

**MINUTES OF THE
ALABAMA ACADEMY OF RADIOLOGY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
April 3, 2004**

The Alabama Academy of Radiology Summer Meeting was held Saturday, April 12, 2003 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. Attending were: President-John Renz, MD; President-Elect – Alex Johnson, MD; Secretary/Treasurer – Art Sandy, MD; Robert Lopez, MD; James Ballard, MD; Mark Lequire, MD; Hugh Holloway, MD; Jim Larose, MD; Dean Thornton, MD; Thomas Loflin, MD; Oscar Orille, MD; Husam Habboub, MD; Suzanne Vaughan, MD; Mark McCaslin, MD; V.C. Scott, MD; W. Allen Oaks, MD; Steve Teplick, MD; David Montiel, MD; Alton W. Baker, MD; John Kahler, MD; Kathleen Felker, MD; Phillip Triantos, MD; Sandy Martin, MD; Yoginder Vaid, MD; Ruth Snow, MD; Howard Holley, MD; Caroline Reich, MD; and John Waldo, MD. Staff present included AAR Executive Secretary, Natalie Munroe.

Call to Order (Dr. Renz) – The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. Dr. Renz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Presentation of Silver Medal Award (Dr. Renz) – Dr. Renz introduced Dr. V.C. Scott, mentioning the numerous accomplishments of Dr. Scott's career. Dr. Renz then presented the Silver Medal to Dr. Scott. Dr. Scott spoke his appreciation.

Report of the Secretary (Dr. Sandy) – Dr. Sandy presented the minutes from the last meeting dated November 8, 2003. He indicated there was a correction to the minutes in that Dr. John Kahler should be listed as attending. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes, and by a hand vote they were approved as corrected. He also presented a report indicating the membership as 323 active members.

Report of the Treasurer (Dr. Sandy) – Dr. Sandy stated that the organization has remained strong over the past year. He also stated that ACR will now begin charging the state organizations, for which they bill dues for, a small percentage of dues for each physician that pays by credit card. The Executive Committee discussed it and decided to continue with the ACR service of billing dues since the fee would be so small.

President's Report (Dr. Renz) – Dr. Renz began a review of the highlights of the previous year by discussing the success of the first tri-state meeting in November 2003. He then listed the physicians that were recognized at ACR's Fellowship Convocation Ceremony last year and stated that Dr. Larose will be inducted this year. He also announced that the AAR will be receiving an award for Membership as part of the ACR's new Chapter Recognition Program. Dr. Renz then thanked the many contributors to RADPAC and encouraged more participation.

Dr. Renz announced that ACR's Bulletin magazine is now being published as an e-magazine on their website. He also announced that the ACR meeting for this year will be held on May 8-13 in Washington, DC, and he listed the Councilors, Alternate Councilors and Resident Representatives sponsored by AAR.

Dr. Renz listed his plans for the year 2004: 1) He will be working to re-design the AAR website with the help of ACR. 2) In conjunction with the website, he will also begin working on designing a logo for the organization. 3) Membership recruitment will continue to remain a high priority. 4) Director's insurance will be examined and pursued as recommended by the ACR from a recent survey. 5) He is currently planning the Fall meeting and

would like input as to the location, topics, etc. Since the ACR will longer be able to provide CME sponsorship, the Medical Society of Montgomery County will begin handling that for each meeting.

Dr. Renz stated that he and Dr. Teplick would be attending the MASA Annual Meeting as delegates for this year. He also stated the summer meeting date has yet to be finalized, possible August 21, and that CME will be sought.

Nominating Committee Report (Dr. Loflin for Dr. Stanley) – Dr. Loflin stated that there will be four Alternate Councilor positions available in May. The Nominating Committee recommended another term for each of the four Alternate Councilors, who are: Art Sandy, MD; William Beckett, MD; Michael DeVenney, MD; and Constantine Morros, MD. A motion was made to accept the nominations as recommended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business:

MASA Representative (Dr. Montiel) – Dr. Montiel described the Alabama Judicial Committee as a PAC designed to allow contributions to judicial races. He stated that Alabama has good tort reform laws, but needs judges to enforce these laws. He also asked for input on whether to sponsor residents for MASA membership. The cost to AAR would be approximately \$400-\$500 per year. Members were then asked to respond on back of their evaluation form concerning this issue.

ACR Update (Dr. Allen) – Dr. Allen spoke on several issues that ACR is working on. 1) The ACRA organization now eliminates the need for the Radiology Advocacy Alliance. Contributions can now be made directly to the ACRA with the dues. 2) The ACR has developed a task force to investigate the issue of self-referral. 3) The ACR has also developed a task force to investigate International Radiology, which is not regulated and creates a liability issue.

ACR Resolutions – Due to time restraints, Dr. Renz asked for brief concerns about any ACR resolutions. There were none.

Dr. Renz thanked everyone for their attendance and invited them to lunch. There being no further business, he concluded the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Arthur Sandy, MD
Secretary/Treasurer

Date