

1 Society of Skeletal Radiology  
2 Annual Business Meeting  
3 Sunday, March 13, 2011  
4 8:00am – 9:00am  
5 Camelback Inn  
6 Scottsdale, Arizona  
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8 *In accordance with the Society Bylaw (as amended March 14, 2010), the Annual Business Meeting*  
9 *was called to order following conformation of a quorum of membership in attendance.*  
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11 **I. Call to Order – Dr. Carol Andrews**

12 Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Dr. Andrews welcomed the membership to the  
13 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society. Special thanks were given to all of the committee chairs,  
14 committee members and the members of the Executive Committee, for their dedication and  
15 commitment to the society. It was noted that the society relies on the membership to submit  
16 abstracts and provide input for future programs. The Executive committee has worked hard to be  
17 responsive to the membership. The Executive Committee continues to hold monthly meetings so  
18 members are encouraged to bring any concerns to the attention of any of the Executive Committee  
19 members. Dr. Andrews acknowledged and thanked WJ Weiser & Associates: Sue O’Sullivan, Ann  
20 Kora, Katie Scheck and the rest of the WJW team for their efforts and dedication to the Society.  
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22 **II. Approval of the Minutes – Dr. Bill Morrison**

23 Dr. Morrison called for approval of the minutes from the March 14,2010 Annual Business  
24 Meeting.

25 **Action: The minutes were approved as presented.**  
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27 **III. Treasurer’s Report – Finance Committee -Corporate Liaison – Dr. Andy Sonin**

28 Dr. Sonin reported that in 2010 the Society maintained the desired trend of increasing the  
29 reserve fund to meet the target of three years worth of meeting expenses, with a modest growth  
30 in assets due to appreciation of existing assets as well as transfer of funds from operating  
31 expenses into the reserve fund.  
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33 Two transfers from operating funds to reserve “investment” accounts were made in 2010.  
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35 July 23, 2010 \$115,000.

36 December 6, 2010 \$100,000.

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38 The investments are considered to be a very conservative mix of stocks and bonds geared toward  
39 a philosophy of preserving and protecting the society’s funds. The investments continue to be  
40 managed by Joel Blau from Mediquis Asset Advisors. SSR has maintained the maximum funds in  
41 the checking and money market accounts that are guaranteed by the FDIC. Dr. Sonin noted that  
42 he is pleased to report a total of \$27,000 in industry support generated from the 2011 meeting  
43 exceeding the 2010 funding totals by \$7,500. There are a total of 10 companies exhibiting this  
44 year of which 5 of these companies are new exhibitors to SSR including; Siemens, EOS imaging,

45 BioMarin Pharmaceuticals, Softek Solutions, Eisote North America. Returning supporters  
46 include Apriomed, Laurane Medical, Philips, GE Healthcare (formerly ONI) and Lippincott who  
47 again donated books valued at \$2,000. Dr. Sonin acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Bill Morrison  
48 and the WJ Weiser staff with the fundraising. Dr. Morrison will work with WJ Weiser to develop a  
49 new prospectus for next year. Dr. Sonin explained the importance of the members taking time to  
50 talk to the exhibitors and thank them for their support. They must realize the value in the SSR to  
51 ensure they come back next year.

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53 **Action: The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.**

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#### 55 **IV. Committee Reports**

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##### 57 **A. Program Committee – Dr. Ken Buckwalter**

58 Dr. Buckwalter highlighted the program schedule for the 2012 meeting. New this year the  
59 program includes e-posters. In addition a live feed from the meeting room into the exhibit hall  
60 has been provided to allow members to listen to the presentations at the same time they are  
61 viewing the non-moderated e-posters. This should also increase traffic in the exhibit hall. Dr.  
62 Buckwalter reported that there were 79 abstracts submitted for 44 available slots. The e-posters  
63 created an additional 22 presentations. The total pre-registration meeting number is at 277  
64 which is again a record attendance. The 2010 final meeting attendance for comparison was 255  
65 and 237 in 2009. Dr. Buckwalter informed the membership that there are a few sessions where  
66 CME is not being provided and that is because either all authors on the abstract did not disclose,  
67 or one or more authors on an abstract are employees of industry and the potential bias or  
68 conflict of interest was not able to be resolved. There are 23 new members who have registered  
69 for the meeting. The Executive Committee will again do meet and greet reception to welcome  
70 new members just prior to the annual banquet. The posters will be put on-line in the members  
71 section. It was noted that the 2012 meeting conflicts with the AUR meeting. A straw poll of the  
72 members was taken to determine the effect of this overlap. It was noted that Sue O'Sullivan will  
73 reach out to the Eden Roc to see if there is availability the week prior or following the current  
74 dates.

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**Action: The Program committee report was accepted as presented.**

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##### 78 **B. Audit Committee – Dr. David May**

79 Dr. May reported that the audit committee has reviewed the audit prepared by Kutchins,  
80 Robbins and Diamond, the outside audit firm. The finances as of June 30, 2010 are in good  
81 order, there were no concerns raised by the accountants. It is the opinion of the auditors that the  
82 SSR financial reports as of June 30, 2010 reflect a true and actual picture of the financial status of  
83 the organization.

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85 **Action: The report from the Audit Committee was accepted as**  
86 **presented.**

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88 **D. Electronic Communications Committee - Dr. Mike Richardson**

89 Dr. Richardson reported that the SSR Wiki has received very little interest. The committee is  
90 doing all the needs to be done at this time. A statistical report provided by staff was included in  
91 the meeting materials. It was noted that in the last year the SSR website had 800,639 hits from  
92 703,522 unique visitors with an average of 413 hits per day. The average visitor views 2.78 pages  
93 on the site.

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95 **Action: The report from the Electronic Communications Committee was**  
96 **accepted as presented.**

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99 **E. Practice Guidelines/Technical Standards Committee - Dr. Dave Rubin**

100 Dr. Rubin noted that after 6 years he is now stepping down from the Standards Committee. Dr.  
101 Ed Lee will be taking over the Chairmanship of the committee. Dr. Rubin presented the updates  
102 from the committee. It was noted that at the 2010 ACR annual meeting Dr. Rubin represented  
103 the SSR for the co-sponsored guidelines that the Committee had drafted or revised and that were  
104 being considered for adoption. The three revised MSK Guidelines that the SSR co-sponsored  
105 were all approved without modification. Also of interest to the Committee and SSR membership,  
106 a resolution from the Illinois chapter to investigate the possibility of accreditation for MSK  
107 ultrasound was soundly defeated, after a brief debate. Dr. Rubin mentioned that he will again  
108 represent the SSR at the 2011 ACR meeting in May for the SSR co-sponsored Guidelines. There  
109 are three co-sponsored revised Guidelines (MRI of the elbow, MRI of the Ankle and Hindfoot and  
110 MRI of the Hip and Pelvis) and one new co-sponsored Guideline (MRI of Bone and Soft Tissue  
111 Infection) that will be discussed and voted on as resolutions.

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113 Dr. Andrews offered special thanks to Dr. Rubin for his huge commitment of time and energy as  
114 Chair of the Standards Committee.

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116 **Action: The report from the Practice Guidelines and Standards Committee was accepted**  
117 **as presented.**

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119 **F. Residency and Fellowship Committee – Kambiz Motamedi, MD**

120 Dr. Motamedi presented the report from the Residency and Fellowship Education Committee.  
121 The committee reported that they have discussed the new ABR Residency curriculum. The first-  
122 year residents affected by the new structure have already started. During the recent Committee  
123 Chairs meeting it was noted that he chairs did vote in favor of sending the guidelines document  
124 to the Program Chairs for their review and comments. Once the comments have been reviewed  
125 the Executive Committee will discuss any further actions and report back to the committee  
126 chairs. In addition, the Residency and Fellowship Committee has been charged with developing a  
127 list of recommended resources or to distribute information regarding what a model or ideal  
128 Fellowship Program should look like.

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

132 **E. Membership Committee – Kathleen Finzel, MD**

133 Dr. Finzel reported that the membership committee consisting of Donna Blankenbaker, John  
134 Clarke and James Evans in addition to herself have worked closely with the SSR staff approving  
135 members throughout the year. The SSR membership is at 819 which represents significant  
136 growth over the 758 members in 2010 and 708 in 2009. From April 1, 2010 to the SSR Annual  
137 Meeting 2011 SSR has accepted 79 Full members. The International members still represent a  
138 small group consisting of 5 from Australia, 5 from Mexico, 5 from Ireland and one member from  
139 India, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Spain and the UK.

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141 As of the 2011 Annual Meeting 39 Full members have not paid their 2011 dues.

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143 **Action: The report from the Membership Committee was accepted as presented.**

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145 **F. Strategic Planning – AdHoc Committee – Lawrence White, MD**

146 At the request of Dr Kransdorf and the Executive Committee, an ad hoc “strategic planning”  
147 committee was constructed to address specific questions and future directions of the Society and  
148 the Society annual meeting.

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150 Objective of Committee: to garner member input into the future direction and growth of the  
151 Society in the years ahead.

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153 Committee Membership: Michael Tuite, Andrew Sonin, Carol Andrews, Bonner Guilford, Laura  
154 Bancroft, Stacy Smith, Art Newberg, Jon Jacobson, Don Flemming, Kira Chow, David Rubin,  
155 Roxanne Chan.

156 Committee Activity: The committee worked via email and 2 formal meetings (RNSA 2009, SSR  
157 2010), to identify and discuss key focus items/points which were felt of prime importance to the  
158 future growth and direction of the SSR, and for follow-up membership-wide input/feedback.

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160 Key discussion points identified;

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162 *SSR Membership Requirements, and Growth*

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164 *SSR Annual meeting; Format, Potential Changes; Attendance/Participation; Social Activities*

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166 *Objectives, Purposes, and Mission of the Society*

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168 *SSR Policies and Relationships; other MSK Imaging Societies*

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170 Identified key questions and opinions related to the discussion points were presented to the  
171 Society Executive Committee. Based on input from the Executive and the strategic planning  
172 committee membership, an online survey was constructed around key strategic planning items and  
173 distributed to the SSR membership in Nov 2010.

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175 Highlight Summary SSR Strategic Planning Survey Results:

176 (Full Survey Report- Appendix 1)

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178 Responses: 252 (response rate Y% - based on full membership of XXX)  
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180 Demographics:  
181 Male/Female 78%/22%  
182 Age: 73% ≤ 50yrs (peak 41-50 age range 40%)  
183 Formal MSK Fellowship Training: 83%  
184 Practice Description: Private 49%, Academic 57%; 60% 20+ Radiologists  
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186 Duration SSR Membership: 46% members for 1-5yrs, 23% 6-10yrs, 31% ≥11yrs  
187 SSR Meetings Attended: 43% ≥ 4 meetings, 40% 1-3 meetings, 17% none\*  
188 \*Includes 1<sup>st</sup> yr members; 10% respondents  
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190 SSR Mission Statement, Objectives, Purpose:  
191 – Appropriate & Reflect Society and Membership: 92% Agree  
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193 30 submitted comments  
194 Objectives: “4 & 5 identical” (- already corrected on website); “No tangible involvement allied  
195 disciplines (section 4)”; “? inclusion statement re: promotion of research in MSK imaging &  
196 translation”  
197 Political/Socioeconomic agenda MSK radiology; “Weakly supported by Society”; “Error to  
198 assume same agenda for all MSK radiologists”  
199 Improve communication re: committee work - support of mission/objectives  
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202 SSR Membership Requirements:  
203 – Appropriate; 94% Agree  
204 – Reflect goals “..encourage & support development expertise MSK radiology”: 96% Agree  
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206 24 submitted comments  
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209 SSR Annual Meeting:  
210 – Satisfied with Current Format; 89% Yes  
211 – Appropriate length (days); 85% (11% suggest extended length/duration)  
212 – Maintain Case-of-the-Day presentations; 93% Yes  
213 – Support inclusion of Electronic Exhibits (new for 2011 meeting); 91%  
214 60% favor length requirement/limit e-exhibits  
215 66% favor limiting number e-exhibits accepted per year  
216 e-exhibit access; 77% - SSR meeting attendees; 88% - all members via SSR website  
217 84% No significant concerns (security, IP) posting e-exhibits SSR members-only website  
218 – Inclusion non-clinical “hot-topic” sessions (ie socioeconomic topics): 84% Yes  
219 – Satisfied with social events at annual meeting: 94% Yes  
220 – Key criteria selection meeting venue/location; Climate, Meeting Room Space; AV support  
221 Organization & Responsiveness of SSR to Membership:  
222 – Very/Extremely Satisfied; 88% (10% somewhat satisfied, 2% slightly or not satisfied)  
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225 - Overall, membership survey responses mirrored those of the Committee consensus discussions.  
226 - One followup topic discussed by the Committee but not included in survey was issue of formalized  
227 relationships/benefits between the Society and other Skeletal Radiology Societies such as the European  
228 Society of Skeletal Radiology (ESSR). It was recognized that further discussion by the executive  
229 committee was required prior to inclusion in the members survey.  
230 A brief summary of the members survey results will be presented at the 2011 Annual business meeting  
231 Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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233 **Action: The Strategic Planning committee report was accepted as presented.**

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235 **G. Rules Committee – Glenn Tung, MD**

236 The 2010-2011 Rules Committee proposed the following amendments, indicated in *italics*,  
237 to the SSR Bylaws and Constitution.

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239 1. Article VI. Section 1. With respect to the removal of an Officer or Committee  
240 Chairman, the Constitution indicates the a “...three-fourths majority vote of the Executive  
241 Committee will be required...”.

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243 Since there are five standing members of the Executive Committee, this supermajority  
244 should be changed to either “*three-fifths*” or “*four-fifths*”.

245 We favor the “three-fifths” supermajority, which would pertain even if one of the five  
246 Officers is the subject of removal proceedings. Accepted by Executive Committee on 30  
247 Jan 2011.

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249 2. Article VI. Section 7. “The Committee is also responsible for initiating changes in  
250 membership categories, as defined in Section III...” should be changed to “...as defined in  
251 *Article III...*”

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253 Accepted by Executive Committee on 30 Jan 2011.

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255 3. Article VII. Section 5. This section contains a duplicate term, “at a special” on  
256 line five and should be deleted.

257 Accepted by Executive Committee on 30 Jan 2011.

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259 *a period of no more than one month after that notification. After considering all*  
260 *information obtained from the individual in question and from the active membership,*  
261 *a four-fifths majority vote of the Executive Committee will be required for final*  
262 *termination of Society Membership. The Secretary shall notify the individual of the*  
263 *decision of the Executive Committee and any change in the membership status shall take*  
264 *effect immediately. The individual terminated from the Society by the process described in*

265 *this Article may apply for reinstatement of membership if the application is resubmitted*  
266 *within 12 months of termination.”*

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268 After discussion by the Executive Committee, a three-fifths majority vote was  
269 recommended in this Article.

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271 6. Article XIII. Section 3. This section references Article VII, Section 3 but this section is not  
272 relevant to the definition of quorum; it is Article VII, *Section 2*.

273 Accepted by Executive Committee on 30 Jan 2011.

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275 7. Article XIII. Section 5. This section references Article VII, Section 3 but this section is not  
276 relevant to the definition of quorum; it is Article VII, *Section 2*.

277 Accepted by Executive Committee on 30 Jan 2011.

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279 8. Article XIV. This article references Article VII, Section 3 but this section is not relevant  
280 to the definition of quorum; it is Article VII, *Section 2*.

281 Accepted by Executive Committee on 30 Jan 2011.

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283 9. Article XV contains the same typographical error: “501©(3)” should be changed to  
284 “501c(3)”.

285 Accepted by Executive Committee on 30 Jan 2011.

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287 It was noted that the Executive Committee members asked Dr. Tung to be sure keep a  
288 written history as to why the committee has recommended changes so that future  
289 committee chairs will understand the reasoning. This record should start with the 2011  
290 changes and be kept current. A copy of this report should be sent to Sue O’Sullivan for  
291 the corporate records.

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293 **Action: The membership approved the proposed bylaws changes as presented.**

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295 **H. Research Committee – Dr. Tim Mosher**

296 Dr. Mosher presented the names of the recipients for the 2011 Research Awards:

297 Avneesh Chhabra, MD

298 Kenneth Lee, MD

299 Brian Petersen, MD

300 Andres Rahal, MD, PhD

301 Andrew Zbojnowicz, MD

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303 **Action:**

304 The report from the Research Committee was accepted as presented.

305 **V. Presentation of the 2010 Outstanding Papers – Dr. Carol Andrews**

306 Peter MacMahon, MD

307 Maxime Freire, MD

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309 **VI. Nominating Committee Report – Dr. Lee Bennett**

310 Dr. Bennett presented the report from the Nominating Committee:

311 **RULES COMMITTEE**

Term

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313 David Salonen Chair 11-13 09-13

314 Kirk Davis 09-13

315 Laura Bancroft, New Member 11-15

316 Eric Callaghan, New Member 11-15

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319 **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Term

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321 Kenneth Buckwalter Chair 10-12 10-12

322 William Morrison 10-12

323 Lawrence White, New Member 11-13

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327 **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Term

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329 Richard Kijowski Chair 11-13 07-13

330 Devon Klein 09-15

331 David Disler, New Member 11-17

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335 **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Term

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337 Donald Fleming Chair 11-13 11-13

338 Carol Andrews, President 10-12

339 David Salonen, Rules Com Chair 11-13

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343 **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Term

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345 Donna Blankenbaker Chair 11-13 09-13

346 J. Mark Evans 09-13

347 Kathleen Finzel, New Member 11-15

348 Troy Storey, New Member 11-15



349	<b><u>RES&amp; FELLOW EDU COMMITTEE</u></b>		<u>Term</u>
350			
351	Lynne Steinbach	Chair 11-13	09-13
352	Bill Conway		09-13
353	Srini Harish		09-13
354	Jorge Vidal		09-13
355	Stephanie Bernard, New Member		11-15
356	Joseph Craig, New Member		11-15
357	Zehava Rosenburg, New Member		11-15
358	Corrie Yablon, New Member		11-15

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362	<b><u>ELECTRONIC COMM COMMITTEE</u></b>		<u>Term</u>
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364	Michael Richardson	Chair 10-13	08-13
365	Paul Aitchison		07-12
366	Amil Gentili		08-13
367	Felix Chew		09-14
368	Perry Horwich		10-15
369	Daniel Walz, New Member		11-16

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373	<b><u>RESEARCH COMMITTEE</u></b>		<u>Term</u>
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375	Sandy Moore	Chair 11-13	09-13
376	Patrick Liu		09-13
377	Jenny Bencardino, New Member		11-15
378	Ken Schreiber, New Member		11-15

379	<b><u>SOCIOECONOMIC AFFAIRS COM</u></b>		<u>Term</u>
380			
381	Rob Gelzer	Chair 11-13	09-13
382	Michael Recht		09-13
383	Chris Hanrahan, New Member		11-15
384	John Pan, New Member		11-15

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388	<b><u>GUIDELINES AND TECH STAND COM</u></b>		<u>Term</u>
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390	J H Ed Lee	Chair 11-13	09-13
391	Jesse Davila		09-13
392	Jonathan Luchs, New Member		11-15

393 Barbara Weissman, New Member 11-15

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395 **FINANCE COMMITTEE** Term

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397 Andrew Sonin Chair 10-12 10-12

398 Jeff Peterson 09-12

399 Jon Jacobson, New Member 11-14

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401 **Action: The report from the Nominating Committee was approved as presented**  
402 **by the membership.**

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404 **VII. Old Business**

405 No old business was presented

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407 **VIII. New Business**

408 No new business was presented

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410 **IX. Adjournment - Dr. Carol Andrews**

411 Dr. Andrews officially adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:45am and welcomed Dr. Chuck

412 Resnik to the podium for a Historian's Report

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414 Respectfully submitted,

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416 Sue O'Sullivan

417 Associate Director

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