

2016 Winter Newsletter



Well, here we are at the end of 2016, and it's almost time for our 40th annual meeting in beautiful Santa Barbara, California! Here's what's happening in your society while you're busy making online holiday purchases:



Committees

A committee chair meeting was held during RSNA in Chicago. Highlights are as follows:

President's Report:

Going forward, chairs of all committees will be expected to review the performance of individual committee members for participation and contribution. Committee members showing initiative and engagement will be encouraged to stay involved and will be considered for leadership positions on same or different committees; members who do not contribute will be replaced by the chair. The goal is to identify and cultivate future leaders of the Society.

Agreements designed to encourage collaboration between [SSR and the European Society of Skeletal Radiology \(ESSR\)](#) and [the Australasian Musculoskeletal Imaging Group \(AMSIG\)](#) have been finalized. These agreements will allow a limited number of members from each society to attend the other societies' meetings at member cost, and will create an exchange of intellectual

content for use by members (our online CME content will be made available to ESSR and AMSIG members, and vice versa). We hope to add additional societies to this arrangement soon!



Electronic Communications Committee:

As many of you have discovered, the members only, [FREE ONLINE CME](#) section of the SSR website is open for business! Over 60 certificates have already been issued, so get on it! Both SAM courses from the 2016 Society meeting are available, as well as a selection of poster presentations. We will continue to add to the online content with the “best of” each meeting’s offerings. Given the evolving role of this committee, the Rules Committee has been tasked with replacing the ECC with a new Electronic Learning Committee, which will have as its main focus the selection and creation of online educational content.

Finance Committee/Sponsor and Vendor Relations Subcommittee:

Jon Jacobson and his committee are working hard to [secure corporate support](#) for our 2017 meeting, as well as in-kind support for the ever-popular ultrasound minicourse. The quest to convince companies of the value of participation is an ongoing battle; PLEASE make every effort to visit their booths in the break area during the meeting.

Historical Committee:

The timeline project is essentially complete, and will be unveiled at the 2017 Society meeting. This was truly a labor of love on the part of Bonner Guilford, the Grover Cleveland of our Society! Sue O’Sullivan and her folks at Veritas have successfully digitized all historical content that previously resided in giant boxes full of shuffled papers, so hats off to them.

Membership Committee:

Current SSR membership stands at 1349 as of November 15, 2016, including 93 Members-In-Training. We are almost caught up in [membership dues](#) (there was a huge lag in 2015 due to management changes).

Nominating Committee:

The committee has been successful in placing members on committees in accordance with the guidelines revised in 2015; the backlog of “unplaced members” desiring committee placement has been considerably reduced.



Program Committee:

2017 is another record year for abstract submissions, totaling 154! There will be 53 podium presentations and 49 poster presentations. Abstracts will be published in the March issue of Skeletal Radiology. The SAM presentations this year will be:

- Metabolic/Osteoporosis – with Drs. Hoover, Lenchik, Haar
- Peripheral Nerve Imaging – with Drs. Carrino/ Chhabra, Lee

[A variety of optional entertainment and recreational opportunities are available, including trolley tours, wine country tours, the golf outing, yoga sessions, and the reappearance of the SSR band!](#)



Residency and Fellowship Education Committee: The results of 2 surveys distributed to SSR members will be presented at the 2017 meeting. A meeting of MSK fellowship program directors will be held on Sunday, March 19 during the annual meeting. Veritas will arrange web-ex access for directors not able to physically attend.

Rules Committee: As mentioned above, the ECC will be dissolved and a new Electronic Learning Committee will be established in the bylaws.

Member contribution is vital to SSR as an organization. We wouldn't survive without it! We would like to thank committee volunteers for their time and commitment to the SSR. [SSR Committee Membership](#)



Education

Corner

We would like to specifically note that these are links to "Courses regarding outcomes research and comparative effectiveness in radiology", particularly as it pertains to the SSR seed grant program.

NYU

[Value of Imaging through Comparative Effectiveness \(VOICE\):
A Collaborative Training Program in Biomedical Big Data and Comparative Effectiveness
Research](#)

RSNA

[RSNA/ASNR Comparative Effectiveness Research Training \(CERT\) Program](#)

UCSF

[The UCSF Virtual Symposium on Radiation Safety in Computed Tomography.
An educational resource for all who are interested in learning about safety in medical imaging.](#)



Finally, please consider donating to our Research, Education, and Development (RED) Fund and/or the Patrick Liu Innovation Award Fund. It's easy to do on the website! The "[\\$40 for Forty](#)" campaign is looking a bit anemic at this point, so please help us raise \$40,000 in time for the 40th annual Society meeting March. There's a "femur of progress" on the website. Move the needle!

We look forward to seeing you in March in Santa Barbara!

[Register Now!](#)



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