

House of Delegates, ACOEM
 Kansas City, MO
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A quorum was obtained for this HOD meeting.

President report – Conferences have been profitable. The ACOEM Practice Guidelines have been introduced and are initially successful. New products are being planned: 1) Department of Energy (claim review process, with aims at raising reimbursement rate), 2) disaster preparedness and an Information Sharing Collaborative, and 3) OSHA alliance to develop a guide for determining upper extremity work-relatedness. ACOEM continues to work with several other agencies and organizations. AAOHN wanted to meet independently and is not participating in future AOHC meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer report – For the second year, the budget is balanced. There is now more control over the financial operations of ACOEM. Challenges are directed at developing new “products”. Membership is stable.

AMA presentation – Herman Abromowitz, MD, Secretary/treasurer brought up several topics including states with medical crisis situations, primarily due to malpractice costs. There is also an AMA focus on patient safety.

Resolutions which passed

From Fall 2003	03F-01 HOD encourages smaller components to join together (<100 members) 03F-03 Component who has delegates not attending x 2 regular HOD meetings has seat deemed vacant until delegate attends (for purpose of attaining quorum)
Internal Affairs	04S-01 ACOEM Board recognize and continue to fund HOD 04S-15 HOD quorum shall be 25% plus one
Clinical Practice	04S-02 ACOEM to develop a publicly accessible web database of members and services (physician referral service) 04S-03 ACOEM work fitness and disability section to address the need for using the current AMA Guides to the Evaluation of Impairment 04S-12 HOD to meet at least once/year, at annual business meeting and may meet more often.
Scientific Issues	04S-05 ACOEM to oppose legislation that limits occupation health professions, supports restriction of misuse of information, supports legislation that keeps information protected. (In particular, regarding genetic testing, family history)
Education and Conferences	04S-06 ACOEM explore educational venues that offer recreational activities 04S-07 ACOEM open courses for nurse CEUs
External Affairs	04S-09 All meetings arranged so that all persons can communicate with each other. (Addresses disability issues)
Membership	04S-10 Allows sections to submit resolutions (previously not included in the bylaws) 04S-17 Residents section entitled to a HOD vote (independent of number in the section)
Rejected	Remodel of HOD to a council of component officers HOD to advise BOD regarding components and sections to be chartered HOD advises BOD on setting dues structure Councils to report to HOD HOD to present changes to bylaws and annual business meeting Component not seating member of HOD for 3 meetings loses the seat

Respectfully submitted,
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