

**Society of Skeletal Radiology
Annual Business Meeting
March 17, 2002
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Arthur De Smet, President, at 8:00 am. There were 72 members in attendance.

Dr. De Smet welcomed all in attendance to the 25th Annual Meeting of the Society of Skeletal Radiology. He also announced that effective July 1, 2002, the RSNA will no longer be providing management services for the related societies, such as SSR, and that SSR is currently finalizing contract negotiations with a new management firm. Dr. De Smet extended his thanks on behalf of the society to the RSNA staff involved with SSR for their efforts over the term of their contract.

II. Approval of 2001 Business Meeting minutes

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the February 25, 2001 Business Meeting be approved as presented.

Action: The motion was unanimously accepted.

III. Membership Committee

A. Vote for new members

Dr. Robert Boutin reported that there are currently 299 members and 45 pending members. The current members are divided into the following categories:

Full members	282
International Members	12
Emeritus Members	5

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the prospective members be approved as presented to the membership in the attached document.

Action: The motion was unanimously accepted.

B. Welcome to new members

Dr. De Smet welcomed all of the new members on behalf of the society.

IV. Secretary's Report

Dr. Arthur Newberg announced that the SSR 2003 Annual Meeting will be held March 2-5 at the Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado Island, California and encouraged all to attend.

V. Treasurer's Report

Dr. Cheryl Petersilge reported on the finances of the Society. The projected revenues for fiscal year 2002 are \$77,018 with projected expenses of \$73,636. It is the society's goal

to have 2-3 year's operating expenses in reserves. Currently, there is a little over one year's operating expenses in reserves. The society will be taking steps to increase this reserve over the next year. Dr. Petersilge also announced that the impending change in management services will most likely result in higher management fees. This increase will be offset somewhat by a one time grant of \$14,700 from the RSNA, however, members can expect to see increases in dues and/or meeting registration fees to offset these increased expenses and to build the society reserve.

VI. Program Committee Report

A. Overview of 2002 meeting.

Dr. B. J. Manaster extended her thanks to the members of the Program Committee, Dr. Newberg, Dr. Petersilge, and Dr. Murphey for their assistance in putting together this year's program. She also recognized Dr. Andy Sonin for his work in arranging this year's focus session. Dr. Manaster encouraged presentations by all of the newly accepted members at next year's meeting and reminded all present to attend the reception scheduled tonight at 6:30 pm. This year there will be a set of text books by Donald Resnick, MD raffled by the exhibiting publisher, Mosby and Saunders. Finally, Dr. Manaster reminded everyone to complete the meeting survey as the Program Committee uses these in the planning of the next year's program.

B. Awards

Dr. Manaster presented the awards for the 2000 and 2001 Best Research Paper suitable for presentation at the RSNA meeting to Dr. Tim Sanders and Dr. Patrick Liu, respectively. Going forward, these awards will be presented each year at the SSR Annual Meeting for the award winning paper presented at the past meeting.

VII. Nominating Committee Report

A. Vote on proposed new Treasurer

Dr. De Smet presented the following slate of candidates, put forth by the SSR Nominating Committee, to the membership for approval. All offices will become effective July 1, 2002.

President	B. J. Manaster, MD
President Elect	Arthur Newberg, MD
Secretary	Cheryl Petersilge, MD
Treasurer	Mark Kransdorf, MD

The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the slate of candidates be approved as presented.

Action: The motion was unanimously accepted.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Auditing Committee

Dr. Lynne Steinbach reported that the Auditing Committee had completed a thorough review of the Society financial records and found no irregularities and has determined that all financial statements are in order.

B. Electronic Communication Committee

Dr. Felix Chew reported that the Society web site, www.skeletalrad.org, has not experienced any downtime over the past year and that the committee has submitted a proposal to the Executive Committee to introduce a number of enhanced features. Dr. Chew reminded all present to utilize the link on the SSR web site to Amazon.com as the Society receives a small referral fee for each purchase made utilizing this link.

C. Research Committee

Dr. De Smet announced that the Research Committee will be sending out a questionnaire with the next society mailing and he urged all members to take part in this survey.

D. Residency & Fellowship Committee

Dr. Chuck Resnik reported that the Residency and Fellowship Committee is comprised of two subcommittees of four members each. Dr. Michael Tuite and the Residency subcommittee are currently working on a standard curriculum for Radiology Residents. The Fellowship subcommittee will be conducting a discussion tomorrow at the close of the scientific portion of the meeting regarding the subspecialty fellowship match.

E. Rules Committee

Dr. Mary Kathol reported that this past year the Society became large enough to have representation on the ACR Specialty Council as well as the ACR Intersociety Commission. The Rules Committee has been charged with recommending guidelines pertaining to these representatives. The committee is also working on eliminating some ambiguity in the bylaws regarding membership categories and requirements. All changes approved by the Executive Committee will be presented to the membership for approval at the 2003 Annual Business Meeting.

F. Socioeconomic Affairs Committee

Dr. Richard Daffner reported that federal agencies have been monitoring coding, compliance and fraud issues very closely and some major institutions have recently faced heavy fines. He also urged all SSR members to join the ACR.

G. Standards Committee

Dr. Andy Sonin reported that this year the committee focused on defining the role of the SSR in formulating and assisting other established entities in the formulation of acceptable standards of radiology practice as they relate to musculoskeletal radiology. One activity will be the review of the ACR Standards.

He urged all SSR members to review these, which are posted on the ACR website and provide feed back to the ACR or to the SSR Standards Committee.

Another initiative will be the involvement of the SSR in the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurement (NCRP). The SSR has become a Collaborating Organization to which no fees are attached.

IX. SSR Representative Reports

A. SSR Representative to the ARR

Dr. De Smet announced that Dr. Manaster will be reviewing the recent developments concerning the Academy of Radiology Research during her presentation on the NIBIB later this morning.

B. SRR Representative to the ACR Specialty Council

Dr. De Smet reported that he will be attending the ACR Specialty Council this summer and will report back to the Society regarding the activities that take place.

C. SSR Representative to the ACR Intersociety Commission

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X. Old Businesss

None

XI. New Business

A. Special Presentation to Dr. De Smet

Dr. Manaster acknowledged Dr. De Smet for his dedicated service to the Society over the past eight years and reminded the membership that his term as President will conclude on June 30, 2002. She then presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Dr. De Smet thanked the membership for their support and confidence in electing him to office.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.