

ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY



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Hello fellow members of the APCR! It is my honor to serve as your President in 2005-2006. I invite you to contact me with any questions, suggestions or concerns about the APCR at birkmanj@einstein.edu. Please be sure to visit our website at www.apdr.org (click on "APCR Information"). Several direct links are provided below.

APCR attendance and participation were excellent at the AUR Annual Meeting in Montreal in May 2005. It was a thrill when many Program Directors demonstrated their support and appreciation for us by acknowledging their coordinators during their oral presentations. Dr. Jannette Collins, in her presentation entitled "The Coordinator's Role in the Core Competencies," said that coordinators serve as role models of the competencies "professionalism" and "interpersonal skills." May that be our goal! The Proceedings of our meeting will be published in the December issue of *Academic Radiology*.

Our Board of Directors (http://www.apdr.org/apcr/apcr_board.htm), and our Committee Chairmen and members (<http://www.apdr.org/apcr/committees.htm>), continue to work hard and I thank them all for their dedication to the growth and success of the APCR.

Unfortunately, Carole Dowd resigned as a Board member and as Chair of the Mentoring Committee. Board member Gloria Jorge has stepped in as Chair of the Mentoring Committee. Gloria and her committee encourage you to become involved in the Mentoring Program (<http://www.apdr.org/apcr/mentoring.htm>).

The Board vacancy will be filled at our annual meeting next spring. Nominating Committee Chair, Julia Clark Burks, and her committee encourage all members of the APCR to participate in the board nomination process, and that includes nominating yourself. Please contact Julia at jclark@nmff.org to obtain a nomination form.

Professional Development Committee Chair, Amy Richgels, and her committee continue to investigate the development of a national certification process for coordinators. In addition, they are conducting anonymous on-line surveys among our membership this year about our salaries, titles and job descriptions.

Long Range Planning Committee Chair, Rhonda Tuttle, and her committee continue their work on a Handbook for Radiology Coordinators, which will be available on our website when complete.

Membership Committee Chair, Christine Dragosljvich, and her committee continue to reach out to radiology programs whose coordinators are not currently members of the APCR in order to invite them to join. If you know of a radiology coordinator in your region who is not a member, please direct them to our on-line invitation at <http://www.apdr.org/apcr/join.htm>.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Margaret Romero, and her committee will again organize a Silent Auction to take place at our annual meeting in order to raise funds, and a theme such as “kitchen items” may be applied to it this year. In Montreal, the auction raised \$640.00 for our Scholarship Fund. For more information on our Scholarship Program, visit <http://www.apdr.org/apcr/scholarships.htm>.

Awards Committee Chair, Sandy Sees, and her committee will again select the recipient of the Outstanding Coordinator Award, and possibly develop some new award categories, too.

The Website Committee continues to keep the website up to date and welcomes feedback from our members. One of the new features of the website is the posting of “APCR Survey Results” (<http://www.apdr.org/apcr/survey.htm>).

Program Planning Chairman, Lois Shuman, and her committee are putting together an excellent program for our 2006 meeting (http://www.aur.org/annual_meeting.html), including distinguished physician guest speakers and relevant topics of interest to us all.

Lastly, President-Elect Lois Shuman and I are looking forward to attending the RSNA in November 2005, where we will represent the APCR at the APDR Board of Directors meeting, and at AUR and APDR Program Planning Committee meetings.

I trust you all are fully engaged in the challenges of the busy recruitment season that is now upon us!

Goodbye for now,
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