Spring has finally arrived and I hope that everyone is doing well in 2014. It is hard to believe that we are just six months from the 48th Annual Meeting. Program Chair, Yoshimi Anzai has been hard at work planning the meeting and hopefully you are all getting excited now that you’ve received the meeting brochure in the mail. It is beautiful and can also be found on our website at www.ashnr.org.

It has been a busy year thus far for me, the Executive Committee, and all of the other ASHNR committees. Many of you may not be familiar with our committees and the work that goes on “behind the scenes”. With the growth of our Society and a number of important changes taking place, I thought it would be appropriate to focus my piece for the spring newsletter on the work of the various ASHNR Committees. The committee chairs provided brief synopses of their committee activities and I share them with you below (in alphabetical order).

Education Committee – Caroline D. Robson, MB, ChB, Chair

The Education Committee consists of about 20 enthusiastic and hard-working members. Each year at the ASNR Annual Meeting, a subcommittee reviews H&N scientific presentations and awards a winner for the Outstanding Presentation. Additional members serve on a subcommittee to assist the ASNR Education Committee in selecting the recipient of their radiologist-in-training (R-I-T) award. The Education Committee organizes the Case-of-the-Day (COD) presentations for the ASHNR Annual Meeting and reviews abstracts for oral and poster presentations. The busiest time for the committee is during the ASHNR Annual Meeting.

Gold Medal Award Committee – C. Douglas Phillips, MD, Chair

The Gold Medal Award Committee, comprised of Drs. Bernadette Koch, Bill Dillon, Larry Ginsberg, and chaired by myself proposed candidates for the award at the 2014 meeting. We were amazingly fortunate to have a wealth of established members and major contributors to this society to choose from. I am absolutely convinced that all will find their time to receive this award, as well. After a series of conference calls and balloting, we have chosen Dr. Joel Swartz as our 2014 ASHNR Gold Medal recipient. Joel was flattered to be chosen, and in typical modest fashion inquired as to whether or not we had made a correct decision.

Membership Committee – Richard H. Wiggins III, MD, Chair

The Membership Committee will be reviewing the policies, procedures, and levels for membership in the next year, as well as looking into ways to increase membership. We now have Active members, Associate members, Affiliate members, and In-Training members. Benefits of Active membership include: reduced registration fees for the ASHNR and ASNR Annual Meetings, subscription to the American journal of Neuroradiology at the ASNR member rate, member mailings, access to the “Members Only” section of the ASHNR website, membership certificate, right to vote and to hold office. We would like everyone at academic sites to encourage your residents and fellows to become members. It is a great way to get them involved in the
society early and at very little cost (free for all In-Training members! More information about membership can be found at www.ashnr.org.

Nominating Committee –
C. Douglas Phillips, MD, Chair

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Drs. Tony Hasso, Hilda Stambuk, Joel Swartz, and chaired by myself proposed and reviewed candidates for the positions of Member-at-Large and Chair of the Rules Committee. We reviewed prior service and activities in support of the ASHNR, as well as our personal and shared knowledge of the candidates to make our selection. After a series of conference calls and balloting, we selected Dr. Caroline Robson as the incoming Member-at-Large, and Dr. Karen Salzman as the Chair of the Rules Committee. There were a large number of capable candidates for these positions. We are sure that Cally and Karen will work hard in their roles and carry the ASHNR further forward.

Publications Committee –
Ashley H. Aiken, MD
(on behalf of Jane L. Weissmann, MD, Chair)

The Publications Committee considers and responds to issues relating to the official Society journal, the American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR). Our chair, Dr. Jane Weissman, serves as liaison between the Publications Committee and Executive Committee. We are fortunate to have Dr. Nancy Fischbein’s expertise as senior editor for the H&N Section of AJNR again this year. Dr. Fischbein is always looking for H&N reviewers from ASHNR! Please email her at fischbein@stanford.edu if you are interested. The committee is currently discussing avenues to increase ASHNR member interaction and discussion around important publications on our website.

Research Committee –
Jenny K. Hoang, MBBS, Chair

Like the tax man, the workload of the Research Committee is seasonal! The primary role of the chair and the other 3 committee members is to select the recipient of the William N. Hanafee, M.D. Research Seed Grant Award. The Award enables young investigators at the Instructor (including 2nd year fellows) and Assistant Professor levels to conduct pilot projects in preparation for major grant applications to the NIH, other governmental agencies, foundations and corporations. Dr. Tina Tailor from the University of Washington was the recipient of the 2013 Award. Dr. Tailor is performing a prospective study in H&N cancer patients utilizing both dynamic FDG-PET (dFDG-PET) and dynamic contrast enhanced CT (DCE-CT) with goals of quantifying regional tumor metabolism, perfusion, and permeability, and identifying subregions with functional characteristics that would predict poor response to chemoradiation. Applications for the 2014 William N. Hanafee, M.D. Research Seed Grant Award are due August 1, 2014. Details can be found on the ASHNR website.

Rules Committee –
Ilona M. Schmalfuss, MD, Chair

The Rules Committee has had a very busy year indeed! The 2012-2013 Ad Hoc Governance Committee identified several inconsistencies and poorly defined sections within the ASHNR Bylaws. The Rules Committee has been working on the implementation of their suggestions focusing on:

Defining selection and appointment processes for committee chairs and members
- Clarifying the Executive Committee officer track
- Facilitating involvement of junior ASHNR members in the Society
- Involving Active ASHNR Society Members in the nomination and election process of the Members-at-Large
- Reflecting within the Bylaws advancements in technology

And the Rules Committee is not done yet! So, expect to see Bylaw changes up for approval at the next ASHNR Annual Meeting in September.

Ad Hoc Core Curriculum Fund Committee –
Suresh K. Mukherji, MD, Chair

The Core Curriculum has achieved its financial goal! The CCF was recently transitioned from a passively managed to an actively managed fund that is customized for the appropriate risk to best serve our members and our missions. The CCF will continue to sponsor the Hanafee Grant. The CCF Committee along with the Executive Committee are exploring other re-investment opportunities including expanding the Hanafee Grant, travel stipends for Trainee Award Recipients, and travel support for Radiologists from developing countries, to name a few. We are also seeking ideas from the membership as well, so please send your suggestions to me at mukherji@rad.msu.edu. Thank you for your continued support of the CCF and Hanafee Award and please contribute to the CCF!

Ad Hoc Corporate Relations Committee –
Yoshimi Anzai, MD, Chair

The Corporate Relations Committee started working before RSNA 2013 reaching out to many radiology vendors and
corporate groups that have a mutual interest in head and neck imaging. The committee has had conference calls and numerous email exchanges. Obtaining corporate support in the current environment is challenging indeed. However, the committee has made significant progress in getting support for the 2014 ASHNR Annual Meeting. I am pleased to announce that we have sponsors supporting the “Breakfast and Learn/How To” sessions on Friday and Saturday. Several others have signed up for displays in the technical exhibits area. Special thanks go to Drs. Robert Morales and Lawrence Tanenbaum who have devoted much time and effort connecting us with many corporate groups. Francine Hollowell and Ken Cammarata have been a huge help in keeping track of our progress and maintaining contact with corporate representatives.

Ad Hoc International Relations Committee –
Hugh D. Curtin, MD, Chair

The International Relations Committee (IRC) is tasked with exploring ways in which the ASHNR can cooperate with similar societies in other countries to further the discipline of H&N imaging. Several preliminary ideas have been suggested by members of the committee ranging from the possibility of organizing an International or World Meeting of Head and Neck Imaging to providing funding for trainees from other countries to present their work at our Annual Meeting. Having a presentation of the best papers or a review of highlights of various foreign meetings given by a representative from those societies was also suggested. It is hoped that as the CCF grows, some of the funds might be allocated for use by the IRC. Ideas from the membership are always welcome!

Ad Hoc Program Committee –
Yoshimi Anzai, MD, Chair

The Program Committee began planning as soon as the 47th Annual Meeting ended. The 2014 program is complete and the highlights are detailed in my “48th Annual Meeting Update” in this issue. This year, we have “mega-sized” the popular “Case-of-the-Day (COD)” with 5 cases per day for three consecutive days. Each day, you will see a case submitted from Pediatric H&N, Temporal Bone, Maxillofacial Region, General H&N, and an International COD. We are moving toward electronic exhibits at the 2014 meeting. We have modified the abstract submission site to incorporate the preference of type of presentation (electronic exhibit, traditional poster exhibit, or oral presentation). Thanks to the marvelous work of Dr. Rick Wiggins, the abstract submission site is now open. I would also like to thank the members of the Program Committee and Dr. Caroline Robson, Chair of Education Committee, for their tremendous help in planning the 2014 meeting.

Ad Hoc Website Committee –
Richard H. Wiggins III, MD, Chair

The Website Committee was very busy over the past year, searching for a company to redesign and host our new website. After 12 years of running our site, I have handed over the website maintenance to LitmusBox, LLC. The redesign includes a mobile version of the website for your smart phones, and you can find out more information about the 2014 Annual Meeting on the website, including the link for abstract submissions. In addition to the main ASHNR website, the committee has begun developing the social media sites for the Society, with LinkedIn, Twitter, Google Groups, and Facebook pages. If you are interested in getting involved with the Website Committee or have suggestions for the main website or social media links, please email me at Richard.Wiggins@hsc.utah.edu.

Executive Committee –
Michelle A. Michel MD, President-Chair

The Executive Committee works closely with all of the ASHNR Standing and Ad Hoc Committees throughout the year. As mentioned by Dr. Schmalfuss, we are implementing a number of Bylaws changes intended to clarify the Bylaws, make our processes better defined and consistent, and increase involvement of the entire membership. We are all excited about the new website, the growth of the CCF, increasing the size and involvement of our membership, and responding to the needs of the Society.

So I hope this has given you some insight into the work of the ASHNR committees. Your input is much appreciated. I wish everyone a happy spring season and I look forward to seeing many of you at the ASNR 52nd Annual Meeting in Montreal in May and of course, in the Pacific Northwest in September for the ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting!
On March 19th of this year Al Weber passed away at the age of 87. For over fifty years, Al worked in Boston, first at the Massachusetts General Hospital and then at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. He was the Chief of Radiology at the Eye and Ear Infirmary from 1973 until 1995 and was Professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School. Al was a major influence on the field of head and neck imaging and was very active in the ASHNR from its beginning. He was president of the Society in 1985. Al was a superb radiologist with incredible practical experience but he is undoubtedly best remembered as a teacher. He was still lecturing every week at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary until he fell ill in late 2013. Residents, fellows and visitors from around the world have all been benefited from and been influenced by Al’s teaching.

To me, Al has been a mentor, a colleague and a friend. He was one of the first people that I met at my first ASHNR meeting. His booming voice of welcome has been a highlight of every meeting since then. He was the first one I thought of when given the opportunity to invite a visiting professor when I was a junior staff member in Pittsburgh. I have always felt that I had a special bond with Al but it seems that almost anyone who has ever met him has developed a strong connection. Al was a classic with one of the most outgoing personalities you could ever meet. Al always had a genuine interest in people and as a result it seems that everyone he has ever met thinks of him as a close friend. As he travelled the world to lecture and to work, the list of his friends would get longer and longer. People from every corner of the globe still arrive in the reading room at the Infirmary saying Al told them that they should stop by and spend some time. To this day, I don’t think that I’ve visited a foreign country and not been asked: “How is my good friend Al Weber?”

Al will be remembered and his legacy will go on. He was an amazing colleague, a great teacher, and a good friend. We will miss him.
2013-2014 Standing/Ad Hoc Committee Members

The following members have agreed to serve on ASHNR committees for 2013-2014. Their terms will conclude at the end of the September 13, 2014 Annual Business Meeting in Seattle, Washington during the 48th Annual Meeting.

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ASHNR 2014 Radiologist-in-Training Award

Once again, the ASHNR will sponsor the Radiologist-in-Training Award at the 48th Annual Meeting in Seattle. The award was established in 1998 to promote interest and research in head and neck imaging from among residents and fellows in radiology.

To be considered for the Award, an individual must:

1. Submit an abstract(s) by the July 18, 2014 deadline. The online submission site can be found at www.ashnr.org

2. Indicate the desire to be considered for the Award (oral presentation only)

3. Include a letter from the principal author’s Program Director confirming the principal author is a current resident or fellow in radiology.

Following the submission of their manuscript to the American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR), the Award recipient will receive a $1,000 honorarium and reimbursement of their 48th Annual Meeting registration payment. The submission of the manuscript does not guarantee publication; the AJNR has first rights of publication of the Award-winning paper.

Past Award recipients include:

2013
Manisha Bahl, M.D., University of North Carolina, Durham, NC
*Imaging-Detected Incidental Thyroid Nodules in Patients Undergoing Thyroid Surgery: Prevalence, Sources of Detection, and Pathologic Assessment*

2012
Sarah C. Cantrell, M.D., UT Medical School at Houston, Houston, TX
*Imaging Differences between Smokers & Nonsmokers/Limited Smokers with HPV+ Oropharyngeal Cancer: Blinded Matched Pair Analysis*

2011
Hillary R. Kelly, M.D., Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
*4D CT for Preoperative Localization of Abnormal Parathyroid Glands For Primary Hyperparathyroidism: Initial Clinical Experience in a Tertiary Referral Center*

2010
Patrick Browaeys, M.D., University Hospital, Lausanne, SWITZERLAND
*Evaluating Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence: Can MR FIESTA Imaging Replace High-Resolution CT of the Temporal Bone?*

2009
Mr. John Childress III, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
*The Variability of the Radiation Dose Delivered During Neck CT: Do We Really Know the True Dose?*

2008
Kevin (Ping-Sun) Chen, M.D., University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic, Madison, WI
*Multipositional MR Imaging of the Extraocular Muscles for Evaluation of Strabismus*

2007
Nila H. Alsheik, M.D., University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic, Madison, WI
*Maxillofacial Trauma Presenting to a Level 1 Trauma Center: Imaging Findings, Classification, and Complications in 1,000 Consecutive Patients*

2006
Mai Russell, M.D., Emory University Hospital- Dept. of Radiology, Atlanta, GA
*Balancing Radiation Dose and Image Quality: Clinical Application of Volume CT of the Neck*

2005
Aaron J. Zima, M.D., University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
*Can Pre-Treated CT Perfusion Predict Response of Advanced Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Upper Aerodigestive Tract Treated With Induction Chemotherapy*

2004
Lana M. Wilkerson, M.D., University of Miami, Miami, FL
*MRI of Hydroxyapatite Occlusal Implants*

2003
Ario Rezaei, M.D., University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
*CT Perfusion Studies of the Neck, ICA versus ECA as the Input Artery*

2002
Chuong D. Bui, M.D., University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
*Diagnostic Accuracy of FDG PET for Diagnosing Non Squamous Cancers of the Extracranial Head and Neck*
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3. Check, payable to ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund, to: ASHNR Core Curriculum Fund, 800 Enterprise Drive, Suite 205, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-4216
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Your contribution, no matter the amount, is critical.
2014 William N. Hanafee, M.D. Research Seed Grant

Jenny K. Hoang, MBBS, Chair, 2013-2014 ASHNR Research Committee

On behalf of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology (ASHNR) Research Committee and Executive Committee, I am delighted to announce that applications for the 2014 William N. Hanafee M.D. Research Seed Grant are now being accepted.

The ASHNR has been, and continues to be, the leading society in providing comprehensive and state-of-the-art education in all areas of adult and pediatric head and neck imaging. The ASHNR continues to build on its strong foundation and this critical initiative to support and promote research in head and neck imaging is part of our mission.

The Grant recipient will be announced at the ASHNR 48th Annual Meeting, September 10-14, 2014, at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. The recipient will be notified in writing prior to the meeting.


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