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**Society of Skeletal Radiology
Annual Business Meeting
Sunday March 16, 2014
MINUTES**

I. Dr. Buckwalter called the meeting to order at 7:35am. Staff confirmed a quorum.

II. Secretary's Report – Dr. Sonin
The minutes from the 2013 Annual Business meeting were presented for approval.

Action: The minutes were approved as presented.

III. Treasurer's Report - Dr. Bancroft

Dr. Bancroft thanked the Finance Committee members and reported that the SSR has had a great year financially. Cash is held at JP Morgan Chase Bank with a Checking account balance of \$303,349.86. This account is used for operational expenses. The intent of the Society is to have three years' worth of operational expenses in reserves at all times.

Investments are managed by Joel Blau of Mediquis Asset Advisors. SSR maintains close contact with Mr. Blau, who has been managing the assets of the SSR for several years now, and monitors the portfolio monthly, more often as needed, adjusting as necessary. The balance of the investment account is over \$1.2million currently. Our assets are continuing to grow.

The assets of the SSR continue to grow, with nearly an 11.5% return in the past year. Meeting expenses were held very low last year, and are generally very closely and carefully monitored.

Action: The report from the Treasurer was accepted as presented.

IV. Program Committee Report – Dr. Morrison

Committee Members:

- Andy Sonin
- Jon Jacobson
- Larry White (ad hoc)

Abstracts:

A record number of abstracts were submitted for review this year at 129, increasing from last year's number of submissions by 16 (2013: 113 submissions). Of the total number of abstracts submitted, 41 were submitted for posters, 25 were submitted for oral presentations, and 63 were submitted for either oral or poster presentation.

42 There were 16 abstracts submitted for the Young Investigator Travel Award. Four of these were
43 awarded for this year.

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45 Program

46 The 2014 Program is divided into the following sessions and topics (FINAL PROGRAM):

Session	Topic
Sunday 1	Education/Clinical Practice
Sunday 2	Basic Research
Monday 1	Shoulder/Upper Extremity
Monday 2	Knee
Tuesday 1	Hip/Pelvis
Tuesday 2	Spine/Intervention
Wednesday 1	Tumor
Wednesday 2	Miscellaneous

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48 The program will also include 7 cases of the day as follows:

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50 Case 1 - Usama I. Salem, MD; Behrang Amini, MD, PhD

51 History: 50-year-old man with squamous cell carcinoma of oropharynx with an incidental spine finding
52 on staging MR study.

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54 Case 2 - Robert D. Boutin, MD; Russell C. Fritz, MD

55 History: 18-year-old woman with an acute knee injury.

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57 Case 3 - S. Eric Edwards, MD; Eva Escobedo, MD

58 History: 58-year old man with sudden onset of knee pain while bowling.

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60 Case 4 - Kurt Scherer, MD; Michael Richardson, MD

61 History: 28-year-old male smoker with non-traumatic left hip and thigh pain/weakness for 3-4 weeks.

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63 Case 5 - Abhijit Datir, MD

64 History: 9-year-old girl with a history of ankle sprain 2 months ago, unable to bear weight with mild
65 tenderness to palpation over the lateral malleolus.

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67 Case 6 - Joanna Costello, MD; Daniel Rodgers, MD

68 History: 36-year-old man with bilateral Achilles tendon pain following running.

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70 Case 7 - Laura A. Freeman, MD; Doris E. Wenger, MD

71 History: 72-year-old woman with left hip and back pain exacerbated with weight bearing.

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73 Sunday there will be 2 SAM sessions:

74 **Focus Session / Self-Assessment Module I: Imaging of the Knee: Emphasis on the Menisci and Articular
75 Cartilage (Donald Resnick, MD)**

76 Meniscus of the Knee: Anatomy, Biomechanics, and Patterns of Failure with Emphasis on MR Imaging -
77 Donald Resnick, MD

78 Articular Cartilage of the Knee: Regional Differences, Biomechanics, and MR Evaluation - Christine
79 Chung, MD

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81 **Focus Session / Self-Assessment Module II: Postoperative Imaging of the Upper Extremity (Lynne**
82 **Steinbach, MD)**

83 Protocols and Sequences for Post-Operative MRI of the Shoulder - Luis Beltran, MD

84 Rotator Cuff - Jenny Bencardino, MD

85 Shoulder Instability and Biceps - Lynne Steinbach, MD

86 Post-Operative Shoulder and Elbow Arthroplasty - Alice Ha, MD

87 Cross Sectional Imaging of the Post-Operative Elbow - Adam Zoga, MD

88 Post-Operative Wrist and Hand - Felix Chew, MD

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90 The Ultrasound course will take place again Monday afternoon. This course was organized by Yoav
91 Morag and Jon Jacobson.

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

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95 V. Audit Committee Report- Dr. Klein

96 Dr. Klein presented the outside audit prepared by Kutchins, Robbins & Diamond. The audit
97 reflects that the accounting policies utilized by the SSR are fair and appropriate and in
98 accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles used by non-profit
99 associations registered in the state of Illinois. The audit committee agrees with the findings.

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

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103 VI. Membership Committee Report – Dr. Storey

104 Dr. Storey thanked Amy Meyer at Weiser, who handles the Membership activities for the
105 SSR. The SSR membership is 1074, which consists of 999 members in the US and 53
106 Canadian members, and 22 international members. During the 2013 year 91 applicants
107 were approved and 35 members were lost. There are 26 new applications currently, with 13
108 pending. We have one member who has passed away this year, Anne Brower, who was a
109 past President of the SSR. The Eastern Virginia Medical School has established a lectureship
110 in honor of Dr. Brower. The group observed a moment of silence to honor Dr. Brower.

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

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114 VII. Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee – Dr. Luchs

115 Dr. Luchs thanked Ed Lee and the current members of the committee for their help.

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117 The SSR sponsored four guidelines at the 2013 AMCLC (ACR) meeting, one of which is the
118 new (MRI fingers and toes) and three of which are 5-year revisions. There were other
119 guidelines that were not SSR sponsored but that may be of interest to SSR membership.
120 Details can be found on the ACR website.

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122 **Action: The report from the Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee was**
123 **accepted as presented.**

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125 VIII. SSR Research Committee – Dr. Bencardino

126 Dr. Bencardino thanked her committee members, Laura Fayad, Hakan Ilaslan, and Ken
127 Schreibman.

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129 Meet a Mentor Program

130 We are launching this program here in San Diego. The goal of the program is to promote
131 academic and research collaboration between junior members of the Society (out less than
132 5 years) and more senior members of the Society. The program will take place tonight
133 following the day’s lectures.

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135 Young Investigator Travel Award

136 We received 12 applications this year. Four candidates submitted all required
137 documentation and will be receiving the awards of \$1,500 each:

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- Luis Beltran
- Shadpour Demehri
- Alice Ha
- Kaushal Mehta

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143 The committee is proposing a change in policy for next year. There was a unanimous
144 recommendation of the committee to open the YITA program to non-member fellows who
145 have accepted scientific presentations at the Annual Members Meeting. The Executive
146 Committee agreed with the recommendation as well.

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148 Membership Surveys

149 Any member who has a survey that they would like to initiate should send it in to the
150 Research committee for review.

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152 2013 Outstanding Paper Awards

153 ***Lien Senchak, MD***

154 "IMAGING OF OSTEOLASTOMA OF THE APPENDICULAR SKELETON WITH PATHOLOGIC
155 CORRELATION" - *Selected for presentation at ISS*

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157 ***Mary Kristin Jesse***

158 "MORPHOLOGY OF ENDPLATE CEMENT EXTRAVASATION CAN PREDICT ADJACENT LEVEL
159 FRACTURE IN OSTEOPOROTIC PATIENTS UNDERGOING VERTEBROPLASTY AND
160 KYPHOPLASTY" - *Selected for presentation at RSNA*

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162 2013 Patrick Liu Award

163 ***Douglas P. Beall, MD***

164 "TISSUE DISTRIBUTION OF CLONIDINE FOLLOWING INTRAFORMINAL IMPLANTATION OF

165 BIODEGRADABLE PELLETS: POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE TO EPIDURAL STEROID FOR
166 RADICULOPATHY"

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

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170 IX. Residency and Fellowship Education Committee - Dr. Yablon

171 Dr. Yablon thanked everyone on the committee for their service over the last year.

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173 The committee was involved in several projects this year, including: 1) the ACGME MSK
174 Fellowship Milestone Project, and 2) 4th Year Advanced Electives.

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

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179 X. Socioeconomic Committee – Dr. Hanrahan

180 Dr. Hanrahan thanked his committee members, Edgar Colon and David Tsai for their work
181 on the committee this year.

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183 The committee did a membership survey this year in January, which they do about every 3-5
184 years, to get an idea of what is going on in practices. There were 203 respondents, who
185 were pretty well-balanced between academic and private practice. Overall, the data was
186 positive. The highest cited threat to practices was declining reimbursement, followed by
187 bundled payments and non-radiologists owning MRI scanners. Most respondents felt that
188 the SSR should focus collaboration with the ACR on political issues and focus on the SSR
189 annual meeting.

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191 **Action: The report from the Socioeconomic Committee was accepted as presented.**

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193 XI. Rules Committee - Dr. White

194 The Rules Committee addressed several issues pertaining to membership and participation
195 in SSR committees this year. In general, the Society would like to enable changes to the
196 committee structure and appointments to achieve the following:

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1. Increase the total number of SSR members who serve on committees.

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2. Increase diversity of SSR members on committees.

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3. Improve processes for selection of committee chairs.

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4. Improve balance of committee positions becoming available each year.

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202 With these goal in mind, the committee recommended bylaws changes as follows:

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- Some committees remain unchanged, such as the Executive, Nominating, Finance, Program committees.

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- Other changes were to keep the number of members as a multiple of 3 with 3 year staggered terms, so that in any given year, one-third of the committee turns over.

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- 207 • Additionally, each committee will have a second-year committee member
- 208 designated as the “chair-elect” so that they can gain experience and help with the
- 209 bulk of the committee work.
- 210 • A Historical Committee was also created to document the history of the Society and
- 211 collate materials as we move forward in the years to come.
- 212 • All bylaws changes have been posted online and distributed to the membership.

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214 **Action: The report from the Rules Committee was accepted as presented. Bylaws changes**
215 **were voted on and approved by the Membership.**

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217 XII. Nomination Committee Report – Dr. Sonin on behalf of Dr. Rubin
218 The Nominating Committee worked closely with the Rules Committee on establishing the
219 new committee guidelines.

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221 The Executive Committee is on a two-year cycle, with an automatic ascension for most of
222 the officer positions in accordance with the bylaws. So, that would leave one position
223 requiring election, the Treasurer. The nominating slate then is:

- 224 • President – Bill Morrison (ascends from President Elect)
- 225 • President Elect – Andy Sonin (ascends from Secretary)
- 226 • Secretary – Laura Bancroft (ascends from Treasurer)
- 227 • Treasurer – Larry White (requires vote)
- 228 • Immediate Past President – Ken Buckwalter

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230 There was a call for nominations from the floor for any changes to the slate proposed
231 above. No nominations were put forward.

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233 **Action: The nominating slate above was voted on and approved by the Membership.**

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235 Based on the new bylaws changes, the following are the Committee changes in March:

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- 237 a. Audit Committee – no changes
- 238 b. Electronic Communications Committee
 - 239 i. Felix Chew rotates off
 - 240 ii. Matthew Larrison nominated as new committee member
- 241 c. Finance Committee
 - 242 i. Larry White automatically replaces Laura Bancroft as the chair (Treasurer)
 - 243 ii. Jon Jacobson rotates off
 - 244 iii. Ken Lee nominated as new committee member
- 245 d. Membership Committee
 - 246 i. Nobody rotates off; committee size is increased
 - 247 ii. John Payan and Hilary Umans nominated as new committee members
- 248 e. Nominating Committee
 - 249 i. Ken Buckwalter rotates off as President; Bill Morrison rotates on as
 - 250 President
 - 251 ii. Larry White rotates off as Chair of Rules Committee; Donna Blankenbaker
 - 252 rotates on as Chair of Rules Committee

- 253 f. Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Committee
- 254 i. Nobody rotates off; committee size is increased
- 255 ii. Mary Hochman and Annamalai Muthiah nominated as new committee
- 256 members
- 257 g. Program Committee
- 258 i. Bill Morrison rotates off as President Elect; Andy Sonin rotates on as
- 259 President Elect
- 260 ii. Andy Sonin rotates off as Secretary; Laura Bancroft rotates on as Secretary
- 261 iii. Jon Jacobson rotates off as Member at Large; Doug Robertson rotates on as
- 262 Member at Large
- 263 h. Research Committee
- 264 i. Nobody rotates off; committee size is increased
- 265 ii. Joseph Burns and Alice Ha nominated as new committee members
- 266 i. Education Committee
- 267 i. Nobody rotates off; committee size is increased
- 268 ii. Jason Stephenson nominated as new committee member
- 269 j. Rules Committee
- 270 i. Larry White rotates off as chair; new chair will be Donna Blankenbaker
- 271 ii. Committee size is increased
- 272 iii. Sayed Ali and Michel Fox nominated as new committee members
- 273 k. Socioeconomic Affairs Committee
- 274 i. Nobody rotates off; committee size is increased
- 275 ii. Paul Harkey and Sailaja Yadavalli nominated as new committee members
- 276 l. New Committee – Historical Committee
- 277 i. Chair will be Barbara Weissman
- 278 ii. Committee members will be W. Bonner Guilford and Chuck Resnik

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280 **Action: No other nominations were presented from the floor. There was a motion to**
281 **approve the slate of nominees for the above listed committees. The slate from the**
282 **Nominating Committee was voted on and approved by the Membership as presented.**
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284 XIII. New Business

- 285 a. Dr. Sonin announced that the 2015 meeting venue will be JW Marriott Camelback Inn
- 286 Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, AZ.
- 287 b. Dr. Buckwalter announced that after much discussion, consideration, and conversation,
- 288 the Executive Committee is proud to announce that SSR members will now be able to
- 289 receive a subscription to Skeletal Radiology as part of membership
- 290 i. Skeletal Radiology is now the official journal of the SSR (in collaboration with
- 291 ISS)
- 292 ii. Tomorrow, the link will be available on the website to access the Journal
- 293 iii. For those who have paid for the print subscription of the Journal, the remaining
- 294 balance (less \$44 for the print subscription) will go toward future membership
- 295 dues.

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297 XIV. Historian Report – Dr. Resnik

298 Dr. Resnik is now on the Historical Committee for a one year term, but also remains the
299 Historian of the Society.
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301 XV. Adjournment - The SSR Annual Business meeting was adjourned at 8:35am.

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304 Respectfully submitted,

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306 Pam Murphy

307 Associate Director