

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**March 5, 2005**  
**Wynfrey Hotel - Birmingham, AL**

Members Present: John Renz, MD – President; Alex Johnson, MD – President-Elect; Arthur Sandy, MD – Secretary/Treasurer; James Ballard, MD; Brenda Bell, MD; Bibb Allen, MD; Jeffrey Brandon, MD; B. Chandra-Sekar, MD; Jeffrey Cutler, MD; Mark Goddard, MD; Greg Gum, MD; Howard Holley, MD; John Johnson, MD; John Kahler, MD; Robert Koehler, MD; James Larose, MD; Mark LeQuire, MD; Thomas Loflin, MD; Chris Miller, MD; Constantine Morros, MD; Demetrius Morros, MD; Susan Mulligan, MD; Jeffrey Nicholson, MD; Arthur Sandy, MD; V.S. Scott, MD; Sandy Sullivan, MD; Steven Teplick, MD; Shane Wear, MD. Guests present: Ricky Bracer, MD and Larry Simma.

**1) Call to Order** – President John T. Renz called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm.

**2) Silver Medal Presentation** - Dr. Renz presented the Alabama Academy of Radiology Silver Medal Award to Dr. Bibb Allen. The award was presented to recognize the outstanding contributions that Dr. Allen has made to the AAR and the Radiology profession at the local, state and national levels. Dr. Allen spoke his appreciation and thanks for the honor.

**3) Report of the Secretary and Treasurer** – The minutes from the last AAR meeting were approved as submitted. Dr. Sandy announced the membership count as being 335, with 23 members gained and 18 lost since the last report. He also presented the financial report and stated the finances of the academy were excellent.

**4) President's Report** – Dr. Renz announced the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Alabama Academy of Radiology. He stated that the AAR remains a strong organization in excellent financial condition.

Dr. Renz briefly reviewed the academy activities for 2004: 1) the fall meeting at Orange Beach was a success and included a visit by Dr. Arl Van Moore Vice Chair ACR Board of Chancellors and Chair of RADPAC. This meeting represented the first time the AAR has held a meeting in the southern part of state in nearly 10 years. This is in keeping with the AAR initiative to move its meetings around the state of Alabama; 2) AAR received 2003 ACR Chapter Recognition Award for Excellence in Membership; 3) D & O Insurance was purchased; 4) The AAR incorporation status and documents were located and reviewed. The AAR is incorporated in the state of Alabama as a non-profit organization since 1975; 5) ACR apportionment report for 2004 indicates the AAR has 410 members entitling the organization to 5 Councilors and 5 Alternate Councilors. 6) The AAR 2004 Fall Meeting Survey data were presented as well as a discussion on how the AAR plans to meet the member's interests.

Dr. Renz discussed his goals and projects for the AAR. He stated that AAR focus for 2005 will be in the area of communications. This project will include a detailed membership survey, starting a newsletter and producing a new web site. An attractive logo and seal have been created to help with the communication and marketing efforts. The AAR Logo and Seal will be used for the new AAR Letterhead, Newsletter, Web Site and the new membership certificate. Additional projects for 2005 include membership recruitment, expanding AAR educational mission, development of an AAR Resident Section, and initiation of the AAR Historical Project.

Dr. Renz proposed the formation of an educational foundation (AARf) to help with the funding of the AAR educational mission. This is part of a meeting sponsorship proposal to be developed in the near future. ACR survey data was presented regarding how the different state chapters pay for invited speakers. This data will be used by the AAR Executive Committee to develop a proposal on how to pay its speakers.

Dr. Renz proposed an expanded Legislative effort which would be the AAR focus for 2006. This effort includes a proposal to form a political action committee. The ground work for this project will begin this year. Dr. Renz provided a review of the legislative process and how the AAR Executive committee conducts legislative efforts on behalf of its membership.

Dr. Renz announced several leadership changes. Dr. Mark LeQuire will fill-in for Dr. Beckett at the ACR Meeting as alternate councilor. Dr. Constantine Morros has retired from his position as Fellowship Chairman and Dr. Montiel has agreed to fill this position. Dr. Steven Teplick will serve as Educational/CME Committee Chairman. Dr. Renz stated the position of Secretary/Treasurer will be split into two positions beginning with the 2005 elections. Dr. Thomas Fletcher has been appointed ACR CSC Liaison to AAR. The Certificate for Outstanding Service as AAR Resident Representative 2004-2005 was awarded to Dr. Jason Bearden.

Dr. Renz also announced the AAR will receive for the second consecutive year the 2004 ACR Chapter Recognition Award for Excellence in Membership at the April 2005 ACR Annual Meeting. Of additional note is that the AAR came in second place under the Meetings Award Category.

The Alabama Quality Assurance Foundation has requested the AAR to participate in its leadership conference. Dr. Renz will represent the AAR for this purpose.

Dr. Renz represented the AAR at the recent Emergency Meeting of the ACR Chapter Leaders held in Chicago 2/2005. The highlights of this meeting were discussed. The focus of this meeting was the DPMI Legislative proposal.

Dr. Renz presented the agenda for the upcoming ACR Annual Meeting to be held 4/20-25/2005. Dr. Steven Teplick will serve as Chairman of the Tellers Committee. Dr. Bibb Allen will make a presentation during the Economics Forum. Dr. Renz and Ms. Natalie Munroe have been asked to participate as faculty members during the ACR Chapter Leaders Meeting. Dr. Renz will serve as the Co-Moderator for the Southern States Caucus. AAR Resident Representatives for 2004-2005 are Dr. Yasmeen Quirishi (USA), and Dr. Shane Wear (UAB).

AAR Fall meeting is planned for September 10, 2005 in Birmingham Alabama. The next AAR Annual meeting is being tentatively planned for April 2006. The 2006 ACR Annual Meeting is planned for May.

**5) Bylaws Committee Report** - Dr. Johnson presented 3 amendments to the bylaws for Article IV, Section 4; Article VIII, Section 3; and Article IX, Section 1. A motion was made to accept the amendments as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

**6) Membership Committee Report** – Dr. Demetrius Morros stated he recently accepted the position of Membership Committee Chair. He announced goals of increasing membership by 5%; restructuring the committee to be geographically representative; and increase resident involvement.

**7) Legislative Committee** – Dr. Mark LeQuire stated he recently accepted the position of Legislative Committee Chair. He affirmed the need to establish a state PAC for radiologists. He stated he will contact other state chapters for input. Much discussion and agreement followed.

**8) MASA Update** – Dr. Renz announced that he and Dr. Montiel will be representing the academy at the MASA Annual Meeting 6/30 – 7/3/2005.

**9) Technologist Advisory Committee** – Dr. Howard Holley stated there has been much debate and discussion concerning radiology assistants. Licensing issues, training and scope of clinical activities are points of interest. He will continue to monitor and report back to the membership at the next meeting.

**10) Nominating Committee Report** - Dr. Loflin presented the Nominating Committee Report for 2005/2006. Nominations were as follows: Dr. Alex Johnson - President; Dr. Arthur Sandy - President-Elect; Dr. John T. Renz – Past President, Dr. Steven Teplick - Secretary; Dr. Mark LeQuire - Treasurer; Dr. Thomas Loflin, Dr. Steven Teplick, and Dr. Arthur Sandy each to the position of Councilor; Dr. Demetrius Morros, Dr. Michael DeVenny, and Dr. Mark LeQuire each to the position of Alternate Councilor. After due consideration, a motion was made to accept the slate of nominees presented by the committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**11) Elections:** The slate of nominees was presented for election. The slate of nominees was elected without opposition. Dr. Renz congratulated each of the newly elected and he expressed thanks on behalf of the membership for their willingness to serve the AAR.

**12) Economics and Radiology Practice Issues** – Dr. Allen stated the Medicare Contractor is in the process of reforming its payment structure by merging and adding codes. There will be no change in coverage. Discussion then followed concerning the increase in utilization of advanced imaging technologies (CT, MR, and PET) and its impact upon the health care system. The ACR is actively involved in this issue and plans to consider a national legislative initiative to address the problem at its forthcoming annual meeting.

**13) ACR Guest Speaker** – Ariel Gonzalez, ACR State Legislative Specialist, was the ACR guest speaker. He presented an update on ACR activities. He also highlighted the bills pertaining to or affecting radiology by the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress and the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress. These include

Medical liability Reform, Medicare conversion factor update and the DPPI initiative. He also discussed RADPAC activities and briefly spoke about various state legislative issues.

**14) Forum:** Dr. Morros presented the challenges and impact of the recent Maintenance of Certification requirements. Discussion followed. Dr. Morros suggested that the AAR follow this issue closely. Dr. Steven Teplick will present his topic Funding for Academic Staffing at the next AAR Meeting.

**14) Special Presentation:** Dr. Johnson presented a plaque to Dr. Renz recognizing outstanding service and contributions during his term as President of the Alabama Academy of Radiology. He thanked Dr. Renz for his hard work and diligence furthering the mission of the Academy. Dr. Renz expressed his sincere gratitude for this award and thanked everyone for the distinct honor and privilege it has been to serve the Alabama Academy of Radiology.

**15) Adjournment:** There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.

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Arthur Sandy, MD  
Secretary/Treasurer

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