

California Radiological Society
Resident Fellows Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday 28, 2006 * 7:30 p.m.
Via Conference Call
Minutes

Members: Vol Van Dalsem, Bob Achermann, Andrew Keyoung, Mark Shiroishi, Nick Costouros

1. Update from CRS Exec Comm. Mtg.
 - RADPAC contributions desperately needed
 - we should get the residents to contribute as well (as little or as much as they want) www.radpac.org (residents can be complimentary members of ACR)

2. Legislative issues: State/National
 - State: AB 2805 Say no to sham lease agreements- make it illegal for MD's to enter time share agreements with imaging vendors
 - National: Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
 - 3 provisions (currently affecting only office setting and independent testing facilities)
 - i. Cap Tech Comp of Medicare Fee Schedule (outpatient)
 - ii. Reduces second, lesser paid of contiguous body part studies. In 2006, will be a 25% redux in TC of studies involving contiguous body parts with a family of codes grouped by modality. In 2007, redux will increase to 50%.
 - iii. Freezes Medicare conversion factor at the 2005 rate.
 - iv. Note that ACR has been successful in preserving professional component.

3. Updating resident reps from CA programs
 - Need to be persistent
 - Develop personal relationship with reps (i.e. a phone call)

4. CRS Meeting planning (speakers, sessions, etc): Friday Oct 20 to Sunday Oct 22.
 - RFS scheduled on Sat from 11:30 am to 6 pm- should keep it a single session
 - possibly end it earlier in evening, have social hour after meeting/during lunch (pizza/beer, etc)
 - most important aspect of meeting is for residents to meet those out in practice
 - talked to Dr Breslau regarding speakers (Dr Richard Duszak (How to dictate a billable report) and Dr Larry Muroff (How to evaluate a radiology job offer)
 - speaker on financial planning?
 - thoughts on additional speakers (Dr Gunderman- recent articles in Radiology/JACR on job satisfaction, etc), Dr Bradley. Funding may be an issue (CRS vs ACR) to get speaker
 - Career forum: shorten, have fewer on panel, different panelists, etc
 - Contracts: possibly just give out handout
 - National Meeting Hightlights
 - Chris Lee is interested in becoming Program Coordinator. Will stay as Communications representative.

5. ACR Annual Meeting

- tally of who will be going: Greg, Dave, Nick, Mark, LLU, UCSF, Stanford residents
- recruit residents from AFIP- possibly get each program rep to contact their residents, get ACR to highlight RFS at AFIP
- set a time to meet on Monday May 22

6. CRS Website

- discussion board, not used, may be redundant: Aunt Minnie, ACR RFS
- need to update website with reps
- should add Greg as Founding President
- links to educational sites is good, possibly add links to socioeconomic related sites
- possible ideas: send out quarterly email newsletters highlighting important political/economic issues

Adjourn: 8:30 p.m.