

1 **Society of Skeletal Radiology**
2 **Annual Business Meeting**
3 **Sunday March 18, 2012**
4 **MINUTES**
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6 I. Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Staff confirmed a quorum was noted.
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8 II. Treasurer Report- Dr. Sonin

9 Dr. Sonin reported in 2011 the SSR maintained the desired trend of increasing the reserve
10 fund to meet the target of three years worth of meeting expenses, with a modest growth in
11 assets due to appreciation of existing assets. The SSR maintains a conservative mix of stocks
12 and bonds geared toward a philosophy of preserving and protecting the society's funds. We
13 have maintained no more in cash and money market funds than is guaranteed by the FDIC.
14 Meeting expenses have increased over time, but this has been countered by a rise in
15 revenue, particularly from our increased membership.
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17 Cash is held at JP Morgan Chase Bank Checking account balance \$271,035.98 This account is
18 used for operational expenses.
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20 Investments are managed by Joel Blau of Mediquis Asset Advisors. SSR maintains close
21 contact with Mr. Blau and monitors the portfolio monthly, more often as needed, adjusting
22 as necessary. Portfolio is diversified and conservative with the goal of preserving funds.
23 Balance of the investment account is \$828,094. As of February 29, 2012.

24 Action: The report from the Treasurer was accepted as presented
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26 III. Audit Committee Report- Dr. Kijowski

27 Dr. Kijowski presented the outside audit prepared by Kutchins, Robbins & Diamond. The
28 audit reflects a clean report and confirms the balance sheet and operating statements
29 properly represent the societies.

30 Action: The report from the Audit Committee was accepted as presented
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32 IV. SSR Resident and Fellow Education Committee Report –Dr. Steinbach

33 Dr. Stienbach presented an update from the committee and recognized committee
34 members, Stephanie Bernard; Bill Conway; Joseph Craig; Srinivashan Harish; Brian Petersen;
35 Jorge Vidal; Corrie Yablon
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37 Dr. Steinbachs provided updates from the SCARD meeting regarding the interview season.
38 Fellowship guidelines; A proposal for musculoskeletal imaging fellowship guidelines
39 developed by the last SSR Education committee was presented to the EC at the last SSR
40 annual meeting. It was noted that the SSR should be considered a conduit of information

41 and not take a position on the regarding SCARD rules. Fellowship information once
42 approved by the EC can be posted on the website.

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44 V. Membership Committee Report – Dr. Blankenbaker
45 The SSR membership is at 907, which consists of 852 members in the US and 39 Canadian
46 members, 16 international members. During the 2011 year 101 applicants were approved
47 and 25 have currently applied for membership. A moment of silence was held for Drs. Liu
48 and Owen who passed away during the last year.

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

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52 VI. Nomination Committee Report – Dr. Salonen presented for Dr. Flemming
53 Dr. Salonen reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee:

54 Donald Flemming, M.D. Chair 2011-2013
55 Carol Andrews, M.D. 2010-2012
56 David Salonen, M.D. 2011-2013

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59 **1. The following Committees or Position has an immediate opening:**

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61 a. Research Committee
62 i. Chair of committee recommends a representative from a Western state
63 ii. John Madewell, MD has accepted an offer for this position
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65 b. ACR Representative-possible additional representatives
66 i. Recommend David Rubin, M.D. to fill one slot
67 ii. Consider John Pan, M.D. or James Jelinek, M.D. to fill other slot
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69 **2. The following Committees have an opening or changes in March 2012**

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71 a. Program Committee
72 i. Kenneth Buckwalter, M.D. - Term ends
73 ii. William Morrison, M.D. -becomes Chair as SSR President Elect
74 iii. Andrew Sonin, M.D. - becomes Member as SSR Secretary
75 iv. Lawrence White, M.D. - remains as member at large
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77 b. Nominating Committee
78 i. Carol Andrews, M.D - term ends
79 ii. Kenneth Buckwalter, M.D. - becomes member as SSR President
80 iii. David Salonen, M.D. - remains as member as SSR Rules Committee Chair
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82 c. Residency and Fellowship Education Committee
83 i. Brian Petersen, M.D. accepted invitation to fill unexpected vacancy
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85 d. Electronic Communications Committee
86 i. Paul Aitchison, M.D. - term ends

- 87 ii. Jeffrey Brody, M.D. accepted an invitation to fill this vacancy
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- 89 e. Finance Committee
- 90 i. Andrew Sonin, M.D. - term ends
- 91 ii. New SSR Treasurer fills above vacancy
- 92 iii. Jeff Peterson, M.D. - term ends
- 93 iv. Eric Brandser, M.D. accepted an invitation to fill vacancy
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95 **Action: The report from the Nominating Committee was accepted as presented.**

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97 VII. Practice Guidelines Committee – Dr. Lee

98 1. Dr. Lee reported that the current members of the committee are: Edmund Lee, Jonathan Luchs,
99 Barbara Weissman, and James Wise. My term as the chair of the committee and my membership in
100 the committee will expire in 2013, so we should have a new chair appointed from among the
101 current members during calendar 2012. Jon Luchs has been the most active of the committee
102 members so far and would be a good choice for committee chairmanship if he were amenable. We
103 also need to have a replacement member to start in 2013.

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105 2. In 2011, the ACR ankle/hindfoot MRI, elbow MRI, and hip/pelvis MRI guideline revisions and the
106 new bone/joint/soft tissue infection MRI guideline were approved.

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108 3. We have a new guideline that is approved by the ACR to be drafted on MRI of fingers and toes.
109 This guideline was being worked on by a former committee member last year but that person was
110 unable to do so due to lack of time. I have agreed to write that guideline myself and a draft should
111 be done by summer this year.

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113 4. The ACR–SCBT-MR–SPR–SSR Practice Guideline for the Performance of Magnetic Resonance
114 Imaging (MRI) of the Wrist 5-year revision will be presented for approval at the ACR Annual Meeting
115 and Chapter Leaders Conference (AMCLC) meeting in 2012.

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117 5. The ACR–ASSR–SPR–SSR Practice Guideline for the Performance of Spine Radiography 5-year
118 revision will also be presented for approval at the AMCLC meeting in 2012. I will be at the meeting
119 as the designated SSR representative. I anticipate no difficulties in having these guideline revisions
120 passed at the meeting.

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122 6. The ACR–AIUM-SPR-SRU Practice Guideline for the Performance of the Musculoskeletal
123 Ultrasound Examination 5-year revision is also being presented for approval at the ACR meeting. The
124 SSR is not currently a sponsor for this guideline: a discussion between David Rubin and myself led to
125 a decision not to try to get SSR added on as a co-sponsor to the current revision cycle but to try to
126 be included in the next revision cycle. This may present some difficulty as the ACR is trying to limit
127 sponsorship on these guidelines to no more than three societies, although there are some
128 grandfathered exemptions to this rule. Jon Jacobsen is one of the current revision authors (as an

129 AIUM representative), so there is a SSR member involved, but in theory there is not a formal SSR
130 representative. Jonathan Luchs (SSR) and David Rubin (ACR) have been following this process and
131 apparently it has become a political hot potato, with objections over the quality and amount of
132 references (too few), the content (too vague), and the conflicts with the ACR Appropriateness
133 Criteria. Speculation is that the guideline revision was being somewhat fast-tracked for political
134 reasons. This revision may not be approved this year, in which case the prior version will stay in
135 effect, which is not any better.
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137 7. David Rubin, Jon Luchs, and Dr. Lee are on the ACR collaborative committee as SSR
138 representatives for the Radiography of the Extremities guideline revision. One of the primary
139 revisionists for this guideline is Kirk Davis.

140 8. David Rubin and Dr. Lee are on the ACR collaborative committee as SSR representatives for the
141 DXA and the QCT guideline revisions.
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143 **Action: The report from the Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee was**
144 **accepted as presented.**
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146 VIII. Program Committee Report – Dr. Buckwalter

147 Committee Members:

148 Ken Buckwalter, MD, Program Committee Chair

149 Bill Morrison, MD

150 Larry White, MD
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152 The SSR Annual Meeting will be held at the Eden Roc in Miami, FL, from March 18 to March
153 21, 2012.
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155 A total of 107 abstracts were submitted for review. This is a record number of submissions. The
156 program committee did not receive information regarding paper or ePoster preference and the
157 program and ePoster assignments were made based on topic and program flow.
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159 This year continues with the ePoster program. The Program Committee is pursuing CME credits
160 for the ePosters as well as enduring ePoster CME for the SSR website.
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162 There were 15 abstracts submitted for the Young Investigator Travel Award. Some of these were
163 from the same author.
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165 The final program consists of the following distribution of papers and posters:
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Oral presentation (YITA)	ePoster (YITA)	¹ Alternates (YITA)
44 (7)	25 (5)	2 (1)

167 YITA – Young Investigator Travel Award

168 ¹Alternates are considered for oral presentation if all an oral presentation submission is
169 incomplete. Alternates otherwise are guaranteed an ePoster slot.
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171 The 2012 Program is divided into the following sessions and topics (FINAL PROGRAM):

Session	Topic
Sunday 1	Training and Reporting
Sunday 2	Tumor
Monday 1	Hip / Lower Extremity
Monday 2	Intervention
Tuesday 1	Knee
Tuesday 2	Shoulder / Upper Extremity
Wednesday 1	Research
Wednesday 2	Clinical Practice

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173 The program will include 5 cases of the day, organized by Laura Bancroft, MD.

174 Sunday there will be 2 SAM sessions:

175 Bone Marrow Imaging, coordinated by Sandra Moore, MD

- 176 • Overview (Sandy Moore)
- 177 • Pediatric marrow (Tal Laor)
- 178 • MRI Techniques (Bill Morrison)
- 179 • Anemias (Mihra Taljanovic)

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181 Musculoskeletal Intervention, coordinated by Jon Jacobson, MD

- 182 • Ultrasound-guidance, basic techniques (Jon Jacobson)
- 183 • Ultrasound-guidance, advance techniques (Ken Lee)
- 184 • CT-guidance, soft tissue biopsy (Kambiz Motemedi)
- 185 • CT-guidance, bone biopsy, (James Jelinek)

186 The Cocktail hour will follow the SAMS. The US practicum on biopsy techniques will be held
 187 on Monday afternoon by reservation only; a nominal fee will be charged. Jon Jacobson is
 188 coordinating this optional session.

189 Presentations and ePosters will be reviewed by the Research Committee for the Young
 190 Investigator Travel Award selection.

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192 The 2013 meeting venue will be Hyatt Regency Hill Country Hotel, San Antonio, TX

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195 Outstanding issues:

- 196 1) CME for ePosters and enduring material status of ePosters.
- 197 2) Consideration of next year's submissions – can we assign presentations or eposters based
 198 on the abstract alone?

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200 **Action: The Program Committee report was accepted as presented.**

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202 IX. SSR Research Committee – Dr. Moore

203 Dr. Moore reported that 4 investigators have been selected for YI awards. Dr. Moore will be
204 making some recommendations for improvements to the process for future awards.

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206 **Action: The report from the research committee was accepted as presented.**

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208 X. Rules Committee - David Salonen

209 The 2011-2012 Rules Committee would like to propose the following amendments, indicated in *italics*,
210 to the SSR Bylaws and Constitution.

211 The majority of the following changes are a result of reordering the articles within the SSR By-Laws and
212 Constitution. The content of these articles have not been altered aside from where the article is sited
213 within the text, and therefore the number has been updated to reflect this change.

214 A majority of changes have been proposed to address:

- 215 1. changes in the operation of the society
- 216 2. consistency throughout the document
- 217 3. election versus non-election year
- 218 4. spelling and grammatical errors.

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220 **Change in order of Articles:**

221 **Article IX ELECTIONS becomes Article XI**

222 **Article X MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES becomes Article XIII**

223 **Article XI TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP becomes Article XIV**

224 **Article XIII BALLOTING becomes Article X**

225 **Article XIV AMENDMENTS becomes Article IX**

226 The following proposed changes are presented in order of how they appear in the By-Laws and
227 Constitution Document.

228 **A. Article II. Section 2.** To represent the political and socioeconomic interests of *musculoskeletal*
229 *radiology* (**remove** Musculoskeletal Radiology) in North America.

230 **B. Article II. Section 3B.** By facilitating electronic (**remove based**) communication between
231 members for academic problem solving, education, research, and similar purposes.

232 **C. Article III. Section 5. (PREVIOUS) EMERITUS MEMBERS.** Emeritus Members
233 are those previous Full Members or International Members who are now retired from the practice
234 of radiology. Effective at the time this amendment is approved by vote of the Society

235 Membership, new candidates for emeritus status must have been Society Members at least five
236 years. The five-year requirement does not apply to previously elected Emeritus Members.

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238 **(PROPOSED) EMERITUS MEMBERS.** Emeritus Members are those previous Full Members or International
239 Members who are now retired from the practice of radiology. *New candidates for emeritus status must*
240 *have been Full or International Members at least five years.*

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242 **D. Article III. Section 7. (PREVIOUS)** Each Full or International Member shall notify the
243 Membership Committee when he or she no longer devotes at least 50% of his/her professional practice
244 to the broad range of musculoskeletal radiology or when he/she no longer practices radiology.

245 **(PROPOSED)** *Each Full or International Member shall notify the Membership Committee when he or she*
246 *no longer practices radiology.*

247 **NOTE:** To reflect the Article III, Section 2B: Each must devote at least 50% of his/her time to the
248 professional practice of the broad range of musculoskeletal radiology, exclusive of time devoted to
249 administrative duties. After appointment, Full Members shall demonstrate an abiding interest in
250 Musculoskeletal Radiology to remain in good standing.

251 **E. Article IV. Section 3.** The officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the ballots cast at
252 the annual meeting, or by mail ballot, according to Articles V and XI (**remove IX** to reflect change in
253 numbering of the Articles).

254 **F. Article IV. Section 4. (ADDITION PROPOSED)** *An “election year” is defined as a year in which*
255 *officers are elected at the annual meeting. A “non-election year” is defined as a year in which officers are*
256 *not elected at the annual meeting.*

257 **G. Article V. Section 1. (ADDITION PROPOSED)** The President shall be the presiding officer of
258 the Society, Chair of the Executive Committee, *a member of the Nominating Committee*, and a member
259 ex-officio of all committees.

260 **H. Article V. Section 3.** The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a correct and
261 permanent record of the proceedings of the Society; *keeping (remove shall keep)* a correct alphabetical
262 list of the Members of the Society, showing their current addresses, the year of their election, and the
263 classification of their Membership; and *making (remove shall make)* available copies of the list to
264 Members of the Society each year. Not later than six months after each annual meeting of the
265 Society, the Secretary shall (**remove print and**) distribute to each Member of the Society a transcript of
266 the minutes of the annual meeting, which shall include the reports of all officers and committees.

267 **I. Article V. Section 4.** The Treasurer shall *oversee collection (remove collect, receive)* and be
268 accountable for all funds of the Society; initiating proceedings to terminate the membership of such
269 individuals according to *Article XIII (Article number change)*.

270 **J. Article VI. Section 2.** and Treasurer are elected pursuant to the provisions of *Article XI*.
271 **(Article number change).**

272 of the Society between meetings of the Membership; shall control and manage the affairs, funds,
273 expenditures and investments of the Society; and shall see to the safekeeping or sale of all its valuable
274 property. No money or other valuable property of the Society shall be expended, (**remove** or)
275 mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of without the sanction and approval of the majority of the
276 (**grammar/punctuation remove “commas, or and add ;**)

277 The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Society not otherwise
278 specified in this *Bylaws and Constitution*. (**remove** constitution and by-laws)

279 **K. Article VI. Section 3. (PROPOSED)**..... every two years *and shall be appointed each non-*
280 *election year.*

281 **L. Article VI. Section 6. (PREVIOUS)** The Nominating Committee is responsible for nominating
282 members and chairs of standing committees, including any unanticipated vacancies or special
283 circumstances. The Member so appointed shall serve a two-year term as chair and shall be appointed
284 each non-election year.

285 **(PROPOSED)** *The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, the Chair of the Rules*
286 *Committee, and one Full Member in good standing appointed by the Nominating Committee from the*
287 *Membership at large. The Member so appointed shall serve as Chair, shall serve a two-year term and*
288 *shall be appointed each non-election year.*

289 *(NOTE: This change is necessary because a transcription error during a previous change had resulted in*
290 *loss of the initial descriptive paragraph and duplication of much of the second paragraph. This change is*
291 *solely to rectify that error.)*

292 accordance with the provisions of *Article XI* **(Article number change).**

293 **M. Article VI. Section 7. (PROPOSED)** every two years *and shall be appointed each non-*
294 *election year.* The Chair shall serve (**remove** for) a two-year

295 **N. Article VI. Section 8. (PROPOSED)** four members every two years *and shall be appointed*
296 *each non-election year. The Chair shall serve a two-year term.*

297 **O. Article VI. Section 9. (PROPOSED)** one new Electronics Communication Committee
298 Member each year (*non-election and election years*). Terms are staggered so that one member rotates
299 off the committee each year.

300 general oversight of the website and will work with *the* Committee to oversee maintenance of the
301 website used by the Society.

302 **P. Article VI. Section 10. (PROPOSED)** shall appoint two committee members every two

303 years and shall be appointed each non-election year. The Chair shall serve a two-year term.

304 **Q. Article VI. Section 11. (PROPOSED)** members every two years and shall be appointed
305 each non-election year. In addition, the ACR Councilor shall be a voting member of the Committee. The
306 Chair shall serve a two-year term.

307 **R. Article VI. Section 12. (PROPOSED)** members every two years and shall be appointed
308 each non-election year . In addition the ACR Councilor shall be a voting member of the committee. The
309 Chair shall serve a two-year term.

310 **S. Article VI. Section 13. (PROPOSED)** Committee shall be independent from the Auditing
311 (remove Audit) Committee.

312 **T. Article VII. Section 2. (PROPOSED)** unresolved business shall be submitted to a mail ballot
313 as per Article X (Article number change). Ten Percent (10%) of the Full membership in good standing at
314 the time the ballot or issue is distributed by the Secretary constitutes a quorum for the purpose of a
315 postal or electronic mail ballot as set forth in Article X (Article number change).

316 **U. Article VII. Section 5. (PROPOSED)** unresolved business shall be submitted to a mail
317 ballot as per Article X (Article number change).

318 **V. Article VIII. Section 3. (PRESENT)** 5. Report on Committees

319 (PROPOSED) 5. Committee reports

320 **W. Article XIV (OLD Article XI) (PROPOSED)** The Executive Committee reserves the right to
321 terminate the membership of any member whose activity or behavior *violates* (remove does not
322 support) the spirit or values three-fifths majority vote of the Executive Committee will be required
323 for termination of (remove The) Society Membership and

324 **Z. Article XII. Section 1. (PROPOSED)** sending a letter of sponsorship (remove ,) to the Chair of
325 the Membership

326 **Section 4. (PROPOSED)** The Membership Committee shall review submitted information on each
327 candidate and shall provisionally approve or *deny* (remove disapprove) the request for membership

328 **Section 5. (PROPOSED)** A list of provisionally approved candidates *indicating their sponsors and*
329 *institutions* (remove with sponsor, and institution) shall be forwarded

330 **Section 7. (PROPOSED)** Successful applicants may attend the annual meeting *once their applications are*
331 *formally approved.* (remove the year after their completed applications are received.)

332 **Action: The above changes were approved by the Committee Chairs and will be presented to**
333 **the membership**

334 XI. SocioEconomic Affairs Committee – Dr. Gelczer
335 Dr. Gelczer presented a complete report and encouraged everyone to contribute to RADPAC.

336 No Actions required, the committee report was accepted as presented

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338 Adjournment

339 The Committee Chairs meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

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341 Respectfully submitted,

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343 Sue O'Sullivan

344 Associate Director