



**Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the
Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology
April 5 – 8, 2006
Austin, Texas**

The Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology (APCR) held a Welcome Reception, conducted two Business Meetings and presented two Sessions at the Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas April 5 – 8, 2006. There were 78 registered attendees at the 2006 meeting, which comprises about 50% of the total APCR membership. This year a scientific poster submitted by the APCR Professional Development Committee was accepted, titled “The Professional Residency Program Coordinator in Radiology”.

APCR Welcome Reception - Wednesday, April 5, 2006

The APCR Welcome Reception was sponsored by the American College of Radiology, and was well attended by members of the APCR, a number of guests, and several Program Directors and other AUR Meeting attendees. Again for the third consecutive year, the Scholarship Committee sponsored a Silent Auction, auctioning items donated by APCR members, all with a “Kitchen” theme. The Auction, along with several donations, raised nearly \$700. Over the course of the meeting, any program coordinator who visited the American College of Radiology booth was given a free USB vault.

APCR Business Meeting – Thursday, April 6, 2006

The business meeting was presided over by APCR President, Janet Birkmann. Minutes were taken by Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Richgels. Minutes from the May 2005 Business Meeting were approved. Old and new business was discussed. The nomination of the Secretary/Treasurer for 2006-2007, Gloria Jorge, was accepted by the membership. Each Committee Chair presented a report on their committee’s activities over the previous year. A photo of all members in attendance at the business meeting was taken following the adjournment of the meeting.

APCR Awards

At the business meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2006, the Chairman of the Awards Committee, Sandy Sees, announced the name of the winner of the 2005 “Outstanding Coordinator Award” – Amy Richgels. Amy was called forward to accept the award from Sandy.

APCR Session – Thursday, April 6, 2006

The first session on Thursday afternoon, April 6, 2006, was moderated by Jerri Crooks from the University of Missouri. The program began with a presentation about “The Radiology Library and Changing Media: Where the Future is Taking Us”, given by Kirsten Fredericks. Next was a panel discussion of small programs vs. large programs addressing similar problems with three program directors (Drs. Deborah Reede, Judith Amorosa, Kenneth Ford) and two program coordinators (Jennifer Apfel and Mary Ellen Hobler), representing several sizes of programs. Dr. Reede gave a short comparison of advantages and disadvantages of small vs. large programs, and reminded everyone to think of diversity in selecting resident applicants. Dr. Judith Amorosa and Mary Ellen Hobler gave a quick talk on the same program going from a small size to a medium size and the differences they noticed. Dr. Ford held a short question and answer session with the panel and the audience about such topics as the size of the program and the number of coordinating staff. Finally, Linda Thorsen, the ACGME Associate Executive Director for Diagnostic Radiology, was able to hold a short question and answer session ranging over accreditation, the Program Information Forms, and new rulings regarding case logs for radiology residents.

APCR Session – Friday, May 7, 2006

Lois Shuman moderated the second session Friday afternoon. At the beginning, Lois Shuman and Amy Richgels delivered a brief report of the January 21st forum on teaching physics to radiology residents. Ralene Coble gave a talk about ‘What the Coordinator Expects from the Program Director’ (as a counterpart to Dr. Jannette Collins’ talk last year of what the program director expects from the coordinator). Next, Dr. Lawrence Davis gave a presentation about the ACR In Training Examination and what is involved in creating the questions, scoring the answer sheets, and creating the data tables. He also spoke about new educational developments on the ACR web site for residents. The last part of the session was a problem-solving round table session with predetermined topics.

APCR Business Meeting – Saturday, May 8, 2006

The business meeting was called to order by APCR President, Janet Birkmann. Minutes were taken by Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Richgels. A special recognition plaque was presented by Janet Birkmann to Sandy Sees, who was retiring from the position of Chairman of the Awards Committee. Then a new gavel was presented to the new President for 2006-2007, Lois Shuman. Lois presided over the remainder of the meeting. She announced the result of the American College of Radiology’s drawing for an iPod, and Sandy Balon was the winner. Lois named the Committee Chairmen and the committee member assignments for 2006-2007. A break-out session followed during which each committee met to set goals for this next year. Each Committee Chair then came forward to present their committee’s goals to the entire membership. Evaluation forms for the APCR sessions were collected, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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