MISSION STATEMENT

The New Hampshire College of Emergency Physicians promotes quality emergency care for all patients and represents the professional interests of our members.

PREAMBLE

Emergency medicine encompasses the immediate decision making and action necessary to prevent death or disability for patients in health crises, as well as health promotion and injury prevention efforts. Emergency Medicine is practiced as patient-demanded, broadly available, and continuously accessible care by physicians trained to engage in the recognition, stabilization, evaluation, treatment, and disposition of patients in response to acute illness and injury. The patient population is unrestricted and presents with a full spectrum of episodic, undifferentiated physical and behavioral conditions.

VALUE STATEMENTS

The Board of Directors of New Hampshire ACEP has identified five value statements and corresponding achievement objectives. These values are the foundation of the long range planning process.

1. Quality emergency care is a fundamental individual right and should be available to all who seek it.
2. Quality emergency medicine is best practiced by qualified credentialed emergency physicians.
3. The best interests of the patients are served when emergency physicians practice in a fair, equitable, and supportive environment.
4. The emergency physician has the responsibility to play the lead role in the definition and evaluation of quality emergency care.
5. There is a body of knowledge unique to Emergency Medicine that requires continuing development and dissemination to health care professionals and the public.
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER,
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this Association, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, shall be the New Hampshire Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purpose of this association (hereinafter "the chapter") shall be those set forth in the Chapter's Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The qualifications for membership in the New Hampshire Chapter shall be consistent with those for membership in the American College of Emergency Physicians ("the College").

Section 2. Membership applications, resignations, suspensions, and expulsions shall be submitted to and acted upon by the College.

Section 3. Membership classifications and privileges in the chapter shall be those designated by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) in its bylaws. Candidate members may hold a Chapter office, may vote for members of the Board of Directors, may vote for Chapter officers and may vote on Chapter committees on which candidate members serve.

Section 4. All records of the Chapter shall be available for inspection by the membership of the Chapter at any reasonable time.

Section 5. Member classifications in the New Hampshire Chapter shall be those designated by the College in its Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1. Dues for the Chapter shall be determined by the membership at the annual meeting of the Chapter.

Section 2. Assessments may not be levied except by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting and then only if the recommendation for such assessment has been sent by electronic or US mail to the membership at least thirty (30) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the Chapter at such place and time as is ordered by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be sent by electronic or US mail to the
last recorded address of each member at least fourteen (14) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Chapter may be held from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of such meetings shall be sent by electronic or US mail to the last recorded address of each member at least fourteen (14) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Section 3. Unless otherwise required by law, the members of the Chapter present at any meeting of the Chapter duly called shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. When not in conflict with the bylaws, the latest edition of Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern all Chapter meetings.

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control and direction of the affairs of the Chapter, shall determine its policies or changes therein within the limits of the bylaws, shall actively prosecute its purposes and shall have discretion in the disbursement of its funds. It may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as shall be deemed advisable, an may, in the execution of the powers granted, appoint such agents as it may consider necessary.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Chapter, one (1) Emergency Medicine resident physician representative, as well as at least two (2) but not more than six (6) elected directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of these bylaws.

Section 3. Elected directors shall serve a term of two (2) years and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms unless additional consecutive terms are approved by a vote of three-quarters of the Chapter members present and voting at the annual meeting; two (2) elected directors shall be elected at each annual meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

Section 4. The Emergency Medicine resident physician representative shall be non-voting position appointed by the President and confirmed by majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting. The Emergency Medicine resident physician representative shall serve a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible to serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms. Eligible candidates must be a member of the college and a full time Emergency Medicine resident physician in good standing at an accredited Emergency Medicine residency program within the state of New Hampshire at the time of election.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times per year to conduct the chapter business, either independently, or in open meeting of the chapter membership. Notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be sent by electronic or US mail to each member of the Board or the chapter at his or her last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance of such meetings. Unless prohibited by law, Board meetings may be conducted by telephone conference call. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of the Board.

Section 6. Any director or officer may be removed from office by a three-quarters vote of the voting members present and voting at any meeting of the Chapter. A recall must be initiated by petition signed by voting members present at that meeting. The number of signatures on the recall petition shall be no less than one-third of the number of voting members present and voting at the meeting at which the director or officer was elected. Any vacancy created by a recall shall be filled by a majority vote of
the voting members present and voting at the Chapter meeting at which the recall occurs. Nominations for any vacancy shall be accepted from the floor.

Section 7. Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or to the Board of Directors. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time is specified, at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the President or the Board.

Section 8. Any vacancies that may occur on the Board by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise may be filled by a candidate ratified by a simple majority vote of the remaining board members. The candidate, after ratification will serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS

Section 1. The elective officers of the Chapter shall be the President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. Each shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. Election shall be by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting. Officers shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms unless additional consecutive terms are approved by a majority vote of the members or by a vote of three-quarters of the Chapter members present and voting at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
(a) The President shall be the executive officer of the Board of Directors. He or she shall preside over all meetings of the Chapter and the Board of Directors, and shall perform all duties as usually pertain to the office of the President. He or she shall be responsible for ensuring that all Chapter contracts with third parties contain a provision disclosing the fact that the Chapter is an entity separate and distinct from the College.
(b) The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.
(c) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for creating and maintaining appropriate accounts and records of all Chapter activities and finances. He or she shall also be responsible for ensuring that appropriate corporation and chapter reports are filed. He or she shall also be responsible for ensuring that the Chapter adheres to the Policy Governing the Use of the Mark of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

ARTICLE VIII
COUNCILLORS

One Councillor to the College, and one additional councillor for each 100 members of the Chapter, shall be elected by the Chapter to two-year terms, but no one councillor may serve more than three (3) consecutive two-year terms, except by a vote of three-quarters of the Chapter members present and voting at the annual meeting. The number of councillors allowed to the chapter shall be determined by the number of members of the chapter as shown by the membership rolls of the College on December 31 of each year. At such times as the Chapter is eligible for more than one councillor, the term of the first newly-elected councillor shall be adjusted so that the terms of all councillors are staggered. For each councillor, the Chapter shall also elect an alternate councillor who will be available for seating if the councillor is not present.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

The President may appoint such committees as he or she deems necessary.
ARTICLE X
VOTING METHODS

Voting will take place at meetings by members present. If voting were to take place between meetings, unless prohibited by law, voting on any matter, including the election of directors or officers, may be conducted by electronic or US mail. There shall be no proxy voting.

ARTICLE XI
INDEMNIFICATION

The Chapter may, by resolution of the Board of Directors, provide for indemnification by the Chapter of any and all of its directors or officers or former directors or officers against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding, in which they or any of them are made parties, or a party, by reason of having been directors or officers of the Chapter, except in relation to matters as to which such director or officer or former director or officer shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty and to such matters as shall be settled by agreement predicated on the existence of such liability for negligence or misconduct.

Article XII:
DISSOLUTION

If it ever becomes necessary to dissolve the New Hampshire chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, dissolution can take place by a 2/3 vote of the active membership. In that event, all funds remaining in the Association treasury, after payment of lawful obligations, will be disbursed to the National Emergency Medicine Political Action Committee.

ARTICLE XIII
APPROVAL OF BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These bylaws shall not become effective until approved by the Board of Directors of the College.

Section 2. Unless otherwise required by law, these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a meeting of the Chapter, provided that the proposed amendments have been sent by electronic or US mail to the membership of the Chapter at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3. Amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the College, no later than 30 after adoption by the chapter in a format and manner designated by the College. No amendment shall be of any force or effect until it has been submitted to and reviewed by the Board of Directors of ACEP, provided, however, that such amendment shall be considered to be approved if the Board of Directors of ACEP fails to give written notice of its objection thereto within ninety (90) days following receipt.

Section 4. These bylaws must at all times be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the College. Should the Constitution and Bylaws of the College be changed in such a manner as to render these bylaws inconsistent therewith, then these bylaws shall be amended immediately to eliminate said inconsistency.

Section 5. The Chapter adopted the latest revision to the current bylaws on June 8, 2011.