

1 Society of Skeletal Radiology
2 Annual Business Meeting
3 Sunday, March 8, 2009
4 Wild Dunes Resort
5 Isle of Palms, SC
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7 *111 SSR members were in attendance at the start of the SSR Annual Meeting. It was confirmed*
8 *that there was a quorum.*
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10 **I. President's Report – Mark J. Kransdorf, MD**

11 Dr. Kransdorf welcomed the membership to the 32nd Annual Meeting. Special thanks were given
12 to all of the committee chairs and the members of the Executive Committee for their dedication
13 and commitment to the Society. It was noted that the Society relies on the membership to submit
14 abstracts and provide input for future programs. The Executive Committee has worked hard to be
15 responsive to the membership; every effort will be made to continue to provide the membership
16 with feedback to all requests/suggestions. Dr. Kransdorf acknowledged and thanked WJ Weiser
17 & Associates, Inc., SSR's management company. The membership was encouraged to visit the
18 vendors who have chosen to support the 2009 Annual Meeting. Their contribution to the SSR is
19 greatly appreciated.
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22 **II. Approval of 2008 Business Meeting minutes – Mark J. Kransdorf, MD**

23 The Minutes from the 2008 Annual Meeting were presented to the membership for approval.
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25 **Action:**

26 The 2008 Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.
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29 **III. Treasurer's Report - Finance Committee – William Morrison, MD**

30 Dr. Morrison presented a report from the Finance Committee. The current committee members
31 in addition to Dr. Morrison are Tim Sanders and Adam Zoga. The 2009 Annual Meeting was
32 successful in receiving industry support in the amount of \$29,000. The Balance Sheet as of
33 February 18, 2009 reflects current assets of \$601,274.46. Revenue as of February 18, 2009
34 exceeds expenses by \$104,208. As of December 2008 559 members have paid their 2008 dues.
35 There are a total of 61 members that did not pay dues as of December 2008. At the November
36 RSNA meeting, the SSR Executive Committee met and completed a review of the financial
37 reports in addition to meeting with the investment manager, Joel Blau. The EC reviewed a
38 proforma created by Ken Buckwalter to assess future funding needs of the Society. The main
39 goal is to cover three years of meeting/operating expenses. Based on growth of the Society as
40 well as anticipated inflation and return on Society assets. A concern was raised that the FDIC
41 raised the amount of coverage from \$100,000 to \$250,000 however the SSR Money Market
42 account had a greater balance. Therefore the EC determined to keep the \$250,000 in the account
43 and transfer the remaining balance to the investment accounts. This transfer was made in
44 January. It was noted that prior to management by WJ Weiser, the SSR Annual Meetings always
45 lost money. The Society has made a profit on each meeting since the transition.

46 **Action:** The report from the Finance Committee Chair was accepted as presented
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49 **IV. President-Elects Report – Carol L. Andrews, MD**
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51 **2009 Wild Dunes, Isle of Palms, SC**

52 Dr. Andrews provided the membership with an update regarding the program and social events
53 for the 2009 meeting. The program has included an Ultrasound Cocktail Hour this year where it
54 will be a hands-on ultrasound training; Dr. Jon Jacobson has organized the 2009 Ultrasound
55 session. This year the Focus Session is the SAMs course, which should prove to be a better
56 pattern. The program committee will select the winning papers for presentation at the RSNA and
57 ISS paper awards. It was mentioned that 222 members have pre-registered for the 2009 meeting,
58 which is up compared with the 207 final attendee numbers from the 2008 meeting. It was
59 confirmed that there is a process in place to ensure that all registered attendees are current with
60 their membership dues.
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62 **2010 Loews Lake Las Vegas**

63 Dr. Andrews provided details regarding the 2010 meeting. Loews Lake Las Vegas has been
64 selected for the 2010 meeting. The property is beautiful; it is about 15 minutes from the strip.
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66 It was noted that there is a need make our more senior members accountable for mentoring
67 others to become members and submit abstracts. There are currently 44 slots on the program,
68 which includes one slot that was again used for Tom Berquist/SAMs MOC. Further discussion
69 regarding utilizing the website to showcase the program (abstracts/power points/case of the day)
70 took place.
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72 **Action:** The report from the President-Elect was accepted as presented.
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75 **V. Committee Reports**
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77 **A. AdHoc MOC/SAMs Committee – Dr. Berquist, MD**

78 Dr. Berquist informed the membership of the changes relating to MOC. SSR having SAMs
79 included as part of the Annual Meeting has set a standard that the Society should encourage.
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81 **Action:**

82 The report from the AdHoc MOC/SAMs Committee was accepted as presented.
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84 **B. Audit Committee – Donald Sauser, MD**

85 Dr. Sauser presented the complete audit prepared by Kutchins, Robbins and Diamond, Ltd. for
86 the year ended June 30, 2008. The accountant's independent review finds the financial
87 statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society of Skeletal
88 Radiology, Inc. as of June 30, 2008 and the results of its operation and changes in its net asset
89 and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally
90 accepted in the USA.
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92 **Action:** Each year WJ Weiser & Associates, Inc. ensures that an outside audit is
93 completed and presented to the Audit Committee and the membership. The report
94 from the Audit Committee Chair was accepted as presented.
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97 **C. Electronic Communications Committee – Catherine Roberts, MD**

98 Dr. Roberts presented the updated statistical details regarding the website to the membership.
99 The website continues to be very active. The funds received from Amazon total \$247 while the
100 funds collected relating to job listings is at \$900 for the fiscal year. The website maintenance fee
101 is \$390 per month (\$4,680 per year).
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103 **New Website Design**

104 Dr. Roberts announced that the website has been re-designed and is completely functioning
105 under the new structure. In addition, there is a newly designed Wiki area that can be a very
106 useful tool. Dr. Roberts prepared a video that shows members how to use the Wiki; this video is
107 on posted on the Wiki. The Fellowship pages continue to be one of the most visited pages on the
108 website. Staff works with the Fellowship committee to ensure this area of the website is
109 continuously updated.
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111 **Future items the committee is working with the EC on include:**

- 112 a) Wiki Expansion
 - 113 b) Social Networking via Facebook/RadRounds/Twitter
 - 114 c) Assist MOC/SAM Committee with sponsoring online education material
 - 115 d) Google AdSense evaluation for increased revenue
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117 Dr. Roberts encouraged the members to communicate with her regarding any ideas/suggestions
118 for improving the website.
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120 **Action:** The report from the Electronic Communications Committee was accepted
121 as presented.
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124 **D. Membership Committee Report – Dr. Laura Bancroft**

125 Dr. Bancroft provided a detailed membership report. The committee has worked hard to review
126 and process member applications in line with the newly established rolling admissions process.
127 The SSR membership total is 653 full members plus 13 international members and 8 emeritus
128 members for a total of 674 members. The majority of SSR 2009 applicants are coming from the
129 Midwestern Part of the United States, followed by a close second from the Northeast, which is
130 more consistent with the historical membership records over the last few years. New members
131 will be identified at the Annual Meeting with name badges that indicate New Member.
132 Dr. Bancroft asked the membership to make an effort to meet and welcome these new members.
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134 **Action:** The membership committee report was accepted as presented.
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138 **E. Research Committee – Lawrence White, MD**

139 Dr. White discussed the idea that the committee has been working on for the past year of
140 establishing an Early Investigator Award. The purpose of the Early Investigator Award is to
141 fund MSK researchers to attend the annual SSR meeting so that they may benefit from
142 networking and feedback on their research ideas.

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144 Application and Review Criteria Eligibility criteria:

145 Investigator within 5 years of completing MSK training

146 Member of the SSR

147 Abstract submitted for presentation at SSR

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149 Review criteria:

150 Potential for external funding

151 Clinical/basic science significance

152 Potential to benefit from networking within the SSR community

153 Long term career goals

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155 Application:

156 SSR abstract

157 Current CV

158 1 page summary of long-term career goals and significance of attending the SSR annual meeting
159 in achieving these goals

160 Letter of support from Departmental Chair/Section Chief

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162 Review Process:

163 Review of award applications will be performed by the SSR research committee using
164 the standard NIH scoring scale.

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166 Application deadline would be the same as the SSR annual meeting abstract deadline.

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168 **Action:** The Research Committee report was accepted as presented.

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171 **F. Residency and Fellowship Committee – Don Flemming, MD**

172 Dr. Flemming presented his report regarding upcoming changes relating to Resident and
173 Fellowship programs.

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175 Website Update

176 The Committee continued the annual effort of updating the fellowship listing page of the SSR
177 website. The listings were vetted and two unlisted programs (Emory and MUSC) were
178 discovered. The folks at Emory and MUSC have been notified but these programs remain
179 unlisted. Other than MUSC and Emory, all eligible programs are listed on the website. The links
180 are operational. The website design is satisfactory and used by the intended target population.

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182 RRC/ACGME Issues

183 1) The proposed changes to ACGME Common Program Requirements for Subspecialty
184 Training and the Proposed Radiology RRC changes for MSK Fellowship training have

185 been posted to the ACGME website under Review and Comment link. Deadline for
186 comment is 2/25/2009. This obviously pertains primarily to the 13 programs that are
187 ACGME accredited but non-ACGME MSK program directors might benefit from
188 understanding what is expected of ACGME approved programs.

- 189 a. There are substantive changes that pertain to documentation of training,
190 evaluation of fellow/faculty/program, supervision/duty hours, etc.
- 191 2) The RRC has noted an increase in citations for radiology fellowships in general. Dr.
192 Flemming is trying to get a newsletter together through the APDR that will be distributed
193 to program directors that lists the most common citations.

194 **ABR Issues**

- 196 1) The ABR is finalizing the upcoming changes to the ABR examination. This change will
197 have a profound impact on how residents are trained. The class starting radiology
198 residency in 2010 will be affected.
- 199 2) It is unclear how the ABR changes will affect the final year of the residency. The change
200 is supposed to encourage increased specialty training in the final year. Most applicants
201 that Dr. Flemming has interviewed for a 2010 start are not interested in a full year of
202 specialty training in the final year. Most popular option is four 3 month mini-fellowships
203 in the final year.
- 204 3) Specialty training for residents in final year of training may affect concurrent training of
205 fellows.
- 206 4) It is unclear how specialty training in final year of residency will impact on interest in
207 fellowship training after residency. The significant majority (over 80%) of applicants that
208 were interviewed this year are planning on entering fellowship training.

209 **Future Direction**

- 211 1) Monitor impact of ACGME/RRC requirements on fellowship training
- 212 2) Monitor impact of ABR changes on residency training. Share best practices.
- 213 3) The committee should survey residency program directors about how SSR can best assist
214 with MSK education.

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216 **Action:** The report from the Residency and Fellowship Education Committee was
217 accepted as presented.

218 **G. Rules Committee – Lee Bennett, MD**

219 The 2008-2009 activities of the Society of Skeletal Radiology (SSR) Rules Committee were
220 reported as follows:
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- 222 1. The SSR Rules Committee met by e-mail on 03/21/2008 to discuss a request for Bylaws
223 change by a member. The changes were to require a 30-day advance notice to the Executive
224 Committee of any business or officer nominations to be discussed at the annual business meeting
225 and to allow it to be considered special business. The concern was that the current format could
226 result in a lengthy, disruptive business meeting thereby threatening the time allowed for the
227 scientific meeting of the SSR.
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230 Rules Committee Decision: The members of the Rules Committee felt that Robert's Rules of
231 Order allowed for truncating unnecessary, prolonged debate on issues. These rules could be
232 invoked during the business meeting if necessary. Robert's Rules of Order are to be followed at
233 the business meeting per Article VIII, Section 2. THEREFORE, the Rules Committee voted to
234 keep the Bylaws unchanged in regard to Article IX, Section 2, Subsection C and Article XIII,
235 Section 2.

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237 2. The SSR Rules Committee met by e-mail for extended discussion in October 2008 for making
238 grammatical corrections and looking for any areas in the Bylaws that needed to be addressed. It
239 was found that according to Article V, Section 3 the current membership directory needed to
240 include year of election and type of membership for each member.

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242 Rules Committee Decision: The Rules Committee felt that either the membership directory
243 needed to be updated or the Bylaws needed to be changed (Article V, Section 3) to reflect the
244 current status of the membership directory, which did not include year of election and type of
245 membership. This was submitted to the SSR Executive Committee for their consideration and
246 recommendation.

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248 Executive Committee Decision: The Executive Committee decided to update the membership
249 directory in order to keep with the spirit and intent of the SSR Bylaws. This decision was
250 supported by the Rules Committee.

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252 3. During the same extended October 2008 e-mail meeting of the SSR Rules Committee, it was
253 found that according to Article V, Section 3, the minutes of the SSR Annual Meeting needed to
254 be distributed to the membership within six months of the meeting.

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256 Rules Committee Decision: The Rules Committee felt that either the minutes needed to be
257 distributed per the Bylaws or the Bylaws needed to be changed (Article V, Section 3) to reflect
258 the current practice of the SSR. This was submitted to the SSR Executive Committee for their
259 consideration and recommendation.

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261 Executive Committee Decision: The Executive Committee decided to distribute the minutes of
262 the SSR Annual Meeting as directed by the Bylaws in order to keep with the spirit and intent of
263 the SSR Bylaws. This decision was supported by the Rules Committee.

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265 4. The SSR Rules Committee met in extended session by e-mail in February 2009. Discussions
266 were made on updating the Bylaws in regard to committee membership composition and
267 staggering of member nominations. Given its importance, this will be taken up by the next SSR
268 Rules Committee for further extended debate and discussion.

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270 **No Action Required at this time. No Bylaws changes will be presented**
271 **to the membership.**

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276 **H. Socioeconomic Affairs Committee – Jonathan Luchs, MD**

277 Dr. Luchs mentioned the need for the committee to survey the membership to better understand
278 the socioeconomic issues affecting them. Dr. Luch outlined the importance of SSR members
279 becoming involved in RADPAC by offering a donation. Dr. Luch informed the members that the
280 Executive Committee agreed to allow a link to the ACR from the Skeletalrad website and would
281 also allow for an area to post questions regarding reimbursement in a “socioeconomic corner”. It
282 was determined that a link to RADPAC would NOT be allowed on the SSR website.

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284 **Action:** The report from the Socioeconomic Affairs Committee was accepted as
285 presented.

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288 **I. Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee – David Rubin, MD**

289 Dr. Rubin discussed the most relevant items that affected the Practice Guidelines and Technical
290 Standards Committee (the “Standards Committee”) this past year had to do with its membership.
291 Dr. Ed Lee will assume the position of Chair of the Practice Guidelines Committee in two years.

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293 An “Operations Manual” detailing the roles of the Standards Committee Chair and Members,
294 together with a suggested timeline for completing tasks was also developed, to help smooth the
295 transition for future Committee participants.

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297 Two SSR co-sponsored ACR Guideline revisions (the Practice Guideline for the Performance
298 and Interpretation of DXA, and which the Practice Guideline on Extremity Radiography) were
299 voted on and approved at the 2008 ACR national meeting, under the new ACR rules that allow
300 last-minute revisions to the Guidelines with the input of a representative member of the co-
301 sponsoring society. This new rule worked well and will be important in the future as there is a
302 big push at the ACR to have as many Guidelines co-sponsored by other Societies as possible.

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304 Three ACR Guidelines that were originally co-sponsored and authored by the SSR Standards
305 Committee (Knee MR, Shoulder MR, Bone and Soft Tissue MR) are now due for mandatory 5-
306 year revisions. The process of revising co-sponsored Guidelines at the ACR is also changing
307 effective this year: A Revision Committee composed of members of both the SSR and ACR will
308 vet the revised documents before they are presented to the ACR membership as a whole. For
309 these three Guidelines, the Revision Committee has been assigned and the SSR Standards
310 Committee will do the initial revisions (one is already complete) to submit to the Revision
311 Committee, which includes members of the SSR Standards Committee and SSR members at
312 large.

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314 For this coming year, the Committee would also like to resume its main objective: authoring new
315 ACR Guidelines for the Performance and Interpretation of musculoskeletal MR examinations.
316 Committee members have begun authoring new guidelines for MR of the hands and feet, and
317 MR of bone and soft tissue infection. These will bring us close to fulfilling our goal of having a
318 complete and comprehensive set of Practice Guidelines for all of musculoskeletal MR imaging.
319 The final topics – MR imaging of Muscle pathology, of extremity stress injuries, of the TMJs,
320 and of peripheral arthritis – will likely be addressed in the following cycle, and then an
321 Introduction relevant to all of the MSK MR guidelines (including issues of MR arthrography,

322 intravenous contrast use, low-field imaging, and dedicated extremity scanners) will be penned
323 the following year. After that, I suspect the major role of the SSR Standards Committee will shift
324 to one where the established Guidelines are revised on a rotating basis.

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326 The secondary role of the Standards Committee continues to be advisory to other societies who
327 draft standards that directly or indirectly pertain to musculoskeletal radiology. These currently
328 include the Radiologic Society of North America (RSNA), the American College of
329 Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), and the National Council on Radiation
330 Protection & Measurements (NCRP). The Committee also provides input to ad hoc ACR
331 Committees other than those directly involved in the ACR Standards and Guidelines program,
332 which take up issues pertinent to musculoskeletal radiology, like the accreditation of extremity
333 scanners or the proper coding for MR examination in rheumatoid arthritis patients.

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335 **Action:** A special thanks was offered to Dr. Rubin for his extraordinary efforts as
336 Chair of the SSR Standards Committee. The committee report was accepted as
337 presented.

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340 **VI. Unfinished Business – Mark Kransdorf, MD**

341 There was no unfinished business to be reported

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344 **VII. New Business – Mark Kransdorf, MD**

345 Dr. Kransdorf informed the membership that all of the current SSR policies have been reviewed
346 and updated where appropriate. The policies will be posted on the website.

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349 **VIII. Nominating Committee – Kirk Davis, MD**

350 Dr. Davis presented the report from the Nominating Committee.

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352 **RULES COMMITTEE:**

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354 Current members:

		<u>Term</u>
355	Glenn Albert Tung, MD, FACR Chair 09-11	07-11
356	Jon Arthur Jacobson, MD	07-11
357	Wendy McCurdy, MD (pending her confirmation)	09-13
358	David Salonen, MD	09-13

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360 **PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**

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362 Current members:

		<u>Term</u>
363	Carol L. Andrews, MD Chair 08-10	06-10
364	Ken Buckwalter, MD	08-12
365	Laura Bancroft, MD	09-11

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368	<u>AUDIT COMMITTEE:</u>		
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370	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
371	David Alan May, MD	Chair 09-11	05-11
372	Richard Kijowski, MD		07-13
373	Devon Klein, MD		09-15
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375	<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE:</u>		
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377	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
378	Darus Lee Bennett (“Lee”), MD	Chair 09-11	07-11
379	Mark Kransdorf, MD		08-10
380	Glenn Tung, MD (Rules Chair)		09-11
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382	<u>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:</u>		
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384	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
385	Kathleen Case Finzel, MD	Chair 09-11	07-11
386	John P. Clarke, MD		07-11
387	Donna Blankenbaker, MD		09-13
388	Andy Sonin, MD		09-13
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390	<u>RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE:</u>		
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392	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
393	Kambiz Motamedi, MD	Chair 09-11	07-11
394	Peter Thomas Evangelista, MD		07-11
395	Stacy Elaine Smith, MD		07-11
396	James Robert Webb, Jr., MD		07-11
397	Bill Conway, MD		09-13
398	Srini Harish, MD		09-13
399	Lynne Steinbach, MD		09-13
400	Jorge Vidal, MD		09-13
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402	<u>ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:</u>		
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404	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
405	Catherine C. Roberts, MD	Chair 07-10	04-10
406	Mike Richardson, MD		08-10
407	D. Dean Thornton, MD		06-11
408	Paul Morgan Aitchison, MD		07-12
409	Amil Gentili, MD		08-13
410	Felix Chew, MD		09-14
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414 **RESEARCH COMMITTEE:**

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416	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
417	Tim J Mosher, MD	Chair, 09-11	07-11
418	Doug W. Goodwin, MD		07-11
419	Patrick Liu, MD		09-13
420	Sandy Moore, MD		09-13

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422 **SOCIOECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

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424	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
425	Jonathan S. Luchs, MD	Chair 07-11	07-11
426	Joshua Michael Farber, MD		07-11
427	Rob Gelczer, MD		09-13
428	Michael Recht, MD		09-13

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430 **PRACTICE GUIDELINES AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE:**

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432	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
433	David A. Rubin, MD	Chair 05-11	03-11
434	Mark W. Anderson, MD		08-11
435	Hilary R. Umans, MD		07-11
436	Jesse Davila, MD		09-13
437	JH Ed Lee, MD		09-13

438 **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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440	<u>Current members:</u>		<u>Term</u>
441	William Brian Morrison, MD	Chair 08-10	06-10
442	Tim Sanders, MD		08-11
443	Jeff Peterson, MD		09-12

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445 **Action:** Dr. Davis confirmed that all nominees have confirmed their acceptance
446 except for Wendy McCurdy who has been away on maternity leave. Dr. Davis
447 will continue to try and get in touch with Dr. McCurdy. The nominating slate was
448 accepted as presented.

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450 **IX. Historian Report – Charles Resnik, MD**

451 Dr. Resnik informed the members that he has recently been asked to serve as Historian for SSR.

452 Dr. Resnick asked the members to send him any and all pictures and antidotes that will help
453 build an interesting and fun historical society report.

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455 **X. Announcements - Mark Kransdorf, MD**

456 Dr. Kransdorf presented the 2008 Outstanding Papers to Stephanie A. Bernard, MD for
457 “Cartilage Cap Thickness Measurement on T2-Weighted MR Imaging and the Risk of Secondary
458 Chondrosarcoma in Osteochondromas” and Kelly W. Marshall, MD for Osteochondral Lesions
459 of the Lateral Trochlea in the Pediatric Athlete with Elbow Pain”.

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461 **XI. Adjournment – Mark Kransdorf, MD**
462 The Annual Business meeting was adjourned at 8:45am.
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464 Sincerely,
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466 Sue O’Sullivan
467 Associate Director