

# New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)

## 2008 Membership Report

### Contents.

Overview of Membership.

Table 1. NECOEM membership as of October 6, 2008.

Table 2. New Members from December 14, 2007 to October 6, 2008.

Table 3. Lapsed 2008 Members.

Membership Issues.

### Overview of Membership.

ACOEM membership in 2008 was 4,732. New members increased by 86 from last year (20% increase). The Retention rate declined from last year, down 1 percentage point to 87% in 2008. ACOEM lost 655 members who not renew from 2007 to 2008 and gained 516 new members, for a net loss of 139. This decline is less than in the three previous years.

In 2008, NECOEM continued to enjoy the participation of 163 dedicated occupational health professionals, with a retention rate of 82%. Overall NECOEM membership has remained close to 200 since 2005. Table 1 summarizes NECOEM membership for the last six years.

We have members 17 who are new to ACOEM, four ACOEM members from other ACOEM components who are new to NECOEM, and nine former NECOEM members who rejoined after their memberships had become inactive. Our transfers from other ACOEM components include Lucy Crane, Abhijay Karandikar, James Longstaff, and Saeher Muzaffar. The new ACOEM members are listed in Table 2. Welcome to all new and returning members, you are what makes NECOEM and ACOEM work.

We are sorry to loose 36 former members and wish them well: 30 whose memberships lapsed (see Table 3), five who moved to other ACOEM components, and one deceased – we mourn the loss of William Paterson.

**Table 1. NECOEM membership as of October 6, 2008.**

Membership Category	Number in Category for Year Below					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Active Regular Members	144	188	125	128	126	123
Active Fellows	27	29	26	29	25	26*
<b>Total Active Members and Fellows</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>149</b>
Affiliate	8	12	18	15	20	20
Associate			1	6	0	1
Master	4	4	3	3	4	3
Retired	20	15	21	18	13	12
Student/Resident	15	11	8	0	9	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>193</b>

\*NECOEM members who are ACOEM Fellows include three past ACOEM Presidents: Robert McCunney, Cheryl Barbanel, and Robert McLellan.

**Table 2. New Members from December 14, 2007 to October 6, 2007 (20).**

Membership Type	New Member's Name	City	State
Active Member	Michael G. Hamrock, MD	West Roxbury	MA
Affiliate Member	George L. Southwick, MPAS, PA-C	Waltham	MA
Affiliate Member	Ruth M. Galvin, MAED, CRC, LRCP, CPDM	Andover	MA
Student/Resident	Chunbai Zhang, MD	Cambridge	MA
Active Member	John L. Newcomb, MD	South Portland	ME
Affiliate Member	Donald J. Welton, Jr., MBA	Southbury	CT
Associate Member	Rodger S. Kessler, PhD	Burlington	VT
Affiliate Member	Patricia A. Kent, MSN, APRN	Rutland	MA
Affiliate Member	William S. King, PA-C	Ware	MA
Active Member	Michael K. Ackland, MD	Sandwich	MA
Active Member	Vasu K. Brown, MD	Holliston	MA
Student/Resident	Ikenna Ibe, MD	New Haven	CT
Active Member	Lewis D. Pepper, MD, MPH	Boston	MA
Active Member	Aneel Advani, MD, MPH, MSC, AB	Wellesley	MA

**Table 2 (continued).**

Membership Type	New Member's Name	City	State
Active Member	Douglas C. Aiken, MD	Yarmouth	ME
Active Member	Benjamin Crocker, MD	Portland	ME
Student/Resident	Edward H. Chin, MD, MPH	Reading	MA

**Table 3. Lapsed 2008 Members.**

Membership Type	Name	City	State
Fellow	Robert Godefroi, MD	Andover	MA
Active Member	Richard A. Brodie, MD	Brookline	MA
Active Member	James E. Scharback, MD	South Boston	MA
Active Member	Robert M. Roth, MD, MPH	Atkinson	NH
Active Member	J Brooks Watt, MD	Boston	MA
Active Member	Alan C. Rodgers, MD	Boston	MA
Affiliate Member	Katharine P. Riley, PA-C	Lebanon	NH
Affiliate Member	Ann DeSarno-Rubinoff, ANP-C, COHN-S, MS	Biddeford	ME
Active Member	Michael A. Wolfson, MD, MPH	Syracuse	NY
Active Member	John J. Kelly, MD	Winchester	MA
Active Member	Chunbo Cai, MD	Boston	MA
Active Member	Joseph S. Castorina, MD, MPH	Lewiston	ME
Active Member	Brooke N. Maylie, MD, MPH	Portland	OR
Active Member	Austin D. Sumner, MD, MPH, AAS	Burlington	VT
Active Member	Okosun E. Egoro, MD, MPH, MBA	Providence	RI
Affiliate Member	Harold L. Dean, MSN, NP-C	Waterville	ME
Active Member	Linda E. Hale-Hovan, MD	Merrimack	NH
Affiliate Member	William A. Legere, MSN, FNP	Lewiston	ME
Affiliate Member	Chris P. Schleif, BSN, MSN, FNP	Bar Harbor	ME
Affiliate Member	Heather R. Smith, FNP	Rockport	ME
Active Member	Ira G. Mandel, MD, MPH	Rockport	ME
Active Member	Eric I. Mitchell, MD, MA, CPE	Bangor	ME
Affiliate Member	Anne E. Lynch, MSN, FNP	Newton	MA
Active Member	Candace L. Thompson, DO, BS	Gloucester	MA
Active Member	Sylvie L. Rudolf, MPH, MD	Lebanon	NH
Active Member	H. Peter Beuparlant, Jr, MD	Middleton	MA
Student/Resident	Piper P. Lillard, DO	North Oxford	MA
Retired Fellow	Arthur S. Lurie, MD, FACOEM	Swampscott	MA
Active Member	Anthony M. De Marco, MD	Milford	MA
Fellow	David L. Phillips, II, MD, MPH, FACOEM	South Portland	ME

**Membership Issues.****Focus on Specialized Issues in Occupational Medicine – Join an ACOEM Section.**

Maximize your benefit from, involvement in, and contribution to ACOEM: consider joining a section. Sections provide opportunities for ACOEM members with focused interests to interact with each other, allowing more exposure, insights, and collegiality in specialized areas of occupational medicine. The sections are listed in Table 4. Please contact ACOEM for more information, including the names and contact information of the Section leaders, and meeting information.

**ACOEM Fellows as Mentors of New Occupational Physicians.**

ACOEM is looking for ACOEM Fellows who are interested in mentoring recent graduates and new occupational physicians. As of September 4, 2008, 84 Fellows agreed to mentor new members. New members were invited by *E-News* to participate. Twenty-seven newer members have been matched with Fellows. Contact Nathalie Lacour (nlacour@ACOEM.org, 847-818-1800).

Teleconferences describing practice and practice opportunities are being held regularly in a series entitled: “Career Opportunities in Occupational Medicine.” Notices of the Career Opportunities teleconferences are sent to us by email from

ACOEM. The sessions thus far have included “Medical Center Occupational Health,” “Academic Occupational Medicine,” and “Consulting in Occupational Medicine.” Past teleconferences are available as audio podcasts on the ACOEM website at <http://www.acoem.org/audiotraining.aspx>.

**Interaction with Other Professional Societies.**

The leadership of ACOEM is interested in interaction with members of other professional societies, and has been making contacts to explore possibilities.

**Table 4. ACOEM Sections.**

Section	Area of Interest
Academic	occupational and environmental medicine education, promoting education and training of OEM physicians
Administrative Management	provision of service to external entities, foundations in administrative skills necessary to deliver services in a productive, cost-effective manner.
Arts	Provision of therapeutic and preventive services to the professional arts community
Corporate Medicine	for corporate occupational health directors whose with interest in corporate medicine
Federal and Military	areas of concern and interest for members who serve on active duty in the armed services or public health service
Health & Productivity	development of guidelines for assessment and evaluation of workplace productivity
International	a focal point for health care professionals desiring information on OEM around the world
Medical Center	educational sessions, forums, and internet guideline updates in health and safety of health care workers
Medical Informatics	issues pertinent to computer uses for occupational and environmental medicine
Medical Review Officers	current topics in occupational and environmental medicine of work-related drug testing
Nuclear Industry Physicians Association	interaction among industry, labor, science, government and public agencies controlling occupational and environmental health hazards of nuclear energy
Occupational Health Law & Policy	legal and policy issues related to occupational and environmental medicine
Occupational Physicians/Occupational Physician Assistants	Encourages use of a team concept between the physician and physician assistant in the area of occupational and environmental medicine.
Pharmaceutical Industry	occupational and preventive health issues of the pharmaceutical industry
Private Practice	information exchange, education and state-of-the-art care
Public Safety	concerned with fire, police, correction officers, crossing guards, and other safety professionals
Residents and Recent Graduates	forum for residents or recent graduates
Transportation	the health and safety of individuals in transportation industries
Underserved Occupational Populations	occupational health problems of underserved populations (migrant workers, off-shore commercial fisherman, loggers, hospitality workers, and so forth; focus on educating health professionals, stimulating research, and guiding public policy
Work Fitness & Disability	disability prevention and management, return-to-work, work fitness and disability/impairment determinations

Respectfully Submitted on November 22, 2008 by  
 Nelson S. Haas, MD, MPH, FACOEM, Membership Chairman