

# ASSOCIATION OF PROGRAM COORDINATORS IN RADIOLOGY



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Greetings Fellow APCR Members,

I'm happy and honored to take on the responsibility of President this year and I hope all of you are enjoying the last of summer. I'm sure you have received the recent APDR summer mailing and are wondering why the APCR wasn't included. I learned it was due to an oversight on the RSNA's part. They neglected to contact me regarding their plans for a summer letter. Thus, I'm emailing you now to let you know that the APCR is alive and well and we continue to be a very active organization! We too, are a strong, viable and dynamic organization and I thank Dianna Otterstad for her leadership skills guiding us during our infancy years. We wouldn't be where we are today without her guidance. Being a progressive group, I have much to share with you.

- The APCR also had a very successful meeting in Phoenix last April with record attendance numbers, and we are looking forward to the AUR 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting at the Fontainebleau Hilton Resort, Miami, Florida, April 9-13, 2003. Pauline Marek, and the Program Planning Committee, is working hard on our program portion. There are several speakers of interest lined up and Pauline is also working with Dr. Janet Strife to create APDR/ APCR conjoined sessions. Our social event is in place again for next year, so I'm anticipating another outstanding program. Mark your calendars as I'm hoping you can all attend.
- Lori Dyar and the Membership Committee are currently gearing up for the Annual Membership Drive slated for this fall. We are growing in leaps and bounds and are anticipating more interest as we continue. We currently have 133 members. Also, most of you should have received your annual renewal forms for this year's membership dues. I encourage you to return them soon and if you haven't received yours yet, you may inquire at the RSNA Office at (630) 368-3737. I applaud Lori and her committee's efforts in keeping our association growing.
- Amy Richgels and the Website Committee have done a great job in getting the APCR link on the APDR page up and running. It is located at [www.apdr.org](http://www.apdr.org). We now have an APCR history, board members listing, committee members listing and application information online. It is a great start and the committee is working on adding more information, such as minutes from the Phoenix meeting and our Rules and Regulations. I'm sad to announce at this time that Amy is stepping down from chairing this committee because she is leaving the APCR in pursuit of another occupation in Orlando. We thank her for all her efforts in getting our page online this year and wish her the best of luck in her new adventures. I am, however, delighted to announce that Janet Birkmann has stepped up to the plate and agreed to chair the Website Committee for the rest of this year. I am very confident she will do a great job and look forward to watching our page grow.

- Margaret Romero and the Long Range Committee have established a goal this year in creating a mentoring program for new coordinators. They will be working on putting together information during this year and the results of their project will be reported at our next business meeting in Miami.
- Michael Catron and the Professional Development Committee is getting very close to completing a generic job description for coordinators that we will be adding to our web page. I expect this to be posted within the next few weeks.
- Sandy Sees and the Awards Committee are busy developing our first APCR Award for Coordinators. They will keep us in suspense until Miami, but I think the surprise will be worth the wait.
- The Board is working on developing a Mission Statement for the APCR. I have had several inquiries in the recent past as to what our association's mission is. When it is finalized it will be posted on the web page as well.
- In the recent APDR mailing there was an insert regarding APDR Educational Grants. This program is designed to provide financial support for special educational projects and educational research that is of interest to program directors, program coordinators or resident education in general. Do any of you have any ideas for a grant? This could be a wonderful opportunity for us.

As you can see, the APCR is working hard "behind the scenes" and it is exciting. For those of you on committees, if you haven't heard from your Chair for a while, I encourage you to be in touch with them and volunteer your services. I am anticipating great things will be accomplished this year within the association.

The next formal mailing from the APDR/APCR will be in the fall and will contain registration information for the Miami AUR, etc. meeting. The RSNA has promised me they won't forget to notify me to prepare another letter for you. We will most likely have enclosures describing our portion of the program for your perusal as well.

Enjoy the rest of the summer season and good luck to all of you during the upcoming interview season. It's hard to believe it is just around the corner! Take good care.

Sincerely,

Sherry Bucholz  
President  
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