



President's Report
Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology
2000 – 2010
Happy 10th Anniversary!

February 2010

Dear APCR Members:

I am honored to join you all as we celebrate APCR's 10th Anniversary! This is going to be an unforgettable year! Please take a moment to register to attend the AUR meeting if you haven't done so already (you have until March 1st to register) and make your hotel reservations at: Hilton San Diego Bayfront, by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/SANCCHH-AUR-20100321/index.jhtml>

Highlights of the APCR Program for 2010

The Program Planning Committee has put together a very exciting program for our members that will coincide with the 10th Anniversary of the APCR. We hope all APCR members will join us in celebrating this wonderful accomplishment.

March 23 – 26, 2010

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>APDR Session: Professionalism: What does it mean for Radiology Residents and Fellows Today?</i>	<i><u>APCR Past Presidents Meeting- closed session</u></i>	<u>APCR Session #1</u> <i><u>Challenges in Our Profession</u></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i><u>Fellowship programs how to run a 1 year program vs. a 4 year program</u></i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i><u>Electronic online Interview scheduling</u></i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i><u>Stress management</u></i> 	<i>APCR Committee Meetings- open to all APCR members</i>
<i>APDR/APCR Joint Session: Program Directors 101</i>	<i><u>APDR/APCR/AM SER session: Keynote: Medical Professionalism and the Generation Gap</u></i>		<i>APDR/APCR Session Point/Counterpoint: Controversies in Radiology Training</i>
<i>APDR/APCR</i>	<i>APDR Session:</i>	<i>APDR/ACER</i>	<i>APDR/APCR</i>

<i>Joint Session: Program Directors 201</i>	<i>ABR Update</i>	<i>Session: Residency Restructuring: Radiology Residency of the Future</i>	<i>Session: Resident Portfolios: What Why and How?</i>
<i>Beer and Pretzels Reception</i>	<i>Luncheon – Awards Ceremony</i>	<i>Luncheon and AUR Business Meeting</i>	<i><u>APCR Business Meeting #2- open to all APCR members</u></i>
<i>APCR Reception and New Members Welcome</i>	<i>Kay Vydareny Imaging Interpretation Competition 1</i>	<i><u>Kay Vydareny Imaging Interpretation Competition 2</u></i>	<i><u>A3CR2/APDR/A PCR Session: Problem Solving Roundtables</u></i>
	<i>APDR Session: RRC Update</i>	<u>APCR Session #2</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>ACGME Updates for Coordinators</i>	<i>AUR Annual Banquet Cocktail reception</i>
	<i>APCR Business Meeting 1- open to all APCR members</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>AFIP Issues</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Radiology Education Cooperative</i>	<i>Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony</i>

Please note an APCR schedule of events with the locations of the rooms will be coming out shortly.

The Nominating Committee will be sending out the Call for Nominations to the APCR Board in the next few days. Please consider nominating yourselves or a colleague to the Board. We will be filling one position on the Board during the meeting in San Diego.

The Awards Committee is still accepting nominations for the **Coordinator of the Year Award**. It is not too late to submit a nominee for this award! Please contact Linda Galante at lindag@rad.hfh.edu for further information.

New TAGME Certification

The assessment tools for Diagnostic Radiology were accepted by the TAGME Board and Diagnostic Radiology is now in the position to offer TAGME certification to those coordinators who wish to apply for certification. This is voluntary and APCR does not obligate its members to seek certification. The first sitting for certification will take place on Monday, March 22, 2010 the day before the annual AUR meeting begins. Several candidates have applied for certification and will be taking the assessment in San Diego.

APCR ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Our standing committees are a wonderful way to become involved in our association. We continue to schedule the APCR Committee Meetings at the AUR meeting allowing us to meet face-to-face with our members and continue our work at hand.

Archives Committee: has been planning activities for our 10th Anniversary celebration:

- A total of 10 hard-copy notebooks documenting APCR's history and events for every one of our years will be available for perusal.
- An education poster highlighting our accomplishments and an elaborate reception has been organized.

Awards Committee: has been working together with the Archives Committee in preparing for our 10th anniversary celebration. New special recognition awards for committee members are also being considered. The committee resolved to clarify and better define/outline the criteria required for nomination/selection of "Coordinator of the Year" award and instituted an on-line form which was submitted for distribution this September.

Certification Task Force Committee: completed developing the assessment tools necessary for TAGME certification for diagnostic radiology residency coordinators. This is a **VOLUNTARY** process - APCR members are under no obligation to seek certification status.

Finance Committee: as of June 30, 2009, APCR has expenses of **\$3,858** (publications, awards, postage, food & misc.). Our net access total **\$52,558**

Long Range Planning Committee: diligently working on adding new sections covering topics such as resident portfolios and the ACGME case log systems to our Radiology Handbook for Coordinators (located on our website). The Committee will continue to consider new topics and add to the Handbook accordingly.

Membership Committee: Membership continues to grow. We have increased our membership to 188. The new member welcome packet has been very helpful along with phoning the new members to offer a personal touch.

The committee has been working on several projects:

- ◆ Increasing membership by contacting all coordinators who are not currently members and also contacting fellowship coordinators and inviting them to join and become active as well. Many residency coordinators hold both positions, but for those programs that have separate fellowship coordinators or nuclear medicine residency coordinators, we'd like to invite as many to join as possible.
- ◆ We will also work with the Program Planning Committee to continue offering sessions for Fellowship Coordinators and/or Nuclear Medicine Residency Coordinators at next year's meeting.
- ◆ Our Welcome Reception for new members was a huge success last year and we plan on building on this at our meeting in San Diego by adding the opportunity for new members to buddy up with the Membership Committee and the Mentoring Committee for lunch on the first day of the meeting.

Identifying new members at the meeting prior to the welcome reception is often difficult. A horizontal ribbon has been created and will be attached to new members' badges this year. It is a rainbow shade with purple lettering stating "New APCR Member". Please look for this ribbon and say hello to our new members.

Mentoring Committee: working together with the Membership Committee to introduce the Mentoring Program to new coordinators. No activity to report at this time

Nominating Committee: A new evaluation form has been developed to assist the Nomination Committee members when considering the nominations to the board. The nomination of alternate board members will continue to be considered.

Professional Development Committee: The Professional Development Committee worked hard on our poster **Recruitment Guidelines Using ACGME Competencies, or, How to Select a Candidate in Six Easy Steps** that was presented at the 2009 AUR and AAMC meetings, and the RSNA annual meeting this past December. It was also submitted to the ACGME Annual Educational Conference; notification will be e-mailed in December of 2009. As the interview season begins, those Program Directors and Selection Committee members who will be working with our scoring sheet and using the concept we described, will provide us with the feedback. We will continue to make any changes necessary to increase the validity of our work, and continue to submit it to various organizations.

Also at our meeting a draft of the job description (JD) for program coordinators was reviewed by the members. We thought it would be helpful to have a generic JD on our website for coordinators who need one for their own position.

Other projects discussed at the annual meeting included:

- Working with the Archives Committee to prepare a poster marking the APCR's 10 year anniversary in 2010 at the AUR.
- Starting an APCR newsletter, to include reports from committees, special articles from individuals, a "what if" or Q&A section, birthdays, announcements, and variety of topics aimed at helping coordinators.
- Final revisions to the generic job description.

Linda Galante has agreed to be the "editor" of the APCR Newsletter. They hope to start putting together ideas in the near future, with the hopes of disseminating the newsletter to members of the APCR

Program Planning Committee: The Program Planning committee has developed the following program to be presented at the AUR meeting in San Diego. Both sessions will be held on Thursday, March 25th.

APCR Session 1 – Challenges in Our Profession

- Fellowship programs: how to run a 1yr program vs. a 4 yr program
- Electronic on-line interview scheduling
- Stress Management – Managing stress: a Coordinator's Challenge

APCR Session 2

- ACGME Updates for Coordinators
- AFIP Issues
- Radiology Education Cooperative
- How Can We Enhance Resilience?

Our guest speakers include:

- Deborah Reede, MD and Cameron Hassani, MD – Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, NY
- Richard Gunderman, MD – Indiana University School of Medicine, IN
- Carl Williams, AFIP
- Norma De Yagcier ACGME
- James Silberzweig, MD – Beth Israel Medical Center, New York

RRC Committee: an Ad Hoc Committee in the past, a motion was passed to convert to a standing committee. This committee is available, and willing, to assist the AUR and the APDR RRC Committee in any way we can.

Scholarship Selection Committee: The scholarship award was increased to \$1000 this past year. All members are eligible to apply for this award. The intent is to offer financial assistance for one coordinator to attend the AUR meeting. This year's recipient is Evelyn Flores from Albert Einstein Beth Israel Medical Center in New York.

Our much anticipated cookbook (recipes submitted by our own members) will be available for sale in San Diego. Proceeds from the sale of our cookbook will go towards the scholarship award. Due to the success of our quilt raffle last year, Pauline Marek will be making and donating another quilt for our 10th Anniversary.

Survey Committee: A standardized method for distributing surveys to members has been established. The APCR will not be renewing its subscription to Survey Monkey as we will be sharing an account with APDR.

Website Committee: responsible for maintaining our website and keeping it up to date. Several new items have been added to our website:

- Itinerary designating sessions/activities of major interest to APCR members at the AUR meeting
- Commonly used abbreviations/acronyms specific to radiology
- Link to the RSNA electronic portfolio system

I would like to acknowledge, Gloria Jorge for her help and continued efforts to improve and move our organization forward with her work on TAGME and personally mentoring me through my presidency.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Hobler

President, APCR 2009 - 2010