



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



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2019 Membership: 2494

As mentioned in my video message from Halifax last year, CAEP recognizes that our members practice in a variety of settings from coast to coast to coast. To demonstrate this recognition, we were thrilled to adopt voting seats on the CAEP Board for the Chairs of the Pediatric Section and the Rural and Small Urban Section at last year's CAEP AGM. This is in addition to the voting seats the Resident and Academic Sections have had for some time. Representation at the Board level is more robust than ever before.

2019 once again saw a slight decline in the number of CAEP members. In the hopes to add more value to CAEP membership, we announced the addition of several member benefits that include discounts on the ACEP developed eACLS course, PEPID, Visual Dx, the Journal of Pediatric Emergency Care and the Hippo EM Board Review course in the fall of 2019.

We were hopeful at the start of 2020 to continue to augment membership benefits. In March, the world and emergency medicine as we know it changed forever the day the COVID global pandemic was declared. CAEP quickly mobilized and led the community of practice, guiding emergency physicians helping to keep EM safe, secure and up to date on the evolving pandemic. Weekly Town Halls were held, position statements and recommendations were released and a COVID resource centre was established on the CAEP website. These efforts gave comfort and offered inclusivity to emergency physicians across Canada.

None of this would have been possible without the CAEP membership, the experts within it and the revenue membership generates to support infrastructure. The intangible benefits of membership, Connecting and Advocacy, are more important than ever before.

As the COVID curve flattened in the spring, CAEP launched our National Grand Rounds. This has been something the membership committee had been planning and through the success of the Town Halls we were easily able to launch and we now continue on a biweekly basis this fall – much of the content is drawing from tracks that would have taken place at the 2020

conference in Ottawa. The Grand Rounds are open access when they are aired live however access to post event recording is only available to our members as a benefit. We look forward to having these Grand Rounds accredited in the near future.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for being CAEP members and making all of this possible. To continue, we need more to join CAEP – I ask that you bring this message back to your non-member colleagues and encourage them to join CAEP. The bigger our membership the bigger the voice. It is this voice that advances emergency medicine through these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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CAEP Membership Committee Chair