compliance Tool.

Committee Reports

Dr. Rogers provided a report on the Executive Committee meeting held on October 12, 2011. The Executive Board reviewed 25 progress reports with no changes accreditation status.

Ms Frazer reported on the following committees:

Accreditation Standards Committee

Will meet on October 17 during AMTC and Chaired by LauraLee Demmons. The Subcommittee on Long-range Fixed Wing and Medical Escort Transports will meet on the 19th. Mr. Jeff Tolbert, CEO of AirMed International, will Chair this Subcommittee

QM/Site Surveyor Committee

Ms Rogers provided a report from the previous meeting and feedback from the site surveyor evaluations for this meeting.

The site surveyor's luncheon will be held on Monday, October 17 prior to the Accreditation Standards meeting. This year we will honor Jan Eichel, recipient of the Peggy Calhoun Memorial Award for outstanding performance as a site surveyor.

Education Division

The Education Division met in Raleigh, NC in September. Reports provided by Dr. Holleran, Mary Holtschneider and Dudley Smith. A new Education

Tool was developed with a step-by-step process to submit HPS education plans. The Education Committee also worked to standardize the Just Culture education presentations.

Ms Frazer reported on the Just Culture outreach that had been conducted over the past few months.

Ms Frazer gave an update on the reference book entitled "Safety and Quality in Medical Transport Systems: Creating an Effective Culture".

The deadline for chapters to be edited and sent to the publisher - ASHGATE- is November 15 with publication late Spring of 2012.

P.R. Committee

We exhibited at the NASEMSE in Reno in September and the NASEMSO in October in Madison, WI.

Executive Session - there were 19 accreditation decisions: 13 full accreditations, 2 Probation, 3 Preliminary Denials and 1 Provisional Action. There were also 2 progress reports presented to the full Board. Congratulations to the following services:

Reaccreditations:

AirLife - Urbana, IL	RW
Airlift Northwest - Seattle, WA	RW/FW
Air One - Tyler, TX	RW
Cleveland Metro Life Flight - Cleveland, OH	RW/G
Enloe Flight Care - Chico, CA	RW
Flight For Life - Milwaukee, WI	RW/FW
HELP Flight - Billings, MT	RW/FW
Lifeguard Air Ambulance - Hillsboro, OR	FW
Life Flight of Maine - Bangor and Lewiston	RW/G
Life Flight - Missoula, MT	RW/FW
LifeNet of South Carolina - Columbia, SC	RW
St Mary's Life Flight - Evansville, IN	RW
Staff for Life - Columbia, MO	RW
Travelaire Service- Pueblo, CO	FW
Valley Air Care - Harlingen, TX	RW/FW/G

The Meeting was adjourned on October 15, 2011. The next Board meeting will be in Dallas January 26-27, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael W. Brunko, MD
AMPA Representative to CAMTS



RESEARCH SEED GRANT

In 2010, the AMPA Board recognized the need to help foster the research that is necessary to further our air medical/critical care transport community. In response an Air Medical Physician Seed Grant Research Program was established to provide up to \$2,500 toward a trainee applicant's research project (fellow, resident, medical student) who is working under the research mentorship of an active AMPA member.

The full Air Medical Physician Seed Grant Research Application is available for download at the AMPA website, www.ampa.org.

Thank you for helping us advance our profession by encouraging your trainees to apply for this grant opportunity.

Michel B. Bigham, MD
AMPA Board Member at Large

Calendar of Events

March 31, 2012

AMPA Board of Trustees Meeting
Loews Vanderbilt Hotel - Nashville, Tennessee

April 1, 2012

Critical Care Procedural Anatomy Program
Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, and Vanderbilt Medical Center
- Nashville, Tennessee

April 2-4, 2012

CCTMC - Loews Vanderbilt Hotel - Nashville,
Tennessee

May 13-17, 2012

83rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Aerospace
Medical Association - Atlanta, Georgia

October 8-11, 2012

ACEP Scientific Assembly - Denver, Colorado

October 20-23, 2012

AAP National Conference & Exhibition
New Orleans, Louisiana

October 21, 2012

Medical Director Core Curriculum Part II and
Medical Director Forum - Seattle, Washington

October 22-24, 2012

AMTC - Seattle, Washington

AMPA Annual Report

If you were not able to attend the General Membership Meeting on October 16th and would like a copy of the AMPA Annual Report, please contact Pat at ppeter1111@aol.com or call the office at 801-263-2672 and let us know. We will send you a copy ASAP.

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