

**Society of Skeletal Radiology  
Annual Business Meeting  
Portofino Bay Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
Sunday, March 13, 2005  
Minutes**

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Art Newberg, President, at 7:45 am.

**II. Welcome**

Dr. Newberg welcomed all attendees to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Skeletal Radiology. He thanked the Executive Committee and the Program Committee, with special recognition to Cheryl Petersilge, for a job well done in planning and preparing for this meeting.

He reminded all attendees to remember to “click-through” to Amazon.com using the SSR website. This permits the society to get a small finders fee for all persons who use our site to “click through” to the Amazon site.

Dr. Newberg gave a summary of the meeting sites for the past 16 years and noted that the society always hold the meeting in late February or early March in a warm location. He noted that next year’s meeting is back in Tucson at the Loew’s Ventana Canyon Resort.

He thanked the outgoing committee chairs for their service to the society.

He encouraged all attendees to maintain or become members of the ACR. As an affiliate society, we must maintain at least 30% of our membership as ACR members.

Dr. Newberg provided a summary of the accomplishments of the society over the past year. He closed by welcoming all to the meeting.

Dr. Newberg recognized the passing of Brian Penrod. He asked that all observe a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Penrod.

**III. Approval of the March 7, 2004 Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the Annual Business Meeting of March 7, 2004 were presented for discussion.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented

**ACTION:** The motion was unanimously approved.

**IV. Officer and Committee Reports**

**Secretary’s Report**

Dr. Mark Kransdorf briefed all attendees on the CME requirements that must be observed during the meeting. He noted that Mayo Clinic is providing CME for this year’s meeting and there are certain requirements that are different from the previous ACR requirements.

Dr. Kransdorf noted that plans are underway for the 2007 meeting. He indicated that the society is considering either Florida or Scottsdale, Arizona as possible meeting sites.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Carol Anderson presented the Treasurer's report. She reported that the society is in very good financial shape. She noted that the society has net assets of over \$200K. Dr. Anderson pointed out the the meeting was the largest single expenditure item in the budget. She noted that communications costs have been reduced during the past year by shifting to an online membership directory.

Dr. Anderson also reported on results of efforts by the Finance Committee. She provided an overview of an investment strategy for the SSR.

## **President Elect's Report**

Dr. Cheryl Petersilge welcomed all to the meeting and provided an overview of the meeting schedule. She noted several changes have been made for this year's meeting, including shifting the reception from Sunday to Monday evening.

She reported that there are 181 pre-meeting registrants – the largest meeting to date. She reported that the quality and number of abstracts submitted for the meeting has continued to grow and improve. She reported that 48 abstracts were selected for presentation out of 63 abstracts submitted.

Dr. Petersilge indicated that the SSR will be going back to the Loew's Ventana Canyon Resort for the 2007 meeting.

Dr. Petersilge thanked persons who have helped to contribute to the success of the meeting, including Kristen Lykke, the SSR account manager, Bill Morrison, SSR Program Committee, Carol Andrews, who is helping coordinate the meetings AV requirements, and Mark Kransdorf, who has helped coordinate the CME process.

## **Auditing Committee Report**

Dr. Curtis Hayes provided the Audit Committee Report. He indicated that the committee had reviewed detailed financial reports for the Society and found them to be in impeccable order with no irregularities.

## **Electronic Communication Committee**

Dr. Jim Choi presented the Electronic Communication Committee Report. He noted that the committee has been working to improve and enhance electronic communications in the society. The membership directory is now being published in an electronic format via the website. The committee is planning to do a major restructuring of the website over the next three months to bring it up to 2005 standards. He asked for help from any members who have experience in this area.

## **Research Committee**

The Research Committee reported was presented. An overview of committee activities over the past year was presented.

## **Residency & Fellowship Committee**

Dr. Chuck Resnik presented the report. He reported on two significant accomplishments during the past year: (1) revision of the MSK residency curriculum and (2) develop and circulate a survey regarding fellowships to bring the society's fellowship webpage up to date.

## **Rules Committee**

Dr. Buckwalter presented the Rules Committee report. He stated that the Rules Committee has taken action to change the bylaws of the SSR to clarify the definition of the society in Section 2. He stated that additional work was done to clarify membership categories and committee descriptions.

### **Socioeconomic Committee:**

Dr. Daffner presented the Socioeconomic Committee report. He updated the membership on current issues impacting members in the legal, regulatory and socioeconomic area.

### **Standards Committee**

Dr. David Rubin presented the Standard's Committee report. He reported that the Standards Committee has decided to take primary responsibility for drafting new ACR Guidelines that deal with MSK imaging. The committee will start with guidelines dealing with MR Imaging. The ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards are becoming the de facto legal standards. The guidelines and standards have the potential to be tied to accreditation and perhaps eventually to reimbursement. Therefore, it is important for the SSR to provide inputs to these standards.

A secondary issue is that the ACR monograph on MSK MR is out of date. Inputs are needed to update this document.

The SSR Research Committee has established a goal of preparing inputs and introducing 12 new guidelines over the next 3 years. Last year, the committee submitted inputs for standards for knee, shoulder, and tumors. For the coming year, the committee is submitting inputs for ankle & hind-foot, wrist and elbow, and pelvis and hips. It takes up to 18 months to implement a change to a standard. He noted that all proposed inputs to the ACR will be made available to SSR membership for review and comment prior to submission. This will usually be done through a broadcast email to all SSR members.

## **V. SSR Representative Reports**

### **Report on the ACR Council**

Dr. Cheryl Petersilge provided a summary of the ACR Council meeting held during the last year. She noted that the ACR is dealing with three primary issues on their legislative agenda for the year: (1) tort reform, (2) improving reimbursement, and (3) physician self-referral.

### **Report on the Academy of Radiology Research**

Dr. B.J. Manaster reported that the Society continues to provide financial support to the ARR. The ARR promotes imaging research in the government funding process. For the past two years, the ARR solicited an additional voluntary contribution from its member societies and that funding was used a bridge to establish the CIBR – the Coalition for Imaging and Biomedical Research – an advocacy organization seeking funds from both government and industry. Other efforts include: Blueprint for Imaging in Biomedical Research (BIBR) and NIH Roadmap for Medical Research

### **ACR Intersociety Meeting**

Dr Manaster reported that the Intersociety Conference was established by the ACR to promote collegiality within radiology, foster and encourage communication among national radiological societies, and make recommendations on areas of concern. The SSR has participated over the past three years. The subject of last year's meeting was self-referral and Dr. Manaster reported that she was invited and gave a presentation at the meeting. She thanked that many SSR members who contributed to her survey that she presented at the meeting.

## **VI. Membership Committee Report**

Dr. Ted Miller presented the Membership Committee report. Dr. Miller reported the SSR membership as follows:

- 403 Full Members
- 8 International Members
- 7 Emeritus Members
- 418 Total Members

Dr. Miller reported that 41 persons applied for membership this year, 39 qualified for membership.

A listing of all applicants for membership was provided as a handout to attendees.

## VII. Election of New SSR Members

Dr. Newberg presented the list of SSR applicants as submitted by the SSR Membership Committee for consideration by the membership.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the prospective members be approved as presented by the SSR Membership Committee (list attached).

Dr. Mike Mulligan, a member of the SSR Membership Committee, noted that the recommendations for membership put forth by the SSR Membership Committee did not reflect a unanimous decision by the committee. He expressed concern about the direction of SSR membership and the inclusion of international members. He recommended additional review of this practice. Furthermore, he recommended that the practice of accepting all new members in total be revisited and suggested that individual applications be voted on in future meetings. Dr. Ted Miller noted that all applications were received and processed in accordance with the society's bylaws as they are currently written. Other members spoke on the benefits of including international membership within the SSR.

**ACTION:** The motion was approved.

Dr. Newberg welcomed the new members to the society.

## VIII. SSR Bylaws Changes

Dr. Newberg presented the proposed changes to the SSR Bylaws as submitted by the SSR Rules Committee for consideration by the membership.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the proposed bylaws changes be approved as presented by the SSR Rules Committee (revision attached).

**ACTION:** The motion was unanimously approved.

## IX. Ad Hoc Committee on Maintenance of Certification

Dr. Tom Berquist reported on the activities of the new ad hoc committee for the ABR. Dr. Berquist indicated that the purpose of the committee is to serve as the leader for the SSR for monitoring and developing a self-assessment module for maintenance of certification. He described the current plans for developing the SAMs, obtaining approvals from the ABR and implementing the SAMs via either the ACR or the RSNA.

## X. SSR Nominating Committee

Dr. Andy Sonin reported that the Nominating Committee considered applicants for the Electronic Communication Committee. The following persons were appointed to committee assignments for 2005/2006:

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| <b>Auditing (6 year term):</b>  | David May<br>Josh Farber becomes Chair (2 years - automatic)                 |
| <b>Electronic Comms (3 year term):</b><br>(officially appointed by President) | Bill Morrison  |
| <b>Membership (4 year term):</b>  | Laura Bancroft<br>Marcia Blacksin<br>Laurie Lomasney becomes Chair (2 years) |
| <b>Nominating (2 year term):</b>  | David Salonen (and serves as Chair)  |

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| <b>Program (2 year term):</b>              | Tim Sanders  |
| <b>Research (4 year term):</b>             | Larry White (also appointed Chair)<br>Michael Bruno  |
| <b>Residency/Fellowship (4 year term):</b> | Don Flemming<br>Amilcare Gentili<br>James Peterson<br>Neil Roach<br>Kirk Davis becomes Chair (2 years) |
| <b>Rules (4 year term):</b>                | Lee Bennett<br>James Jelinek<br>Tim Moore becomes Chair (2 years)                                      |
| <b>Socioeconomic (4 year term):</b>        | Chris Nusser<br>Tim Sweeney<br>Robert Boutin becomes Chair (2 years)                                   |
| <b>Standards (4 year term):</b>            | Zahava Rosenberg<br>Mihra Taljanovic   |

Dr. Sonin encouraged all attendees to be an active participant in the society, be flexible in committee interests, and be persistent in applying for committee assignments.

## **XI. Announcements**

### **Best Paper Awards**

Dr. Newberg noted that the SSR gives two best paper awards: (1) best paper for the RSNA and (2) best paper for the ISS. Dr. Newberg recognized the two best paper awards from the 2004 meeting – one by Dr. Doug Beall and colleagues (ISS) and the second by Dr. Mihra Taljanovic and colleagues (RSNA).

## **XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.