

2017 Summer Newsletter

Hello again! I hope everyone's summer is going well, and that you survive until back-to-school time.

Committees

A committee chair meeting was held via teleconference in June. Highlights are as follows:

President's Report:

This has been a busy and productive year for the Executive Committee. In addition to the successful rollout of the Member-In-Training category, the debut of online CME offerings for members, and the creation of reciprocal meeting attendance and scientific content relationships with the European Society of Skeletal Radiology (ESSR) and the Australasian Musculoskeletal Imaging Group (AMSIG), we have undertaken a variety of initiatives designed to improve and expand the value that the Society provides to its members.

Electronic Learning Committee (ELC):

Maintain the breakneck pace that seems to be their norm, the ELC has just made several CME posters and SAM lectures available on the SSR website, adding to our catalog of FREE ONLINE CME for members. Unfortunately, a technical glitch prevented them from being able to convert the SAM on nerve imaging. Please check out the new offerings soon. Please be aware that in the future, all authors will be asked to submit learning gaps, objectives, and appropriate CME questions in advance to speed the availability of these works for member consumption. The committee is now working on a feasible way to convert e-poster animations to useable online CME products.

Finance Committee/Sponsor and Vendor Relations Subcommittee:



Meeting expenses for our 2017 Santa Barbara event were in line with previous years' events. A total of \$26,500 of vendor support and in-kind provision of ultrasound machines greatly helped. Remember to let Jon Jacobson know if you have any potentially useful industry contacts.

Historical Committee:

Hopefully by now you've had a chance to check out the SSR Timeline (available through the member's portal of the website: <http://ssrtimeline.com/>). It's a fabulous resource and endlessly entertaining. The name of the Committee will be changed to the Archive and History Committee pending member vote at the 2018 meeting in Austin, Texas.



Membership Committee:

Membership continues to expand; new members are being added every quarter on a rolling basis, and dues collections are pretty much caught up. The Committee is also reevaluating the requirements for Emeritus Member status.

Nominating Committee:

There are upcoming openings for positions on SSR service committees. Don't forget to sign up for committee assignment on the website if interested!

Program Committee:

Plans are to open abstract submission on or before August 7th, 2017 with a deadline of October 2nd, 2017 in order to provide more time for new fellows to submit their research.

Research Committee:

Two member-originated surveys will be arriving in your inbox in the next few weeks; please take the time to fill them out and help your fellow members create their work for future presentation.

Residency and Fellowship Education Committee:

Efforts are underway by the Committee to engage MSK fellowship directors across the country to generate enthusiasm for the creation of a fellowship match. Stay tuned!

Rules Committee:

As above, the Historical Committee will be changed to the “Archive and History Committee” with its duties unchanged.

Socioeconomic Affairs Committee:

Look for relevant articles and papers on the SSR website, and a new section in these newsletters focused on hot topics affecting musculoskeletal imaging!

"SPOTLIGHT"

Socioeconomic (SEC) Committee Spotlight Article:

Artificial Intelligence: What It Means for Radiologists

At the 2017 American College of Radiology (ACR) – The Crossroads of Radiology® annual meeting this past spring, much of the buzz revolved around artificial intelligence (AI). Keynoter speaker, Jeffrey R. Immelt, GE chairman and CEO stated, “AI is going to make everyone... better”. He dismissed negative publicity of AI as a threat to radiologists. Instead, he emphasized AI improving productivity, increasing our clinical relevance, fostering higher quality care, and expanding access. This concept was well received by the ACR as Dr. Bibb Allen announced the formation of the Data Science Institute (DSI), designed to develop standards and lead the implementation of AI tools in radiology. DSI will help ensure radiologists remain the guardians of healthcare science data and bridge the gap between industry and imaging. The value of AI and data mining is vitally important to our success and growth as an industry. In this volume to value era, “proving our worth is never going away” said Immelt. Variance in medicine remains the largest target as it is beyond what any other industry would accept. Although much initial work is being done to help reduce variance, it remains only in its infancy. Future quality efforts must be coupled with AI to ensure variance reduction to improve cost, quality, and access.



Further information about AI and DSI can be accessed here:

- [Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [Data Science Institute](#)

Please consider a donation to one of our research-support funds, including the “\$40 for Forty” campaign!

2017 isn’t over, so it still counts!





And put March 25-28, 2018 on your calendar for our 41st annual meeting in exciting Austin, Texas!

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