

April 2008 Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Dr. Jay Korach, Dr. John Hibbeln, Dr. Kate Feinstein, Dr. Carl Kahlben, Dr. Alex Nemeth, Dr. Davide Bova, Dr. Joy Sclamberg, Dr. Ellen Mendelson, Dr. William Small, Dr. Edward Michaels, Dr. John Meyer, Dr. Leonard Berlin, Dr. Gary Dillehay.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM at The 500 Club of Rush University Medical Center.

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

Resident and Fellow Section Report: Dr. Carabetta announced that Cardinal Medical is sponsoring the resident section for the evening and that the resident section is continuing to look for additional sponsors. It was also announced that as this is the last Oral Board Review Session, the additional prize for the highest point totals for the year will be awarded. Dr. Carabetta also stated that elections for this coming year's officers for the resident section will be held tonight.

President's Report: Dr. Korach opened the meeting. In conjunction with members of the IRS, the 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.

Dr. Korach stated that elections for the CRS officers will be held to immediately prior to the invited lecturer's talk. The possibility of sending the monthly meeting announcements by e-mail only was discussed. Concern as to the reliability of the e-mail address list was raised by several members of the committee. It was noted that there are also similar concerns about the accuracy of the conventional address list as many letters and announcements are returned. Similar problems may exist with both lists as, it was said, both lists are derived from the ACR membership roles.

A question was raised if there was any consideration for once again holding a golf outing. Dr. Korach stated that this was still on hold. It was the consensus of those present that attendance by CRS members was low during the last few that were held and that the committees efforts would best be expended in other directions.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Dr. Hibbeln reviewed the financial statement through the current date. He stated that the current balances were nearly the same as the prior year. There was no recommendation for changing the price of the dinner tickets.

Program Committee Report: 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.

Nominating Committee Report: The nominating committee gave their report. It is recommended that Dr. John Meyer be nominated as a first year trustee, and that Dr. Davide Bova be nominated as Secretary-Treasurer.

Fellowship Committee Report: A total of four applications have been received for ACR Fellowship by the April 1st deadline. It is anticipated that all will be inducted on May 15th at the ACR meeting in Washington DC.

Distinguished Service Award Committee Report: Dr. Thomas Anderson is to be receiving the Distinguished Service Award at the April meeting.

Illinois Radiological Society Report: The joint IRS/CRS meeting was held on March 15th, 2008 and was a success with high attendance. The theme of the meeting was "Hot Topics in Radiology." There were uniformly good comments on the review sheet. Some comment urged for more opportunity for those in attendance to be able to ask questions of the speakers.

In general it was felt that a one-day meeting on a Saturday was a good format. The possibility of have several lecture periods with break-out sessions as opposed to one main speaker for each lecture period was discussed. The Dr. Steven Pinsky Resident Research Award was given at the lunch period and it was felt that this stimulated attendance.

Dr. Feinstein urged attendance at the upcoming ACR Annual Meeting which will be held in Washington DC in May. Dr. Feinstein described the meeting schedule including the Sunday morning orientation breakfast. All were urged to participate in the congressional and senate visits to help the legislators become aware of the ACR's concerns.

Old Business: A discussion continued from previous meetings concerning the possibility of a city-wide mock oral board examination. There was a consensus that although the proposal has merit, the upcoming changes in the oral boards format and timing as well as the existence of a number of existing programs amongst many of the residency programs renders such an offering by the CRS not of value at this time.

New Business: There was no new business.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**John Hibbeln, MD
Secretary/Treasurer**