

IV. New Society Affiliations

A. Academy of Radiology Research (ARR)

Dr. Manaster will serve as the SSR representative to the ARR. The Rules Committee will need to incorporate language into the bylaws to specify the guidelines regarding representation and term length.

B. ACR Intersociety Commission

The Executive Committee did not feel that it was urgent for SSR to be represented at the upcoming summer conference. Application paperwork will be submitted and will be reviewed at the ACR meeting in September. The Rules Committee will need to incorporate language into the bylaws to specify the guidelines regarding representation and term length.

C. ACR Specialty Council

Dr. De Smet will serve as the SSR representative to the ACR Specialty Council. The Rules Committee will need to incorporate language into the bylaws to specify the guidelines regarding representation and term length.



MEMORANDUM

March 22, 2001

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COPIES: Arthur A. De Smet, M.D.
B.J. Manaster, M.D., Ph.D.
RE: Society of Skeletal Radiology

I am pleased to welcome the SSR to the Academy. Enclosed is an invoice for the fiscal year 2001 membership assessment and a copy of the memo that was sent with invoices last fall. As you will note, we calculated the invoice amount from the membership on the SSR internet site. If the membership has changed, please recalculate the assessment.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Academy bylaws and a fact sheet containing a list of member societies. Please contact me if I can provide any additional information.

I look forward to working with you, B.J., and the membership of the SSR.



October 8, 2002

TO: Member Society Presidents and Executive Directors

FROM: N. Reed Dunnick, M.D. *N. Reed Dunnick, M.D.*
Secretary/Treasurer

COPY TO: Academy Board of Directors

RE: Dues request

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The past year has been marked by significant advances for imaging research. Perhaps the most apparent change is dramatically increased visibility for imaging at the NIH. Former Academy Board member Elias Zerhouni, M.D., has become the first radiologist to serve as NIH Director and is rapidly making his mark as an effective leader. Roderic I. Pettigrew, M.D., Ph.D., began his tenure as the first permanent Director of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB) on September 23, thus moving the new institute to the next phase of its development.

During this period, the Academy has focused primarily on the growth and development of NIBIB. Toward that end, late last year the Academy succeeded in convincing the Congress to mandate a comprehensive review of existing imaging and bioengineering research grants at the NIH to determine which projects were appropriate for transfer to NIBIB. As a result, the NIH has agreed to transfer an additional \$150 million in grants and cash to NIBIB in Fiscal Year 2003. This will more than double the NIBIB budget.

In May, Academy President Philip O. Alderson, M.D., testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education in support of increased funding for NIBIB. Unfortunately, at the time that this is being written, the entire appropriations process is stalled in the Congress and may not be resolved until after the election or even early 2003. This may delay the additional transfers as well as approval of a final FY 2003 NIBIB budget. Some progress, however, has been made. Earlier this summer, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved an appropriation for the NIBIB of \$283.1 million (including the anticipated transfer). This represents considerably more rapid growth than other new institutes have achieved. The Academy is continuing to do all we can to build on previous successes and work for sufficient long-term funding for the NIBIB.

In addition to its focus on the budget, the Academy is involved in other issues of importance to radiology and imaging science. Academy representatives, for example, participated in a recent NIBIB workshop on research training. Participants in the workshop endorsed a list of recommendations that would improve research training opportunities for radiologists and imaging scientists, including one-year research training grants for radiology residents, support for institutions that train investigators, support across the career continuum from undergraduate to mid-career awards, and the creation of centers of training excellence.

The Academy has also led the effort to ensure that the interests of investigators in imaging science are protected as the Center for Scientific Review (CSR) is reorganized. The CSR is the organization that coordinates the review and evaluation of research proposals submitted to the NIH. The Academy has taken a strong stand in support of guidelines that would provide for review of imaging grant proposals by study sections oriented primarily toward imaging science rather than specific organ systems or disease processes. This issue will probably not be resolved until next year.

More information on these and other issues is available on the Academy website (www.acadrad.org) or from the Academy staff. The Academy is deeply grateful for the strong and consistent support from our member societies that has made possible the successes our discipline has achieved in recent years. We are also pleased that the Academy is continuing to grow; the RSNA Research and Education Foundation and the Society for Molecular Imaging have become members, increasing the number of member societies to 26.

We need your continuing support to help build NIBIB and meet future challenges. The Academy's new fiscal year began on October 1, so annual membership assessments are now due. Your statement for Fiscal Year 2003 is attached. Please forward dues to the Academy's Washington office by November 30. As a reminder, the annual assessment for the broad-based members (ACR; ARRS; RSNA; SCARD/AUR/APDR; RSNA R&E Foundation) is \$75,000. The annual assessment for other member societies is \$3,000 plus \$5.00 for each individual society member, not to exceed \$20,000.

Because the Academy engages in legislative lobbying on behalf of its members, 42 percent of your membership contribution will not be deductible as a business expense.

The Academy has not increased its basic dues structure since it was established in 1994. Although the Long-Term Planning Committee recommended a 10-15 percent increase in dues this year, the Academy Board decided not to implement an increase at present. Because of inflation and the magnitude of our future tasks, however, the Academy will need increased resources. For that reason, the Board voted to request that member societies consider a voluntary additional assessment this year. We will be sending more information on that in the near future. I hope you will consider offering additional support during this critical period for radiology and imaging science.

If you have any questions about the Academy, please feel free to call Ed Nagy in the Academy's Washington office or me. The Academy looks forward to working with you again in the coming year.
