

**IEPC Meeting**  
**January 24, 2022**  
**9:00 am - 10:30 am PT**  
**Meeting held by Zoom Video Conference**



## Agenda

*All people present at this meeting must have a signed IEPC Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). All content and discussions in this meeting are held to confidentiality in NDA.*

**Present:**

Attendees: Roneet Lev, Robert Chavez, John Wallace, Sameer Mistry, Kavitha Weaver, John Ellison, Steve Sornsin, Don Shook, Reb Close, Richard Zoraster, Clay Whiting, Peter Mishky, Ian Kramer

Guests: Robert McNamara

Admin: Danielle Inscoe

1. Introductions
2. The Corporate Practice of Emergency Medicine Speaker Session
3. Approval of November Minutes
  - a. Approved as submitted.
4. Financial Report
  - a. Update on 501(c)6 status
    - i. Discrepancy in December for \$16,000 between Bank of California and Quickbooks.
    - ii. Dues in 2021 was roughly \$68,000, which is 19 groups.
  - b. Tax Fees
5. Business Strategy and Governance
  - a. Election Slate
    - i. President/Treasurer - John Wallace
    - ii. Secretary - Mike Gertz
    - iii. VP - Sameer Mistry
    - iv. VP - Don Shook
    - v. VP - John Ellison
    - vi. Unanimous approval of election slate.
  - b. IEPC member benefits
    - i. No updates
  - c. EDBA update
    - i. 2021 data call has been sent. Recommendation for everyone to contribute who is able.
    - ii. 2020 data review – ED boarding, drawing blood before orders, comment about article - JAMA article is about abolishing quantitative patient satisfaction scores; transition from "compare" to "collaborate"
  - d. Anthem Lawsuit IEPC survey
    - i. Anthem has been paying zero for Level 5s, some say for discharged patients in all regulated categories DMHC, DOI and Medicare. Assigned benefit eliminated by NSA. IEPC survey to follow.
  - e. Cannabis dispensaries
    - i. Private Equity infiltrating communities pushing recreational dispensaries. John Wallace reports that this is a population health issue that not only affects communities, but saturates ED and overloads already stressed pre

- hospital services with a cost. ER MDs should consider being involved as community leaders
- ii. SB862 – Roneet helped write and lobby for this law. This law would automatically include fentanyl in a “federal 6” drug test.
- f. No Surprises Act (response to interim rules)
    - i. CalACEP has written a letter to HHS. Lawsuits have been filed in Texas and in Washington, DC.
6. Executive Director’s Report
  7. Roundtable
    - a. John Wallace – Report on legislation for single payer healthcare in California and universal care for all illegal state residents.
    - b. Sameer Mistry – attended virtual ACEP conference. Conference covered issues such as congressional cuts, federal surprises act, telehealth.
    - c. Don Shook – ICUs are full again.
    - d. Andrew Fenton – hospital has moved from 24/7 ultrasound to not being available at night. Recommendation to discuss standard of care with hospital/radiologists.

**Next Meeting**

Conference Call Monday, February 28th –9AM PST

**Proposed IEPC 2022 Calendar – 4th Monday of the Month**

- Feb 28
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- Aug 22
- Sept 19 (3rd instead of 4th Monday)
- Oct 24
- Nov 28