

Chicago Radiological Society: Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2009 Executive Committee Meeting

PRESENT: Dr. Thomas Anderson, Dr. Mustafa Bashir, Dr. Davide Bova, Dr. Abraham Dachman, Dr. Kate Feinstein, Dr. John Hibbeln, Dr. Jay Korach, Dr. Jennifer Lim-Dunham, Dr. Edward Michals, Dr. Alex Nemeth, Dr. Aruna Vade

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 2008 meeting, Dr. Dachman seconded. The minutes were therefore approved.

RESIDENT AND FELLOW SECTION REPORT:

Dr. Bashir announced that sponsors for the resident didactic sessions have been found for the February and April meetings. Tonight, Dr. Ron Gaba of the University of Illinois in Chicago is scheduled to give the resident section talk as well as the board review session. Tonight the upcoming April election for the CRS resident officers will be publicly announced.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Hibbeln reported that the MRI kickback lawsuit was settled, as announced yesterday by the office of the Illinois Attorney General. Virginia based MIDI has agreed to pay a 1,2 M dollars, of which \$ 840,000 should be redistributed by the state to benefit low income beneficiaries in need of health services. It is unknown at this time whether similar suits will be filed in other states. Several members of the committee expressed the hope that this settlement will at least constitute a deterrent against similar agreements in the future.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Secretary/treasurer, Dr. Bova reviewed the financial situation of the society and reported that the 4 month CD had come to maturity at the end of December and was renewed, albeit at a significantly lower interest rate. This was probably the result of the current financial market situation, but JP Morgan Chase remains one of the most solid institutions in the current turbulent banking market. There is a decrease in the balance of the checking account, when compared to January of 2008, but this is accounted by not having yet collected and cashed the invoices for the October and November meetings.

Within the next few weeks, the financial books will have to be sent to Merle as the tax season is approaching, on May 15. The periodic audit is also approaching and will be initiated in the near future as well.

The trends in attendance from the different institutions in town were also analyzed over the last 2 years and found the seasonal variations once again reproducible.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Michals reported to the committee that Dr. David Casalino will be the keynote speaker at tonight's meeting. In addition, he will moderate the multimodality break-out session presented by the body imaging fellows of the Northwestern University.

Preliminary discussion was had to explore potential keynote speakers for the 2009-10 academic season.

Dr. Sundeep Nayak will be the Featured Speaker at the April meeting, and he will be the recipient of this year's Memorial Award certificate.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Nothing to report.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Dachman reported that an awardee has been selected for the Distinguished Service Award to be given in April.

ILLINOIS RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY REPORT:

Dr. Feinstein reminded the committee that the joint IRS/CRS meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2009 and complimented Dr. Berlin for the great content of the program and the caliber of the speakers he invited.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:

No business to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Lasky will be honored at the February meeting, when the "Harold Lasky Annual Oration" will be inaugurated. An expert in breast imaging or organized medicine will be chosen to speak on state-of-the-art breast imaging or politics of organized medicine in honor of Dr. Lasky's contributions to radiology. Dr. Lasky is past president of the Chicago Radiological Society and of the Illinois Radiological Society and has provided substantial contributions to breast imaging and national quality assurance programs in mammography. Dr. Lasky is past recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. CRS will explore ways to sponsor planting of Trees for Israel" to honor Dr. Lasky or a personal gift to be determined. Dr. Korach will relate some possible links to that effect.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Dachman gave a detailed report to the executive committee about the latest developments about virtual colonoscopy. The main issues now revolve around rigorous

training of the physicians interpreting virtual colonoscopy, as well as appropriate management of the extracolonic findings. The ACR has implemented a training program which is perceived as very effective and detailed, with 50 hands-on unknown cases. After successful completion of these cases, a certificate of proficiency is issued. However, the issue of extracolonic findings is currently viewed as rather controversial in light of the potentially steep increase in health care costs they could generate. Both federal agencies and professional organizations have suggested the implementation of protocols to effectively manage extracolonic findings. Dr. Dachman will update the executive committee on any future developments.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Davide Bova, MD, Secretary/Treasurer