

February 2008 Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Dr. Jay Korach, Dr. John Hibbeln, Dr. Kate Feinstein, Dr. Carl Kahlben, Dr. Alex Nemeth, Dr. Davide Bova, Dr. Ruth Ramsey, Dr. Joy Sclamberg, Dr. Jennifer Lim- Dunham, Dr. Ellen Mendelson, Dr. William Small, Dr. Edward Melian, Dr. Michael Racenstein, Dr. Aruna Vade. Dr. Edward Michaels

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM at The 500 Club of Rush University Medical Center.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the January 2007 meeting were approved.

Resident and Fellow Section Report: Dr. Carabetta reports that there was a good response to the January Oral Board review. Some difficulties arose coordinating the checking of the answer sheets at the end of the question portion of the review and a different system will be tried. The residents remain enthusiastic about the review.

President's Report: Dr. Korach opened the meeting. In conjunction with members of the IRS, the upcoming March 17th conjoint IRS/CRS meeting was discussed. Please see details below.

All were reminded the national ACR meeting is to be held in Washington DC during the week of May 17th. All were urged to attend. "Breakfast with the Senators" will be held on May 22nd.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Dr. Hibbeln reviewed the financial statement through the current date. It was noted that ACR dues receipts and Dinner reimbursements had been received and that the current balance exceeded last years at this time. There are no major outstanding expenses at this time. The 2007 statements were presented for the 2007 taxes.

Program Committee Report: A review of the speakers scheduled for the remaining portion of the year was given by Dr. Michaels. Dr. Michaels urged everyone to submit suggestions for speakers and to be aware of particularly good speakers or topics of interest which may be encountered at conferences. The advantage of having local speakers for the January and February meetings was discussed and it was considered to be continued as weather related problems have resulted in the inability of several speakers to attend.

Nominating Committee Report: No report was offered.

Fellowship Committee Report: No report was offered.

Distinguished Service Award Committee Report: As announced in the January meeting, Dr. Thomas Anderson is to receive the Distinguished Service Award at the April meeting.

Illinois Radiological Society Report: The joint IRS/CRS meeting is to be held on March 15th, 2008 and all are urged to attend. The topic of the meeting shall be "Hot Topics in Radiology." Although there were web site difficulties with registration, these have been resolved. It was asked of the CRS to notify all the residency program directors of the meeting to help stimulate resident attendance. A discussion then ensued as to the best possible format for the combined

meeting and lectures. Dinner shall be held at the Grand Lux Café in the evening after the meeting.

Old Business: A discussion from the previous meeting concerning upcoming changes in the radiology residency rotation requirements and the anticipated new format for the oral boards was continued. Dr. Sclamberg expressed concern that smaller programs may not be able to provide additional elective sub-specialty rotations. The ABR's position that additional sub-specialty training is needed for the general radiologist was described by Dr. Anderson.

New Business: Dr. Vade initiated a discussion concerning a continued decline in radiology residents applying for pediatric radiology fellowships. A shortage of radiologists with the specialized skills for pediatric imaging will result in declining care for that population. As it is the perception that the declining interest matches poor and declining reimbursement for pediatric imaging, which is often more complex than adult counterparts, it was urged that this is a topic for the ACR to address.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hibbeln, MD
Secretary/Treasurer