

MINUTES
Alabama Academy of Radiology Business Meeting
November 8, 2003 ♦ Biloxi, Mississippi

Members Present: John T. Renz, MD
 Arthur Sandy, MD
 Steve Teplick, MD
 John Russell, MD
 Mark McCaslin, MD
 Oscar Orille, MD
 Ruth Snow, MD
 Lincoln Berland, MD
 Constantine Morros, MD
 Paul Anderson, MD
 Thomas Loflin, MD
 William Beckett, MD
 Howard Cooper, MD
 Bibb Allen, MD

Staff Present: Natalie Munroe

The meeting was brought to order by Dr. John Renz, MD, President, at approximately 12:00 pm.

Dr. Renz began the meeting with the presentation of the Silver Medal Award to Dr. Constantine Morros, MD. Dr. Renz expounded on the achievements and success of Dr. Morros and presented him with a plaque. Dr. Morros expressed his appreciation.

Dr. Renz then presented the Five, Ten and Twenty Award Certificates and pins to those present which included, Dr. Lincoln Berland, Dr. John Russell and Dr. John Renz.

Dr. Sandy presented the minutes from the previous business meeting, held on April 3, 2003. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Dr. Sandy then presented the membership report as well as the financial report. He commented on the increase of the meeting expenses, explaining that there were expenses from two ACR meetings included in the past fiscal year. The reports were accepted as presented.

Dr. Renz then presented the President's report: He began by noting the extraordinary achievements of radiologists this past year, namely the inauguration of Dr. David Montiel as MASA President, designation of Dr. Robert Stanley as editor of the AJR, new fellows, etc. He also praised the contributions to RADPAC by Dr. Bibb Allen, Dr. Michael DeVenny, Dr. Arthur Sandy, and Dr. David Montiel.

Dr. Renz commented on the last ACR meeting held this past May. The Councilors spent time with Congressman during that meeting discussing issues such as: 1) Medicare reform of the conversion factor formula; 2) Access to Mammography; and 3) Liability Reform. Other discussion with the members included: a) Tort reform; b) 3rd Party Task Force by MASA; and c) reimbursement of UAE and vertebroplasty.

Dr. Renz then recommended several plans for the year 2004. The MASA Congressional Meeting will be held February 28-March 2 in which he will attempt to attend or another delegate from AAR will attend. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2004 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, AL. He presented a preliminary draft of that meeting. The Fall meeting for 2004 will be determined based on the feedback from this current meeting. He urged all participants to express their views on the arrangement of the current meeting. Ideas expressed from members included a seminar by Medical Assurance tailored for radiology. Dr. Renz also announced the meeting dates for the ACR annual meeting which is May 8-13, 2004.

Dr. Bibb Allen updated the members on ACR activities. He stated the ACR Council Steering Committee appreciated all comments concerning the past ACR meeting and its change in date and location. Many expressed their concern in effectiveness of holding a meeting there during an election year. This might result in a change in location during the election years. He also reiterated the reasons and benefits of the new ACRA and how all dues will now be going there. Questions were posed to Dr. Allen concerning radiology assistants. Much discussion followed. ACR feels that no one other than radiologists is qualified to do the primary interpretations.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.