



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



**A Year in Review**

*Michelle A. Michel, M.D.*

Like Dr. Phillips stated last year in his President's Message for our Summer Newsletter, the past year has absolutely flown by for me and has been action-packed. It does not seem like almost a year has passed since I hosted our Annual Meeting in Milwaukee! I will always remember that week as one of the best of my life. I cannot tell all of you how honored I am to have had the opportunity to serve the ASHNR as President. There are a number of things I have been working on this year in conjunction with the ASHNR committees. Here are a few highlights:

The first area of work concerns proposed changes to our Bylaws, the "ASHNR Constitution." In 2012, an Ad Hoc Governance Committee was appointed to conduct a thorough review of the Bylaws and the processes used to appoint ASHNR officers. The Committee submitted a number of proposed Bylaws changes to the Rules Committee and Executive Committee. The general intent of the Bylaws' changes include:

1. Clarifying the Bylaws and making the wording of the Bylaws more consistent,
2. Better defining and making consistent the processes used by the Executive, Nominating, and Gold Medal Award Committees,
3. Adding an additional Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee,
4. Converting a number of previously Ad Hoc Committees to Standing Committee status, and
5. Increasing the involvement of the membership in these processes.

Since the 47th Annual Meeting last year in Milwaukee, the Rules Committee and Executive Committee have worked diligently to incorporate those proposed changes to the Bylaws in order to accomplish these goals. I would like to personally thank Dr. Ilona Schmalfluss for her dedication and time as Chair of the Rules Committee. The proposed amendments must be approved by the *Active* (voting) members of the Society in attendance at the upcoming Annual Business Meeting in Seattle, Washington during the 48th Annual Meeting in September. *Active* members will be receiving several documents for review and consideration prior to the Annual Business Meeting. I encourage all *Active* members to attend the Annual Business Meeting to vote on these important proposed changes. The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13, from 12:00-12:30pm.

In 2014, our Core Curriculum Fund reached a significant financial goal! The CCF was also transitioned from passive to active management and was customized to best serve our members and our missions. The Fund has sponsored five Hanafee Research Grants thus far and will continue that practice. The CCF and Executive Committees are exploring other ways to reinvest in our Society by supporting our research and educational missions. Therefore, it is important that we all continue to contribute to the CCF. Many of you have received emails from me over the past several weeks soliciting contributions to the CCF. I must admit that I **HATE** asking people for money! I always made my parents buy my Girl Scout cookies and school raffle tickets as a kid, so making the decision to email ASHNR members for contributions was not an easy one for me. However, I think that in our busy lives we sometimes just forget to make that donation and my email should just be considered a friendly reminder. Every little bit counts and is very much appreciated. Thanks to those who have stepped up and donated!

I am very happy to say that the ASHNR has continued to grow over the past year. The Society membership currently stands at 910, with a gain of 77 new members this year. At this time, the ASHNR is the largest ASNR specialty society. I would like to see our membership reach the 1,000 mark by the time of our 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting in 2016, so encourage your colleagues and trainees to join! Our continued success depends upon the talent, input, and commitment of our members. I have no doubt that the ASHNR will continue to

be the greatest global provider of an outstanding educational experience at our Annual Meeting. The enthusiasm shown by our junior members who volunteer for service on committees and delivered well-prepared presentations at our meeting is inspiring.

I am proud to have served on the Executive Committee since 2006 and as your President this year. I love being a head &



## 48th Annual Meeting Update

*Yoshimi Anzai, M.D. M.P.H.,  
President Elect/Program Chair*

As the Program Chair of the ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting, I would like to give you some highlights of the meeting.

1. We have transitioned to electronic exhibits for the meeting. Electronic exhibits represent the vast majority of the exhibits and you may download these as PDF files on your devices. Highly educational and informative paper posters were selected by the Education Committee. Please bring your mobile device to the meeting.
2. For the first time, ASHNR will be offering a “Hands-on Head and Neck Ultrasound Workshop” for attendees that wish to learn more about head and neck US and US-guided biopsy. Ultrasound is becoming a safe and effective modality to guide a biopsy of neck lesions. Experienced instructors will teach you how to scan head and neck, and use US to guide biopsy procedures.
3. Case-of-the-Day (COD) will be Mega-Sized. You will enjoy five cases daily on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There are five categories: Temporal Bone, Maxillofacial, Pediatric, General, and International COD. When you get a correct answer, you will receive a “COD Winner” sticker on your name badge.

neck imager, part of such a fantastic society, and having so many wonderful friends and colleagues among you. I thank you for your support, your input, and your service to the ASHNR. I know how much many of you care for our Society and, when we work well together as a team, it is amazing what we can accomplish!

4. Also new this year, “Controversies in Head and Neck Imaging” will feature two important topics: surveillance imaging and parathyroid imaging. Experts advocating an imaging modality will discuss their points and counterpoints.
5. Another program titled, “How-I-Do-It” will feature advanced imaging technology related to low-dose CT, high-resolution extracranial nerve imaging, and diffusion and perfusion imaging.
6. The Game Show on Thursday afternoon is a “don’t miss” event. Come and cheer those contestants from your own institutions.
7. There will be two sessions on “Are you ready for the MOC?” targeting those who are going to take the MOC examination.
8. Finally, the Gala on Saturday night will be at the Dale Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum near the Space Needle.

In Seattle, you will have opportunities to enjoy the region’s beauty and visit many attractions and sightseeing spots that have become well known in the city, such as the Seattle Art Museum and the Pike Place Market. There is plenty of delicious seafood, and many lovely cafes.

I look forward to welcoming you at the ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting in Seattle, my home city.

## Outstanding Presentation Award in Head and Neck Radiology from ASNR 52nd Annual Meeting

As reviewed and selected by a panel of members of the ASHNR 2013-2014 Education Committee, Dr. S. Narayanan from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center was the recipient of the ASNR 2014 *Outstanding Presentation Award* in Head and Neck Radiology.

The title of Dr. Narayanan’s paper, presented at the ASNR 52nd Annual Meeting was *Cystic Lymph Nodes as a Predictor Of Prognosis in HPV – Positive Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinoma*

Dr. Narayanan will receive a certificate and an award in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the ASNR.

## Attention ASHNR Members

Our meeting planner, Educational Symposia Inc. (ESI), is offering a 10% discount on ASHNR enduring materials.

This includes both DVD sets and On-Demand educational material. The DVD set that resulted from the ASHNR 46th Annual Meeting in 2012 is available for purchase at [www.edusymp.com](http://www.edusymp.com) and offers 21 hours of Category 1 CME credit. The discount applies to the entire set or individually purchased DVDs. Online content can be accessed via the ESI on-demand portal at [www.docmeded.com](http://www.docmeded.com) or [www.esiondemand.com](http://www.esiondemand.com).

The discount code that ASHNR members can apply at the time of purchase is "Take10". Educational content from the upcoming 48th Annual Meeting will be available in the months following the meeting.

## Welcome New Members!

Following are the 81 new members who joined the Society between August 13, 2013 and August 18, 2014:

### Active (14)

**Luiz O. Coelho, MD**  
DAPI  
Curitiba, BRAZIL

**Stephen H. Doundoulakis, MD**  
Resurrection Medical Center  
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2. **Online** at [www.ashnr.org](http://www.ashnr.org)
3. **Phone** 630-574-0220 ext 222

Your contribution, no matter the amount, is critical.

## Report From the ACR

*Peter H.B. McCreight, M.D., FACR*  
ACR Councilor

### ACR Government Relations:

H.R. 4302 Protecting Access to Medicare Act was signed into law by President Obama on April 1, 2014: This prevented an approximately 24% cut in Medicare physician reimbursement as a result of the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. It also contained important imaging provisions: 1) Ordering physicians must consult national medical specialty society developed appropriateness criteria prior to referring Medicare patients for advanced diagnostic imaging. 2) Starting 2017, total downward RVU adjustments (cuts) promulgated by CMS of 20% or more compared to the prior year will be phased in over a two year period. 3) CMS must publicly disclose data used to justify the 2012 25% cut in imaging reimbursement (PC MPPR). 4) Improved patient safety through stricter controls on the levels of radiation dose delivered through CT machines. 5) One year delay in implementation of ICD-10. Congress still needs to pass legislation to permanently repeal the SGR. To accomplish this, "pay-fors" must have bipartisan support to offset the cost of eliminating the SGR. The currently suggested "delay the individual mandate in PPACA" or "Savings from winding down war in Iraq and Afghanistan" were not accepted.

**ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference-April 26-30, 2014:** 1) New CEO William T. Thorwarth, Jr, MD, FACR began on April 1, 2014 2) ACR Appropriateness Criteria Transition to EHR as ACRselect. Licensed to EHR/CPOE vendors (Epic, Cerner, etc). Still available online for individual informational, research and scientific purposes. 3) Imaging 3.0 includes: Perform all the imaging that is necessary and beneficial and none that is not, Limit radiation dose, Eliminate unnecessary repeat procedures, Eliminate ordering and performance of the "wrong" procedure.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

## ASHNR Active and Affiliate members are invited to attend the ASHNR 2014 Annual Business Meeting

**Saturday, September 13, 2014**

Noon – 12:30 pm

Metropolitan Ballroom  
Sheraton Seattle Hotel  
Seattle, Washington

By now, you should have received an email notice directing you to the *News* section of the website where you will find a link for the *ASHNR pre-48th Annual Meeting Member Mailing*. Contained in the mailing is important information on the Annual Business Meeting.

A number of important issues will be voted on including several amendments to the Bylaws. Plan to attend and have your voice heard.

### Upcoming Meetings

#### 48th Annual Meeting

September 10-14, 2014  
Sheraton Seattle Hotel  
Seattle, Washington

#### 49th Annual Meeting

September 9-13, 2015  
Waldorf Astoria Naples  
Naples, Florida

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