



## ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY

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Dear Friends:

We will soon meet again at our annual meeting in Phoenix, April 17-21, and I hope you will be able to join us. The registration deadline, March 22, is only a few weeks away so if you have not registered, I encourage you to do so soon. We have an excellent and educational program planned, and the APDR and AUR sessions will be of great benefit as well. I invite all of you to attend the reception for APCR members on Wednesday evening, April 17, from 6:00-7:30 pm in East Courtroom A. This is a come-and-go reception with soft drinks and snacks. We have many new members, and this will be a good opportunity to get to know them.

The APCR business meeting will be held Thursday, April 18, 10:30 am-12:00 noon in the Copper Room. We will elect next year's officers and board members, vote on proposed new policies and rules of operation, review activities during the past year, discuss plans for the future, and transact other APCR business so I encourage all members to attend. There will be time for questions, comments, and concerns from members. If you have suggestions for the business meeting agenda, please email them to me at [Dianna.Otterstad@UTSouthwestern.edu](mailto:Dianna.Otterstad@UTSouthwestern.edu).

The past three years have been among the most exciting and rewarding of my life. The project that began with Dr. Arndt's visit to my office has evolved into a national professional organization with 110 members. We have come a long way in a short while, and, when I look back, I can hardly believe it myself. The support of the Association of Program Directors in Radiology has been invaluable, and I particularly want to thank Dr. Jerry Arndt, Dr. George Curry, Dr. Murray Janower, Dr. Coralie Shaw, and Dr. Jay Harolds for their unwavering support and encouragement. The APDR administrative staff, Josette Szalko, Andrea Perr, Julie Falkenberg, and Amy Leistra, have also been enormously helpful, and we are grateful for their assistance with a project that only created more responsibility for them.

Finally, I want to especially thank my colleagues who helped in the initial stages of our organization—before we had a name, even! Ralene Coble was always available for advice and counsel, planned our Toronto program, and designed our beautiful APCR logo. When we were still discussing the possibility of a coordinators' association, Sherry Bucholz was one of the first who volunteered to help. Sherry has planned our upcoming program in Phoenix and will be the next president, thus insuring continued growth and prosperity for the APCR. Our hardworking and dedicated board members, Margaret Romero, Pauline Marek, Michael Catron, Sandy Sees, and Lori Dyar, have also contributed greatly to the initial success of the APCR. Although she has gone on to other pursuits, I want to acknowledge the contributions of Marianne Baker, who invested many long hours compiling our initial data base of coordinators. I also want to express my appreciation to all our committee chairs and committee members who have voluntarily

contributed time and energy to the advancement of the APCR. The APCR would not be the great organization it is today without the efforts of all these people.

The weather in Phoenix should be fantastic in April, and the Pointe South Mountain Resort offers a myriad of activities to its guests. You may learn more by visiting their website at [pointesouthmtn.com](http://pointesouthmtn.com). For you shopping mavens, Arizona Mills is located nearby; for more information, visit [arizonamills.com](http://arizonamills.com).

You may view the entire program grid by visiting the APDR website ([apdr.org](http://apdr.org)) and clicking on APDR Information. Note that there are social events planned every evening. Western dress is suggested for the Thursday evening event, the Rustler's Roost, and the AUR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet on Saturday will be a dressy event. Office attire is appropriate for the daily sessions.

The APCR membership application is posted on the APDR website so that any prospective new member may simply complete it online and submit it to the APDR office. I encourage all of you to tell those who might be interested about our organization. I am expecting more fellowship coordinators to attend the Phoenix meeting. The APDR has recently changed webmasters, and this has caused some delay in getting APCR information posted. However, Amy Richgels and her website committee are working hard on this, and we expect to have APCR news and information posted online soon.

Thank you again for your help and support the past few years. Your enthusiasm and dedication are what makes the APCR such a wonderful organization. I look forward to seeing all of you in Phoenix. Long live the APCR!

Sincerely,

Dianna Otterstad  
President