

# **Chicago Radiological Society: Meeting Minutes**

## **November 18, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Thomas Anderson, Dr. Davide Bova, Dr. Joseph Calandra, Dr. Chris Chan, Dr. Abraham Dachman, Dr. Gary Dillehay, Dr. Kate Feinstein, Dr. John Hibbeln, Dr. Jay Korach, Dr. Jennifer Lim-Dunham, Dr. Ellen Mendelson, Dr. Edward Michals, Dr. Frank Miller, Dr. Kenneth Pierce, Dr. Joy Sclamberg, Dr. William Small, Dr. Aruna Vade, Dr. Kathleen Ward.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM at The 500 Club of Rush University Medical Center.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Dr. Thomas Anderson to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Kate Feinstein.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Committee discussed whether to encourage attendance by the residents by providing drinks during the reception or by subsidizing parking for the residents. Free parking was preferred and put to vote by the Committee Members. The motion to provide free parking to the residents passed. Dr. Anderson proposed to inform the residency coordinators of this policy change. It was decided to provide the residents with free parking stickers at the end of the Board Review session.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Ellen Mendelson illustrated to the committee the new recommendations of the U.S Preventive Service Task Force on screening mammography and reported the numerous reactions reported by the media.

In light of the recent decision of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois to unilaterally decrease reimbursement for musculo-skeletal ultrasound, the appointment of an ad-hoc Committee was discussed and several potential members were proposed.

Dr. Raymond Del Fava passed away on Oct.31, 2009. He had served as President of the Chicago Radiological Society, the Illinois Radiological Society, Vice-President of the Radiological Society of North America and was member of several other professional organizations. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Chicago Radiological Society in 1990.

### **RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION REPORT:**

Dr. Alice Yao-Lee, president of the resident section, represented the resident section. She reported that tonight Dr. Ellen Mendelson from Northwestern University is scheduled to give the Resident Section talk at 4:30 on "Breast Imaging." The Resident Section tonight has a sponsor, Sapheneia. Dr. Ron Gaba from University of Illinois at Chicago will give the resident boards review at 8 pm on "Interventional Radiology." Sponsor for the January Resident Meeting has also been identified at this time. The number of sponsored residents to the annual ACR meeting was also discussed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Ed Michals announced that Dr. John Mayer resigned from his position as trustee of the Chicago Radiological Society, leaving therefore a vacant spot on the Executive Committee. Dr. Michals announced that a search for a new trustee will be initiated.

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The financial statement through Oct. 31 2009 was reviewed; the finances of the Society were not significantly changed compared to the prior month as no dues for the October meeting had been collected yet nor any significant expense had been incurred. The trend of attendance to the monthly meetings was again reviewed and found to be essentially stable, with only mild periodic fluctuations over the last 36 months. However, the attendance to the October 2009 meeting was somewhat decreased compared to prior October meetings. Whether to discontinue the Board Review session at the end of the meeting was discussed, as its positive effect on attracting new attendees seemed to be decreasing.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Dr. Lim-Dunham announced that tonight's featured speaker, Dr. Richard Gunderman from Indiana University would be presenting the Grubbe Memorial Award Lecture on "How Radiologists Can Enhance Their Resilience in Tough Times." Dr. Jennifer Lim-Dunham, host, will introduce Dr. Gunderman.

Dr. Lim-Dunham announced the moderators for tonight's breakout sessions: Breast, Dr. Ellen Mendelson; Pediatric Imaging, Dr. Richard Gunderman; Nuclear Medicine, Dr. Sam Gabriel; Radiation Oncology, Dr. Steven Chmura. Dr. Lim-Dunham reported that the attendance to the break-out session in October was highly variable in number, with generally more attendees in the multimodality and musculoskeletal sessions.

A discussion was had on whether to decrease the honorarium for in-town speakers: however, the consensus was to leave it unchanged.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Committee will begin a search for a new trustee to replace Dr. John Meyer who recently resigned from the position.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The Committee Members will communicate the recipient of the award at the January Executive Committee Meeting.

**ILLINOIS RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT:**

Dr. Kathleen Ward announced that the next meeting of the Illinois Radiological Society will be held at the Hyatt Hotel at McCormick Place at noon on Sunday, Nov. 29th.

A discussion was had regarding the opportunity for the CRS and the IRS to issue official statements regarding the recommendations of the USP task Force on screening mammography. Dr. Hibbeln proposed to prepare a response letter to be reviewed and discussed at the next IRS November meeting.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Dr. Gary Dillehay related the names of the newly inducted ACR fellows for the year 2010, to include Dr. William Small, who was publicly congratulated.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report.

**Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Davide Bova, MD,  
Secretary/Treasurer**