

2005 MICHIGAN RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Summary of Activities 2004-2005

Dr. Wilbur Smith, MD, Chair

The Strategic Planning Committee met on February 22, 2005

Dr. Wilbur L. Smith suggested that the committee review the MRS Mission Statement then develop the following specific areas of consideration:

1. Service Improvement:
 - a. Promote quality improvement activities among radiologists using the ACR plan, Rad Peer, or one MRS defines and develops.
 - b. Promote standards appropriateness criteria to define quality of radiographic studies.
 - c. Plan to deal with the issue of excessive use of imaging, particularly by non-radiologists.
 - d. Should we promote Radiation safety through education, public awareness and legislative activity?
 - e. How should we deal with issues relating to self-referral?
 - f. Should the Michigan Radiological Society have a method for studying controversial initiatives? Should these issues be addressed by presenting educational or public policy positions?
2. Economics:
 - a. In an effort to support appropriate levels of reimbursement for our work, does the MRS have effective liaisons with the major insurers as well as with the government?
 - b. Should we expand our services to our members regarding their reimbursements, interactions with payers, or practice finance decisions? Should we expand the services we offer to trainees in these areas?
 - c. Should we establish a method for data sharing on radiologist's productivity, equipment contracting, and compliance with payers?
3. Ethics:
 - a. Should the Michigan Radiological Society promote the ACGME core competencies for continuing life long practice learning and professional enhancement?
 - b. Does the MRS have an effective method for self-policing or taking stands on public policy issues?
 - c. Does the MRS judiciary committee function effectively to help support and enhance the practice of radiology by assuring high ethical standards?

4. Communication:
 - a. Does the MRS communicate effectively with its members?
 - b. Should the MRS consider communicating to radiologists who are not our members?
 - c. Is electronic communication an effective and low cost way to satisfy our communication needs?
5. CME:
 - a. Are the continuing medical education programs presented by the Michigan Radiological Society cost effective?
 - b. Should the MRS offer 2 hours rather than the current one hour of continuing medical education?
 - c. Does our current level of CMEs meet our members' needs?
6. The Recommended Priority Areas are:
 - a. Quality initiatives
 - b. Membership expansion
 - c. Improved Communication particularly through the use of the Website

In order to accomplish the goals established by the Strategic Planning Committee, it is recommended that the Board prioritize 2-3 items per year, that existing committees expand or change as needed to meet goals, and that new work groups are created in areas not covered by existing committees structures.

The Strategic Planning Committee members include: Manual Brown, MD; N. Reed Dunnick, MD; Duane Mezwa, MD; Kathy Scharer, MD; Daniel Shumaker, MD; and Wilbur L. Smith, MD

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Summary of Activities 2004-2005

Katharine Scharer, MD, Chair

The Program Committee reports that in the 2004-2005 academic year the Michigan Radiological Society featured 3 CME lectures. Each lecture was approved for 1 hour Category 1 CME.

On October 14, 2004, Carol Rumack, MD spoke on “Neonatal Brain Ultrasound – what do more fontanelle views add to our understanding?” This lecture was held at St. John’s Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth, MI. Dr. Rumack also served as visiting professor at William Beaumont Hospital, Department of Radiology on October 15, 2004.

On March 3, 2005, E. Stephen Amis, MD, spoke on “Self-Referral and Other Acute Issues in Radiology.” He was the keynote speaker at the 69th Annual Preston M. Hickey Memorial Lecture held at the Detroit Athletic Club, Detroit, MI. Dr. Amis also served as visiting professor at Henry Ford Hospital, Department of Radiology on March 3, 2005 and at Oakwood Hospital, Department of Radiology on March 4, 2005

On May 12, 2005, Julia Fielding, MD spoke on “Imaging of the Pregnant Patient.” This lecture was held at St. John’s Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth, MI. Dr. Fielding also served as visiting professor at Wayne State University, Department of Radiology on May 12, 2005, and at University of Michigan, Department of Radiology on May 13, 2005.

Program Committee members include: Katharine Scharer, MD; Anthony Bennett, MD; Manual Brown, MD; N. Reed Dunnick, MD; Kevin O’Brien, MD; E. James Potchen, MD; Murray Rebner, MD; Daniel Shumaker, MD; Wilbur Smith, MD.

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FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Summary of Activities 2004-2005

Murray Rebner, MD, Chair

The Committee reviewed the following nominees for Fellowship:

Donovan Bakalyar, PhD
Richard Cohan, MD
Eduard Kotlyarov, MD
Kevin O'Brien, MD
Perry Pernicano, MD
Katharine Scharer, MD
David Spizarny, MD

The following were submitted to ACR for 2006:

Richard Cohan, MD
Eduard Kotlyarov, MD
Kevin O'Brien, MD
Perry Pernicano, MD
Katharine Scharer, MD

The following were deferred for 2 years:

Donovan Bakalyar, PhD
David Spizarny, MD

Fellowship 2005

Gerald Aben,MD
Hugh Kerr,MD
Daniel Shumaker, MD
Eric Spickler,MD

Fellowship 2004

Anwar Ahmad,MD
Howard Dworkin, MD
Ella Kazerooni,MD
Krishna Nayak,MD

Fellowship 2003

Kostaki Bis,MD
Curtis Hayes,MD
Ashok Jain,MD
Samir Noujaim,MD
Leslie Quint,MD

Fellowship 2002

Ronald Bude,MD
James Carey,MD
Lawrence Kuhn,MD
Rita Pink,MD
Karen Stuck,MD

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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Kevin M. O'Brien, MD, Chair

The MRS Bylaws Committee has been very active this year, with important and forward thinking changes being approved by the membership. Further, at the May 2005 MRS meeting, we will present suggestions for the additional changes recommended by the Board of Trustees.

Perhaps most important was the re-structuring of MRS officer's roles and a well defined ascendancy to President. This guarantees that officers function in multiple capacities and for several years before being President of the MRS. Thus, the incoming president will be far better prepared than in the past to assume the duties.

Additional changes made were to rename the Committee on Judicial Affairs (now the Ethics Committee) to coincide with the ACR committee name. We also suggested creation of the following committees which were approved by the membership:

1. Corporate Relations Committee
2. Medical Physics Committee
3. Finance and Budget Committee
4. Special CME Courses Committee
5. Radiation Oncology Committee

Finally, we will recommend the MRS eliminate the Committee on Radiologic Practice, to be replaced by the Committee on Economics. This will allow committee members to represent the MRS at the third party payer level and with other entities involved with reimbursement and regulation. These representatives will serve multiple year terms thereby ensuring stable representation.

The Bylaw Committee members include:

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Kevin O'Brien, MD, Chair

The Membership Committee has experienced a very positive year. We are currently only 9 members short of the 1200 member mark, which would qualify the MRS for an additional counselor and alternate counselor to the ACR. We have retained past members and been able to recruit new ones, thanks to the help of the Board of Trustees and other members.

MRS was recognized by the ACR for membership activities. Our *Chapter Recognition Award for Membership* will be presented at the AMCLC meeting in Washington, DC, later this month. We are very proud to be recognized by the ACR.

Plans for moving forward and achieving the 1200 member goal include: education of residents regarding the value of the MRS and ACR, a phone campaign to remind those MRS members who are late paying dues how valuable their participation is, and implementing tracking of senior residents and fellows as they matriculate to jobs. Those staying in Michigan will be personally contacted about membership.

Thank you to all who participated and made this a great year. Your help in moving forward is vital.

The Membership Committee members include: Kevin M. O'Brien, MD; ...

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AWARDS COMMITTEE

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N. Reed Dunnick, MD, Chair

Philip N. Cascade, MD, was selected as the 2005 recipient of the Gold Medal of the Michigan Radiological Society. Due to a schedule conflict, Dr. Cascade was unable to be present at the Hickey Lecture to receive the award. The award will be presented to him during the business meeting on May 12, 2005.

The Awards Committee members include: N. Reed Dunnick, MD; Burt Weyhing, MD; and Wilbur Smith, MD.

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RADIOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

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Kathleen Barry, MD, Chair

The Committee did not meet this calendar year.

There are no current issues.

The Chair would recommend consideration as to the necessity for the continuance of this Committee

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AD HOC COMMITTEE on PHYSICS

Summary of Activities 2004-2005

Ralph P. Lieto, MSE, Chair

The Ad Hoc Committee on Physics provided assistance to the Legislative Committee in addressing Michigan House Bill 4898. This was a well-intentioned legislation to establishing training and experience requirements for operators of radiation machines. However, there were many undesirable details, especially with added mammography requirements, that far outweighed any benefit this legislation would have provided. The Committee on Physics provided a written critique and coordinated efforts with the Great Lakes Chapters of the AAPM and Health Physics Society. It was learned that the Bill expired in the Senate Committee on Health Policy.

Another action of the Committee was to monitor the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) (formerly Consumer * Industry Services) in their changing requirements for radiation machine shielding. Past DCH activity has been overly conservative and costly to medical facilities. A new NCRP report on shielding for diagnostic radiation machines was published in December 2004 that specifically addresses concerns raised with DCH. Any adverse implementation of these new NCRP recommendations by the Michigan DCH may be brought to the attention of MRS leadership.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Physics are Ralph Lieto, MSE