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The year I served as President was an exiting time for APDR. Many changes in the RRC and ABR were underway. There was much discussion through the year about the value of the Internship year, the structure of our residency training programs and the way the ABR was going to change how the examination was to be administered. I think if I had to summarize my role in all of this activity would be that of communication. I felt it was very important to keep my Board active and informed throughout the whole year. Numerous emails, as well as frequent conference calls accomplished this goal.

The early part of the year was highlighted by being asked to represent APDR at the SCARD meeting with a symposium on the Internship, Residency Training and the timing of the Oral Boards. This was a critical time for Radiology education. It was not long after that symposium that the ABR announced its monumental change to go to a new structure with a CORE exam at 36 months and a Certifying Exam at 15 months after training.

We as a Board also worked through many changes proposed by the RRC. The big one and most controversial during year was the no-solo call in the first year of training.

It was an exciting time. It was a challenging time, enjoyed by all.

One of the privileges of the presidency is to attend the Intersociety Commission meeting. This year it was held in Annapolis, MD and the topic was "The Radiology Report of the Future". I was asked to participate and speak on "Changing a Radiology Report". It was a very enjoyable and educational experience.

This year because of all the importance in changes in training, two new Ad Hoc committees were formed: Committee on Residency Restructuring and the Committee on the ABR Exam of the Future. Both have become very important Committees and were very active in the subsequent year.

Another privilege that I was honored to have was to award and thank Dr. Robert Hattery as he retired from the position of Executive Director of the ABR. During his tenure the bond between APDR and the ABR became stronger than ever and continues to this day.

The APDR Program Director's Support Committee under Coralie Shaw, M.D., continued its unwavering support of our Program Coordinators and made all of us aware of their importance. There was continued dialogue to get the Coordinators the tools and recognition they do deserve.

As President I continued to represent APDR to RAAS (RSNA, AUR, APDR, and SCARD). We went through some reorganization, but worked diligently to promote awareness of education that was common to all our groups.

So, in summary, it was an exciting fast paced year as President. I would not have traded it for anything. I was blessed with an extremely talented Board and the APDR is in good hands for the years to come. I also want to thank the extraordinary staff of the RSNA: Lise Thorsby and Laurie May and April Townes for their incredible support. The year would have been impossible without them. Thank you.