

Chicago Radiological Society: Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting

PRESENT: Dr. Thomas Anderson, Dr. Davide Bova, Dr. Joseph Calandra, Dr. Abraham Dachman, Dr. Kate Feinstein, Dr. John Hibbeln, Dr. Jay Korach, Dr. Jennifer Lim-Dunham, Dr. Edward Michals, Dr. Kenneth Pierce, Dr. William Small, Dr. Jonathan Strauss, Dr. Aruna Vade, Dr. Alice Yao-Lee.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Lim-Dunham seconded. The minutes were approved without change.

RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION REPORT

Dr. Alice Yao-Lee, president of the resident section, represented the resident section. She reported that tonight Dr. N. Amir Sepahdari from Christ Hospital will be giving the Resident Section talk at 4:30 as well as the 8 p.m. Resident Board Review Session on "Body Imaging." Dr. Yao-Lee also reminded the members of the Executive Committee that the elections for the new officers of the Resident section for the following academic year will be held at the April CRS Meeting and the results announced at the General Assembly the same night.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial statement through January 2010 was reviewed; the finances of the Society are in satisfactory status. There is a slight increase in the cash balance, particularly thanks to the numerous sponsor contributions received for both the resident and the radiation-oncology section. In addition, the ACR recently identified membership dues from the 2005-2006 season that were never cashed; the ACR will shortly be remitting those dues. The trend of attendance to the monthly meetings was once again reviewed. In light of the highly variable attendance at the break-out sessions, the attendance for each of those will now be monitored.

Sponsorships from RSNA and ACR were also reviewed and it was recommended to contact each society for possible contributions in the upcoming season.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

At this meeting Dr. Jonathan Strauss from the Dept. of Radiation Oncology at Northwestern University was introduced and welcomed as 1st year trustee. Dr. Ezra Rahjan was also introduced and welcomed to the Executive Committee. She will be appointed 1st year Trustee for the upcoming 2010-11 season.

The new slate of Officers for the upcoming 2010-11 season will be announced at the joint IRS-CRS meeting of March 20, 2010 to be submitted for approval to the general membership. The new Officers will then be installed at the April 15 Meeting.

Dr. Hibbeln solicited applications and recommendations for Society trustees for the following seasons. The current trustee structure was reviewed.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee reminded the present Officers that the 2010 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and Gold Medal will be Dr. Gary Dillehay. He will receive the Award at the April Meeting and will be introduced by Dr. Kathleen Ward.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Lim-Dunham announced that Dr. Sharon Byrd from Rush Medical College will be tonight's featured speaker and will be lecturing on "MRI of the fetal brain, spine, and head and neck." Dr. Edward Michals, host, will introduce Dr. Byrd. The moderators and presenters for the break-out sessions will be: Christine Dudiak, MD from Loyola University for Multimodality Imaging, Daniel Appelbaum, MD from the University of Chicago for Nuclear Medicine, Francine Kim, MD from Northwestern University for Neuroradiology, and Suneel Nagda, MD, from Loyola University for the Radiation Oncology session.

The outline of the Scientific Program for the 2010-11 season was reviewed and a discussion about the need for an additional March Meeting independent of the Illinois Radiological Society Meeting was had; the future of the joint IRS-CRS March Scientific Meeting is unclear at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Dachman announced that Health Care Facilities in the state will be surveyed to assess feasibility of a multicenter study of Virtual Colonoscopy. The content of the questionnaire to be submitted and possible funding by a local insurer were briefly discussed.

Thanks to the much appreciated efforts of Drs. Anderson, Feinstein and Ramsey, reimbursement for musculoskeletal ultrasonography by a major local insurer has now been reinstated.

NEW BUSINESS

The current structure of the subcommittees of the Chicago Radiological Society was reviewed and several potential new initiatives to facilitate involvement of the local members in the structure of the Society were discussed.

A brief discussion was also held on the current regulations of the American Board of Radiology and Medicare for protected research time during the Radiology Residency.

ILLINOIS RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT:

No official report was presented, but Dr. Feinstein reminded everybody to attend the upcoming IRS-CRS Scientific Meeting at the Feinberg Pavilion of the Northwestern Medical Center, commenting on the value of the program organized by Dr. Leonard Berlin. The Meeting will take place on March 20th.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

No report was presented.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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