

**Minutes of the
Alabama Academy of Radiology
Fall Business Meeting
August 21, 2004**

The Alabama Academy of Radiology Fall Meeting was held on August 21, 2004 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL. Attending were: Alex Johnson, MD – President-Elect; Arthur Sandy, MD – Secretary/Treasurer; Mark LeQuire, MD; David Montiel, MD; Mark McCaslin, MD; Caroline Reich, MD; Thomas Loflin, MD; Jason Bearden, MD; Darrin Johnson, MD; Steven Teplick, MD; Bibb Allen, MD; John F. Johnson, MD; Stephen Fernandez, MD; Jason Dorey, MD; James Larose, MD; Harrell Cox, MD; C. Dourvault, MD; Edward Willett, MD; Jeff Brandon, MD. Also present were A. Van Moore, MD, Vice Chair, American College of Radiology Board of Chancellors and staff, Natalie Munroe.

Call to Order (Dr. Loflin for Dr. Renz) – The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Loflin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACR Update – Dr. Loflin introduced Dr. A. Van Moore, ACR Vice Chairman, Board of Chancellors, to present an update on ACR activities.

Dr. Moore highlighted current issues that ACR was addressing, including self referral, medical liability, reform, international teleradiology, radiology assistants and decreased reimbursement. Dr. Moore also discussed RADPAC and encouraged the chapter to invite members to participate.

Dr. Moore then discussed the organization of a PAC. Aspects of setting up a PAC should include a proactive organization, keeping it simple and keeping it local in AL. In addition to organizing a PAC that would help the chapter to be a vocal proponent for radiology issues, Dr. Moore suggested that each board member be assigned a congressional district. This would insure each congressional representative is well informed of issues pertinent to radiologists.

Report of the Secretary (Dr. Sandy) – Dr. Sandy presented the minutes from the last meeting dated April 3, 2004. He indicated there was a correction to the minutes in that Dr. Demetrius Morros should be listed as Alternate Councilor instead of Dr. Constantine Morros. 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 322 active members.

Report of the Treasurer (Dr. Sandy) – Dr. Sandy stated that the organization has remained stable over the past year. A motion was made to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded, and carried.

President's Report (Dr. Loflin for Dr. Renz) – Dr. Loflin shared that Dr. Renz is currently working with ACR on developing a website for the chapter. Any input on the contents is appreciated. The website should be working soon.

Dr. Loflin stated that the Councilors and Alternate Councilors attended the ACR Annual Meeting in May and were able to meet with many legislators as a group. Letters were mailed as a follow-up to each of the legislators. He announced that the next ACR Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC on April 9-14.

Dr. Loflin also stated the next Alabama chapter Business Meeting will be held on March 5, 2005 at the Wynfrey Hotel.

Awards Committee (Dr. Montiel) – Dr. Montiel congratulated the recipients of their dedication to the ACR and AAR and presented five year certificates to Jason Dorey, MD, Chris Dorvault, MD, and Caroline Reich, MD. He also presented a ten year award to Mark McCaslin, MD.

Fellowship Committee (Dr. Loflin for Dr. C. Morros) – Dr. Loflin stated Dr. James Larose was inducted as a Fellow at the recent ACR Annual Meeting. He congratulated Dr. Larose on accomplishing this honor.

Unfinished Business (Dr. Loflin for Dr. Renz) – Dr. Loflin discussed the formation of a Managed Care Committee. One goal is to acquire committee members from each major practice or city. The Committee would be charged with working with BCBS.

New Business (Dr. Loflin for Dr. Renz)

- A. **Shortage of Academic Radiologists** – Dr. Teplick passed out a handout detailing the need for academic radiologists. In the absence of time, Dr. Teplick will present for discussion at a later meeting.
- B. **Logo** – Dr. James Larose presented several logos that he designed for the chapter and requested opinions and suggestions from the members. The logo will be developed for an insignia for the chapter.
- C. **Nominating Committee** – Dr. Loflin stated elections for officers, councilors and alternate councilors will be held at the next business meeting. He asked for those interested in serving to contact Natalie Munroe or a current member of the Executive Committee.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.

Arthur Sandy, MD
Secretary/Treasurer

Date