



President's Report
Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology
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Dear APCR Members:

This year really went fast for me. I hope everyone had a great interview season. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio, Texas.

First, if you have not yet registered for the AUR, you can register on-line through the AUR website at www.AUR.org. The Program Planning Committee has scheduled a great group of speakers for us in San Antonio. The APCR Itinerary has been included at the end of this report for your review. For all new members this itinerary is a shortened review of the sessions of interest to APCR members. The detailed AUR meeting program can be accessed by using this link: http://www.aur.org/Annual_Meeting/AUR2012/upload/Final-Detailed-Schedule.pdf

Second, I would like to request anyone with a topic suggestion email the appropriate Committee Chair for discussion and problem solving at the Committee Round table. Email addresses for each Chair can be found by using this link: <http://www.apdr.org/APCR/committees.cfm>

Third, I would like to thank the ACR for their continued support and for sponsoring the Welcome Reception as they have in years past. This event will be held on Monday, March 19 at 6:30 pm in the Grand Oaks Ballroom E & F.

APCR ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Archives Committee: Stella Martinez started her tenure as Chair of the Archives Committee at the 2011 meeting. Stella will continue to assist with the scanning of the Archived documents from APCR past years. She will work closely with the previous Chair, Sherry Bucholz, to make an APCR scrapbook to be placed on our website.

Awards Committee: The Committee received 3 nominations for the Outstanding Coordinator award. Each Coordinator was very deserving of this award. However, the Committee had to decide upon just one. The award will be presented at the upcoming AUR meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

TAGME Certification Committee: The TAGME Certification Task Force Group evolved into the ***TAGME Specialty Review Board for Diagnostic Radiology*** which includes the following members:

Gloria Jorge, Chair
Sherry Bucholz
Glena Clarke
Kathy Dixon
Lynn Lammers

Pauline Marek
Madeline Mateo
Lois Shuman
Tammi Teeters-McDade

This year the committee revised both the WET and the MAT to reflect the new ACGME requirements for 2011, and the new revised WET assessment was administered in Fall 2011 and the revised MAT assessment will be administered in Spring 2012.

To date, we have **15** TAGME certified radiology coordinators. Six candidates will be sitting for certification during our annual meeting in San Antonio on March 18, 2012. Two candidates are sitting during the ACGME Annual Meeting in Orlando scheduled for the end of February.

The Committee will continue to assist members who are interested in the certification process. TAGME certification is completely voluntary and the APCR does not mandate certification for its members.

TAGME Members:

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Glena Clarke, C-TAGME
Tammi Teeters-McDade, C-TAGME
Kathy Dixon, C-TAGME

Rhonda Tuttle, C-TAGME
Lois Shuman, C-TAGME
Kimberly Shultz, C-TAGME
Tina Rapstine, C-TAGME
Rose Alden, C-TAGME
Bridget Wakefield, C-TAGME
Judith Fast, C-TAGME

Finance Committee: 'See Financial Statements at the end of this report'

Long Range Planning Committee: We are getting closer to finalizing new sections and job descriptions for the Professional Development Committee. We will begin to look at the outdated Handbook and update these current topics and new sections to the areas of the existing Handbook.

Membership Committee: We have 20 new members, 36 members have resigned or did not renew their membership; membership currently stands at 179. We will continue to distribute the "New APCR Member" ribbons when they arrive at the AUR. This makes it easier to recognize them and we can introduce ourselves and make them feel welcome.

Mentoring Committee: Mary Ellen Hobler, Chair of the Mentoring Committee, has resigned from the APCR and a new Chair has been named. Marleen Viola is now the new Chair for this committee and she is working quickly on putting together a Mentoring get together at the AUR. More details to follow.

Nominating Committee: Two calls for nominations were sent to the APCR membership. Six nominations were received for the APCR Board for the term 2012-2019. One nominee has declined and another has accepted. I am waiting acknowledgement from the remaining three nominees. Voting for these nominees closed on Friday, February 24th and each nominee has been given until March 2nd to decide to accept or decline this nomination. The Nominating Committee will review the applications of the nominees for consideration.

Due to the resignation of Shane Slater from the APCR Board, Pauline Marek has now assumed the role of Member-at-Large from Alternate Member.

Professional Development Committee: The Professional Development Committee is in the last stages of finalizing the job description. It will then be sent to the Long Range Planning Committee to receive their input. The next focus will be creating an Ad Hoc committee for those who would like to create job

descriptions for fellowship coordinators. We would like to work with the Membership Committee so we can begin to identify those coordinators who solely work on fellowship programs. As always we will strive to send out a quarterly newsletter. All are invited to submit information they feel would be helpful to APCR members.

Program Planning Committee: The program for the 2012 meeting features a nice mix of alphabet soup. The new Executive Director of the Radiology RRC will discuss the new site visits and program requirements. The ABR will give a comprehensive presentation on certification, including online verification and MOC. We will also learn about the AIRP's course syllabus app for iPad. Two of our members will give presentations on managing fellowship programs.

With the appointment of several new Committee Chairs and the election of many new Board Members, we will hold a closed session for APCR Board Members, Past Presidents, Committee Chairs and most recently ended tenure Committee Chairs. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the Rules of Operation with regard to committee and officer responsibilities in order to make a smoother transition for the incoming officers and committee chairs.

RRC Committee: The Committee meets with the APDR Program Directors Support Committee and Dr. Eric Spickler. They review concerns that the PD and PC support might have along with any ACGME issues. Dr. Spickler presents these issues to the APDR Board of Directors at the RSNA and AUR. This year we had a few suggestions and concerns.

Listserves-. Following the APDR Board Meeting in Chicago, Kathy Dixon and Tammi Teeters-McDade spoke with Dr. Mark McKinney, Chair of the APDR Electronic Communications Committee, regarding a listserv for coordinators. Dr. McKinney agreed the APDR Forum does not meet our needs and gave permission for a listserv. The RSNA is in the process of re-designing their website and will submit 3 choices to us regarding the re-design of our website and the listserv. Kathy Dixon will work closely with them to get this accomplished.

Respect –Program Directors should remind the Residents to be respectful to their Coordinators.

TAGME- there was concern that the interest in the certification was declining..

AUR attendance – Has attendance declined due to the economy? How can we help? Programs should review their budgets to see if it would be possible to sponsor their Coordinator's attendance.

Job descriptions- Pertaining to our job descriptions and reclassifications the Committee felt that this should be addressed at the Institutional and Program levels. They stated that the Committee would be there to help and also decided to recommend a SCARD liaison, Dr. Duane Mezwa.

All Members are welcome to direct any concerns or suggestions to the current President so they can be brought to the APDR Program Directors Support Committee and Dr. Spickler on behalf of the Coordinators.

Scholarship Committee: Three coordinators applied for the 2012 scholarship. The winner of the award will be announced at the first Business Meeting in San Antonio. This year's scholarship is \$2,000. The committee will once again hold a silent auction at the APCR Welcome Reception. This year's theme is "Anything Goes". Pauline Marek volunteered to make a quilt to be raffled off this year. Tickets will be sold at the APCR Welcome Reception and the first business meeting. The quilt has a Texas theme. The committee also decided to have a "tip jar" on the table this year for anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution to the Scholarship Committee.

Survey Committee: Since the 2011 AUR meeting, we have received very few survey requests and have sent out the following three surveys:

1. Fellowship Coordinator Job Description – 60 responses
2. Tracking Duty Hours – 105 responses
3. Program Number of Years – 110 responses

We are currently working on a survey request related to Physics Instruction, which will be distributed prior to the 2012 AUR meeting, and we hope to present the results at that time.

Survey results are forwarded to the survey requestor and sent to RSNA for posting on the APCR/APDR website. APCR continues to share the Survey Monkey account subscription with the APDR. All results have been posted on the website. The results can be accessed by logging onto the APCR website and selecting Members Section from the menu tab. Once you log into the Members Section, select APCR Survey Results. We will also be posting results of the surveys in our quarterly newsletter.

The Committee will continue to assist our members by sending out surveys to gather information that will assist all of our Programs.

Website Committee: The Website Committee has made great progress on its three ongoing projects.

Redesigning the Current APCR Website

Funds have been allocated for the redesign of the APCR website. The RSNA Marketing Department is developing 3 new designs for us to choose from.

Posting of Presentations from the APCR Sessions on the Website

The committee received permission from the APDR to post the presentations from APCR sessions in the Members-Only section of the APDR website. Before posting the 2011 presentations, permission was required from each presenter. The committee contacted each presenter and obtained signed consents. The presentations are now on the website, available to members who were not able to attend the meeting and as a reference for those who were able to view the presentations at the meeting. Going forward, permission will be obtained prior to the meeting so the presentations can be posted at the same time as the APDR presentations.

Development of a Networking Tool for Coordinators

While at the RSNA Annual Meeting, Kathy Dixon and Tammi Teeters-McDade met with Dr. Mark McKinney, Chair of the APDR Electronic Communications Committee. Dr. McKinney agreed the current Forum is dysfunctional but at the time it was the only product that the RSNA had to offer. The RSNA IT Department is working on a new product and Dr. McKinney has asked them to obtain information on a list serv for coordinators.

Other Projects

Member Photos on the Website

There is currently no way to add photos to the Online Membership Directory. Dr. Martha Mainiero, President of the APDR, mentioned that not being able to put faces with names is also a problem for the APDR and this may be something they will be interested in looking into in the future.

Incorrect Links

Several incorrect links have been noticed on the APCR website. The committee is working closely with the RSNA IT Department to correct these as they come to our attention. We are also working with the RSNA to correct discrepancies between the actual website content and the Site Map.

On behalf of the APCR I would like to send our appreciation to the APDR for their continued support throughout the years. I would like to give a special thanks to many of the Past Presidents and the President Elect, Kathy Dixon, for being there week after week mentoring and helping me along the way. And lastly, I cannot thank everyone enough for their continued support, participation and dedication to our Organization. Each member really does count and can make a difference. Without all of you we would not have become the Organization that we are today.

Respectfully submitted,

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