

A Recap: 2010-2011

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CAL/AAEM Immediate Past President



A year has gone by so quickly. I want to thank our members and the California Chapter American Academy of Emergency Medicine (CAL/AAEM) board for allowing me to serve as CAL/AAEM President for the last year. I have enjoyed communicating with many of our chapter members and working with such a fantastic AAEM team. We have watched the Western Journal of Emergency Medicine (WestJEM) continue to develop into an amazing emergency medicine journal with increasing article submissions and subscriptions. The CAL/AAEM website, www.calaaem.org, had a significant update to provide more information for membership, past newsletter articles, and an archive of News Service articles. The *CAL/AAEM News Service* has grown to over 1,500 subscribers, and we had a very successful and seamless transition to a new co-managing editor who is now working with me. CAL/AAEM developed and hosted our first ever Speakers Series event in San Diego. Chapter members, local emergency physicians and residents came to mingle, network, and hear three fantastic lectures by Mel Herbert, Stuart Swadron and John Love. We hope to build on that event and host future Speaker Series events on a regular basis throughout the state. We also continue to provide a free LLSA review to our membership. Note: The 2010 LLSA article summaries were just recently posted on the members-only section of our website.

During the past year, I received a great deal of support from our Board. Trevor Mills has served as an admirable Vice President. The chapter will transition into good hands and is lucky to have him as our next President for 2011-2012. Our secretary, Keith Yablonicky, has supported us by documenting our meetings, as well as taking the lead in planning our first ever Speakers Series event. Shahram Lotfipour has served as our Treasurer for a number of years,

and the finances of our chapter have never been better. Our at-large board members, Randy Young, Joanne Williams and Sanjay Arora, have provided assistance to me on numerous occasions throughout the year. I'd also like to thank our Resident Representatives, Sharon Lee and Montessa Tenny, who have contributed during many our meetings, communicated with the residencies, and submitted articles for the chapter newsletter. Mark Langdorf, Editor-in-Chief of *WestJEM*, has also been very involved during the last year on our Board conference calls. Last, I'd like to thank all our chapter's past presidents who continue to serve the chapter on a regular basis providing their insight and guidance to the Board.

There are many challenges facing emergency medicine: healthcare reform, emergency medicine reimbursement, EMTALA, ACOs and contract management groups. We need to support emergency physicians, democratic groups and the value of board certification. The chapter will continue to do our best to support our membership. On behalf of the 2010-2011 CAL/AAEM board, we thank you for your continued support and encourage you to become active in our organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Potts". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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