

CRS RFS Conference Call: Thursday, August 3, 2006
Present: Vol Van Dalsam, Bob Achermann, Mark Shiroishi

- CRS Meeting: Fri Oct 20-Sun Oct 22
 - need to highlight importance of developing relationships when looking for a practice opportunity
 - meetings like CRS are perfect places to do this
 - Jon Breslau is working on finalizing meeting program
 - case based MDCT cardiac cases
 - main program to run until about 4 pm
 - our program will run from about 12-5 pm on Saturday
 - can have beer/food after that prior to main reception at 6 pm
 - will send out letters to program directors soon as have prelim program
 - Bob will email Mark
 - Nick will send out quarterly email to program reps
 - need to contact resident reps, especially from programs that have not had much participation in past (i.e. Cedars, Cottage, UCD)
 - should try to give them a call if possible
 - Vol has offered to talk to program directors/chairs personally (i.e. Bill Bradley) to get more resident participation
 - important to get junior residents interested
 - career forum- Chris can moderate: consider Jon Breslau, George So, Mark Yeh as panelists this year
 - Mark- introductions, background of CRS, ACR, etc
 - Bob is going to ask Morgan Stanley for financial support (\$5-10,000)
 - Bracco will not participate in resident program
 - can be used to offset travel expenses
 - will keep resident fee as incentive to go
 - can ask programs to reimburse
 - Nick- overview of ACR National Mtg, legislative issues, Intersociety wrap up (pay for performance)
 - urge participation in National Mtg
 - Greg- National RFS issues
 - Speakers- Muroff (evaluating job offers), Duszak (how to dictate billable report)
 - need to highlight importance to health of practice (can be very difficult adjusting)
 - financial planning- Morgan Stanley rep may do?
 - not taught this in residency
 - state and national legislation- contact legislators
 - SB 736 (Spier)- attention of CRS
 - AB 2805- on hold for now, not powerful enough
 - DRA 2005- HR 5704- delay cuts on reimbursement