

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEAD AND NECK RADIOLOGY**  
**2017 Annual Business Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2017- 12:15-12:45pm**  
**Palace Ballroom I- Caesars Palace**  
**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Lindell R. Gentry called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.

**APPROVAL OF 2016 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Dr. Ilona M. Schmalfuss received approval of the September 10, 2016 Annual Business Meeting minutes.

**REPORTS**

**President**

Dr. Gentry mentioned that this is his 35<sup>th</sup>ASHNR meeting. He learned something at every meeting. Dr. Gentry then acknowledged Drs. Kristen L. Bagnon, Philip R. Chapman, David DeLone, and Peter McCreight who are rotating off the Executive Committee.

Dr. Gentry thanked Dr. Rebecca S. Cornelius for all her tremendous efforts in putting together this year's meeting.

**President Elect/Program Chair**

Dr. Cornelius reported that there are 610 attendees here at the meeting. She stated that even though the attendance has grown, the meeting still retains its intimate feel. She thanked Dr. Gentry for his work with corporate support.

**Vice President**

Dr. Deborah R. Shatzkes reported that last week, the Society welcomed its 900th member. Ninety-four new members joined since the 2016 Annual Business Meeting. She encouraged everyone to attend the ASHNR 52nd Annual Meeting, September 26-30, 2018 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa in Savannah, Georgia.

**Treasurer**

Dr. Caroline D. Robson reported that the Society's current financial position is strong. The Society's Cash Assets of \$399,959 included \$20,623 in the Checking Account and \$378,736 in the Money Market account. There was a total of \$1,673,047 in Investments including \$1,494,769 in the Core Curriculum Fund and \$178,278 in General Investments. Unrestricted Net Assets through June 30, 2017 totaled \$2,386,126, an increase of over \$400,000 as of December 31, 2016.

**Rules Committee Chair**

Dr. David DeLone reported on the Bylaws amendments proposing the addition of the Education Committee Vice Chair as a voting member of the Executive Committee was overwhelmingly approved by voting members via online ballot.

**Nominating Committee Chair**

Dr. Richard H. Wiggins III presented for approval the following 2017-2018 Executive Committee Slate:

President: Rebecca S. Cornelius  
President-Elect: Deborah R. Shatzkes  
Vice President: Caroline D. Robson  
Treasurer: Ilona M. Schmalfuss  
Secretary: Nancy K. Fischbein  
Senior Member-at-Large: Kristine Mosier

Junior Member-at-Large: Tabassum Kennedy  
Rules Committee Chair: Reza Forghani  
Education Committee Chair: Ashok Srinivasan  
Education Committee Vice Chair: Kristine Mosier  
Immediate Past President: Lindell R. Gentry  
ACR Councilor: Richard H. Wiggins III

The Slate was approved.

### **Education Committee Chair**

Dr. Nancy J. Fischbein reported that 224 abstracts were submitted, of which 24 oral presentations and 185 educational exhibits (of which 57 were case reports) were accepted. One hundred forty-four have been uploaded. The break-time presentations featured seven presenters.

### **ACR Councilor**

Dr. Richard H. Wiggins II reported on the last two ACR Intersociety Summer Conferences (ISC). The 2016 ISC theme was "*Big Data and Machine Learning – Strategies for Driving this Bus*". The conference focused on improving outcomes and providing value, resulting in exponential growth in the wealth and depth of information, requiring increasingly sophisticated computing technology to aggregate, integrate and synthesize these data effectively. Such efforts will create new knowledge enhancing the diagnostic possibilities derived from imaging modalities while aiding hierarchical approaches to learning.

This year's (ISC) was held August 4-6 at the Loews Annapolis Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland. The theme was "*Diversity, Inclusion and Implicit Bias in Radiology*." The goal was to achieve a more global understanding and respect of the unique components that comprise each individual, enabling physicians to provide more effective and equitable care, allowing them to treat everybody with the respect and dignity they deserve.

Dr. Wiggins discussed ACR advocacy efforts including potential MACRA legislative changes and the Anthem Restrictive Imaging Policy. The MACRA statute stipulates that the percentage weights to the performance categories are as follows: Quality- 60, Cost - no more than 10 in 2017 and a maximum of 15 in 2018, Improvement Activities – 15, Advancing Care Information – a maximum of 25.

The AIM Specialty Health policy requires a new level of preauthorization for advanced diagnostic imaging services, based on their site of service. On July 1 this was implemented in Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Wisconsin. September 1 was extended to Ohio, Colorado, Nevada, Georgia, and New York, and on November 15, Kentucky will implement the policy.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Gentry reported that during their meeting on Sunday, the Executive Committee approved, pending member approval, to make this a Standing Committee. The Committee is comprised of the current and two past Treasurer's, and two additional members.

### **RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT/CLOSING COMMENTS**

Dr. Cornelius presented Dr. Gentry with the Past President's plaque and thanked him for his impact on the Society over the past year. He thanked Ken Cammarata, Bethany Satter, Toni Ebra, Mark Kirkland and the Caesars Palace AV staff for all their support.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Cornelius adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ken Cammarata, *Business Manager* for,  
Ilona M. Schmalfluss, *Secretary*