

ALABAMA ACADEMY OF RADIOLOGY

Fall Business Meeting

October 1, 2005 * Wynfrey Hotel

Members present included: Alex Johnson, MD – President; Arthur Sandy, MD – President-Elect; Steven Teplick, MD – Secretary; Jeff Brandon, MD; Mark Goddard, MD; Thomas Loflin, MD; Samuel McQuiston, MD; Chris Miller, MD; Susan Mulligan, MD; Leverett Neville, MD; John Renz, MD; Harry D. Rosenthal, III, MD; Dean Thornton, MD; Nina Terry, MD; Andrew Vanbergen, MD; and Van Wadlington, MD. Guest speaker was Leonard Berlin, MD and staff present was Natalie Munroe.

1) Dr. Alex Johnson brought the meeting to order at approximately 11:05 am. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced Dr. Pat Rice with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Dr. Rice discussed concerns of radiation from multiple CT scans. He distributed materials relating to this issue. These materials were going to be distributed to physicians and patients to educate them of the concerns. He asked that AAR review and suggest any corrections and that AAR support the materials. He also stated that there will be changes in pre-certification for certain procedures over the next year. Self referral was also discussed and BCBS's plans to respond to this issue.

2) Secretary's Report - Dr. Teplick presented the minutes from the Annual Business Meeting, April 2nd, and asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval as presented. A motion was made to that effect. The motion was seconded and passed.

3) Financial Report - Dr. Renz presented the Financial Report on behalf of Dr. Mark LeQuire. No action needed.

4) Membership Report - Dr. Johnson presented the membership report. No action needed.

5) Executive Committee Report – No report.

6) Radiologic Practic Committee Report – No report.

7) Judicial Affairs Committee Report – No report.

8) Bylaws Committee Report – No report.

9) Honors/Awards Committee Report – Dr. Johnson presented Nina Terry, MD with her ten year award pin. All other certificates and pins will be mailed to the recipients.

10) Communications Report – Dr. Renz reported that many devices of communication had been implemented this past year. Such as: a) membership certificates were mailed out to all members; b) surveys were mailed and emailed to all members for input. He stated that he received a good response; c) the website will be managed by ACR now, which will allow for more direction and control and should be accessible soon.

Dr. Renz also described the process of developing a PAC, which will be presented at the next meeting. He stated he originally thought the AAR was structured as a 501(c) (3). However, it is structured as a 501 (c)(6). The foundation is under development as a 501(c)(3) so that grants/donations can be tax deductible. He also asked for help from the members present to interface between possible vendors and supporters of AAR for educational purposes.

11) Radiologists in Training – Dr. Ruth Snow discussed her communications with the three residency programs in the state. Her desire is to support the residents and provide resources. She introduced Dr. Leverett Neville as the resident representative from the Baptist residency program.

12) New Business – Dr. Johnson asked for input for the 2006 spring meeting and it was decided to hold the meeting again in Birmingham based on feedback from the surveys. He presented a brochure of MASA's Congressional Meeting in January and asked for 2 volunteers to attend as AAR representatives.

There was much discussion regarding the radiation and CT proposal by BCBS. Dr. Johnson suggested appointing an ad hoc committee to review this issue and present their findings back to the Executive Committee. He asked Dr. Arthur Sandy to Chair the committee, and suggestions of other committee members included Daniel Young, MD and Gary Barnes, PhD. Dr. Johnson also stated that MASA is asking for help in developing educational materials for this issues, and the ad hoc committee will also work with them as well.

Dr. Johnson introduced a letter from ACR requesting any nominations for upcoming available positions on various ACR committees. He suggested AAR nominate Dr. John Renz to the ACR Nominating Committee, and a motion was made to that effect. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried. Dr. Johnson also presented information on the Intersociety Summer Conference in July 2006 and suggested one of the resident representatives to attend. He also asked for nominations for a physician who is no affiliated with a hospital practice as a Private Practice Representative.

Dr. Teplick asked for input regarding continuing to pay for speakers for the annual meetings. There was discussion, and it was suggested to keep the current format of paying \$1000 plus expenses for national speakers and \$500 for state-wide/local speakers. Everyone concurred.

13) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm.

Steven Teplick, MD
Secretary

Date