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During my time as an officer in APDR it was my privilege to meet many brilliant and creative people, and to help guide the organization in a number of ways. It was during this time that the RSNA initially decided to no longer perform administrative management duties for multiple societies, including the AUR family of societies. This caused quite a bit of heartburn and prompted us to contact various organizations-and all charged much higher rates than we had under the RSNA. Later, the RSNA leadership decided to continue managing the APDR, AUR, and SCARD. Also, the leaders of each of the affiliated societies entered in to negotiations that eventually created a formal relationship with RSNA called the Academic Council.

The APDR during this time also coordinated efforts resulting in the RSNA, the ACR, and the APDR paying for a new Program Directors Manual, edited by Janni Collins and Felix Chew, which was produced as a Supplement to Academic Radiology in February of 2003. The investment policy I wrote as treasurer and the dollar cost averaging program of investing by 2004 had produced a major profit despite the downturn in the market. A new initiative for educational grants from APDR was established, with a ten thousand dollar allocation to the Special Projects Fund. A Consultative Service, under the direction of Murray Janower, was established to review current and prospective programs. A Long Range Planning Committee was established to do strategic planning, and a strategic plan was subsequently made. Funds were allocated to redesign the website, under the direction of Spencer Gay. Negotiations were also initiated with AUR that eventually formalized the relationship between the various societies. Beverly Wood became a Deputy Editor for Academic Radiology, representing APDR. Two more interpretive skills videotapes were also produced by the ACR during this time.

Dr. Resnik continued his heroic efforts with the fellowship application and match, and at his request I gave a presentation on this subject at the ACR meeting in 2001, shortly before the September 11 disaster. I was stranded in San Francisco for a week thereafter.

Overtures were made to program directors from several organizations to join APDR. One was the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM). As a result of discussions with the president of the SNM, radiology residents who signed up for free membership in the SNM received a free review CD on the physics of nuclear medicine and were allowed to attend the SNM Annual Meeting free. Michael Graham, who will be president of the SNM in 2009, became a member of APDR and attended our meetings for many years. Several presidents of the Academic Council of the SNM and several chairpersons of the Young Professionals Group of the SNM have attended the APDR meetings, and some presented abstracts. Also several articles were written for Academic Radiology with one or more nuclear medicine physicians as authors. In the last several years we have seen at APDR Annual Meetings several panel discussions on nuclear medicine issues, nuclear

medicine safety and radiopharmacy lectures, and some lectures on clinical nuclear medicine topics.

As program director for the APDR program in 2001, we had the most extensive program up to that time. We utilized the first paid outside speaker at an APDR meeting, Dr. Hundert, who was Dean at Rochester and a psychiatrist. One presentation was on the "Hidden Curriculum." Another conference was giving advice on counseling. Two program directors at a time were called on to go to the front of the lecture room. They then used starting scripts I wrote to spontaneously have a conversation on difficult situations program directors commonly encounter. The 2001 program included multiple programs for helping program directors deal with the new ACGME requirements. This included presentations by Dr. Leach, director of the ACGME, Dr. Armbruster and Dr. Zagoria of the radiology RRC, Dr. Capp of the ABR, and Dr. Shaw of the APDR. Other presentations were by Dr. Wood and Dr. Collins talking about motivation, problem residents, and styles of learning. Dr. Maurer, President of the SNM announced new initiatives with radiology residents. Also, there were talks by Dr. Capp, Dr. Neiman, and other members of the ACR. The president of AUR called the program "robust".

In future years I first attended and then gave presentations for the AUR/Kodak and then AUR/AGFA Leadership Courses. Last year, Beverly Wood and I received an award for our presentation.

It has been a great joy to have been associated with APDR. For its size, it is an unusually influential and important organization. Its members are dedicated and selflessly give for the cause of medical education, and for the residents we love. Thank you to all for helping me, and giving me the opportunity to learn, serve, and grow as a member of the academic community during this time.