# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEAD AND NECK RADIOLOGY

# **2016 Annual Business Meeting**

Regency Ballroom- Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill- Washington, DC Saturday, September 10, 2016- 12:30-1:00pm

## **Minutes**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Richard H. Wiggins III called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.

## APPROVAL OF 2015 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Caroline D. Robson received approval of the September 12, 2015 Annual Business Meeting minutes.

### **REPORTS**

### President

Dr. Richard H. Wiggins III mentioned projects that the Executive Committee has been working on the past year including international outreach efforts with the Radiological Society of South Africa and the potential addition of an Education Committee Vice Chair position which will be voted on later in this meeting.

## **President Elect/Program Chair**

Dr. Lindell R. Gentry reported that the meeting has been going very well so far. Currently there are 503 registrants. There have been many positive comments about the overall meeting content.

#### **Vice President**

Dr. Rebecca S. Cornelius reported that total Society membership as of September 1, 2016 was 799. Since the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in 2015, 106 new members have joined, including 44 *Active* Members and 56 *In-Training* members.

Dr. Cornelius encouraged everyone to attend the ASHNR 51st Annual Meeting to be held Saturday-Wednesday, September 16-20, 2017 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### **Treasurer**

Dr. Deborah R. Shatzkes reported that the Society's current financial position is strong. Society assets equal \$390,000. There is total of \$1,600,000 in Investments including \$1,400,000 in the Core Curriculum Fund (CCF). In the previous 12 months, the CCF's rate of return has been 9.3 percent. The Year-to-date rate is 6.2 percent.

Dr. Shatzkes reported that the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting will be held September 26-30, 2018 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa in Savannah, Georgia

#### **Rules Committee**

In Rules Committee Chair Dr. Barton F. Branstetter IVs absence, Dr. Wiggins III presented the following two proposed amendments to the Bylaws for member vote:

**Proposal #1- Create an Education Committee Vice Chair Position** in order to provide an opportunity for the Vice Chair to become familiar with the annual meeting abstract submission/acceptance procedures for one year before assuming the role of Education Committee Chair.

**Proposal #2- Expand the Procedure for Approving Bylaws Amendments** in order to provide an additional way for voting members to vote on proposed amendments, thereby proving greater flexibility in decision making.

Both proposals were approved.

## **Nominating Committee**

Dr. Yoshimi Anzai presented for approval the following 2016-2017 Executive Committee Slate:

President: Lindell R. Gentry, M.D., FACR

President-Elect: Rebecca S. Cornelius, M.D., FACR

Vice President: Deborah R. Shatzkes, M.D. Treasurer: Caroline D. Robson, MB, ChB Secretary: Ilona M. Schmalfuss, M.D.

Senior Member-at-Large: Philip R. Chapman, M.D. Junior Member-at-Large: Kristen L. Baugnon, M.D. Rules Committee Chair: David DeLone. M.D.

Education Committee Chair: Nancy J. Fischbein, M.D.

Immediate Past President: Richard H. Wiggins III, M.D., CIIP, FSIIM

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

The Slate was approved.

#### **Education Committee**

Dr. Ilona M. Schmalfuss reported that the abstract submission deadline for next year's meeting will be earlier than in years prior to 2016. The deadline date will be in May 2017. She asked members to speak to their fellows and residents encouraging them to submit.

Another change that will be made starting next year will be the elimination of hard copy posters

#### **ACR Councilor**

Dr. Peter H.B. McCreight reported on the ACR 2016 Crossroads of Radiology meeting which took place May15-19 in Washington DC. In his ACR presidential address, Dr. David Kushner mentioned "Radiology is facing changes in payment models, practice models and patient expectations, to name a few. This is an opportunity for radiology to reinforce its value. The radiologist, a member of the patient care team, has personal investment in whether the patient actually gets better or not. We will need to help define what value means in concert with the rest of medicine. A successful practice will be the group that participates in this change. If we claim we are experts, we must be the ones who explain the procedures, the reports, and the implications to the patient as part of the health care team."

According to Dr. Bibb Allen, ACR Chair of the ACR Board of Chancellors, "If you're in medicine, you're in politics. Do we want to be report generators, or do we want to be part of the clinical care team? CMS predicts radiologists will come in near the bottom of physician compliance with respect to value-based payment measures. We have an uphill battle. Let us prove the skeptics wrong."

Dr. McCreight reminded members that ACR has many tools to help radiologists migrate from volume to value care, including:

- The JACR Imaging Value Chain series which highlights opportunities at each step of the radiology service where radiologists may best provide value to our patients
- The Radiology Support, Communication and Alignment Network (R-SCAN) which aids radiologists to work with referring physicians to demonstrate improved appropriateness of imaging use. The next free webinar will be held September 14, 2016 from 10:00-11:00 am PDT
- The new ACR MACRA Committee which is working with the existing Quality Management and Metrics Committees
- The new ACR Commission on Patient and Family Centered Care which supports the importance of patient engagement in the role of both facility and physician payment, and

 The new Inpatient Cost Evaluation Tool (ICE-T) app which evaluates imaging costs for each diagnosis-related group to assist members with negotiations for their share of bundled payments. This will make a credible case for joining alternative payment models in the near future.

Dr. McCreight further reported that the ACR is radiology's voice on Capitol Hill. The ACR government relations team is radiology's eyes, ears, and voice in Washington, DC. The ACR takes a proactive and aggressive approach on key issues impacting radiology including radiation safety, appropriateness criteria, accreditation programs and practice parameters and technical standards.

ACR's recent accomplishments include repealing Medicare's sustainable growth rate formula, reducing the MPPR by 80%, ushering in the Appropriateness Criteria Mandate for Ordering Physicians, retaining women's annual mammography screening coverage, and spearheading quality and decision-support initiatives.

Dr. McCreight thanked the members for allowing him to serve as ACR Councilor.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dr. Wiggins III recognized Drs. Yoshimi Anzai, Ashley H. Aiken, Barton F. Branstetter IV, and Christine M. Glastonbury who are rotating off the Executive Committee. He thanked the Executive Committee for helping him throughout the year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A suggestion was made that the Society apply for membership in the American Medical Association's (AMA) House of Delegates. Participation in the activities would be beneficial to the Society and members. It was also suggested that those members who are active in their state society should consider becoming an AMA state delegate.

It was mentioned that the Society has not been pleased with the number of head and neck submissions accepted to the *American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR)*. In the future, the Society will consider the feasibility of publishing a head and neck imaging journal.

## RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT/CLOSING COMMENTS

Dr. Gentry presented Dr. Wiggins III with the Past President's plaque and thanked him for his tremendous impact on the Society and for his help in organizing this year's meeting.

Dr. Gentry than commented that he is pleased with the attendance this year. He mentioned he has been attending this meeting since 1978. He thanked the Program, Executive, and Corporate Relations Committees for all their time and efforts.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Gentry adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Cammarata

Ken Cammarata, Business Manager for Caroline D. Robson, MB, ChB, Secretary