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**The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

**5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Omni Orlando, ChampionsGate Room**

**Orlando, FL**

**Attendees:**

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Renee L. Cruea, Executive Director

Martha Nolan, Senior Director of Government & Strategic Affairs

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Emily Townley, Operations Manager

**1. Welcome**

The Academy President, Dr. Hricak, welcomed the Academy Executive Committee members, presided over the introductions of each attendee and opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

## **2. Appreciation**

Dr. Hricak expressed thanks and gratitude to Renee Cruea and the Academy Staff for their hard work, dedication and creation of exciting action items. There was appreciation expressed for the unique make-up and size (28 societies, 49 academic departments, 11 industry partners, 101 patient advocate groups) of the current Academy membership, the continual effort to improve relationships with members through workshops and initiatives, and the current active recruitment of new members.

## **3. New Membership Discussion**

Dr. Hricak posed a query related to whether or not Renee/the Academy should pursue potential partnerships with representatives of other specialties (cardiology and pathology were mentioned, for example) and how this may or may not increase the Academy's profile and open new avenues through collaboration, despite perceived "conflicts of interest/turf battles". The floor was opened to discussion, every attendee expressed an opinion. The final consensus was the Executive Committee is generally in support of building relationships with other specialties. Points agreed upon:

- i. Membership to the Academy will NOT be inclusive of other specialties.
- ii. As we share so many common interests regarding biomedical imaging and intervention, it is beneficial to collaborate on specific funding and political initiatives. Identifying a *specific initiative* to begin a partnership with would be the best approach.
- iii. Potential partnerships will be approached cautiously, so that the presence and identity of radiology does not become subsumed in any way by any other entity.
- iv. Pathology is one of the most logical and potentially beneficial specialties to partner with, and perhaps should be given the closest consideration.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

Proposed by Dr. Hricak, seconded by Dr. Vijay Rao and Dr. Etta Pisano, the minutes from the previous Executive Committee Meeting held at RSNA on Monday, November 27, 2017 were approved unanimously.

## **5. Nominating Committee**

As our most recent Past President, Dr. Carolyn Meltzer is Chair of the Nominating Committee and she proposed adding three new members to the Nominating Committee: Katherine Andriole, PhD (SIIM, Brigham and Women's), Tom Grist, MD (APDR/AUR/SCARD, University of Wisconsin) and Umar Mahmood, MD (RSNA, Mass General). Their appointments as new Nominating Committee members were seconded by Dr. Vijay Rao and Dr. Ruth Carlos, and approved unanimously by the Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee will most immediately focus on selecting a Gold Medal Awardee nomination for this year and presenting this nominee electronically to the Academy Executive Committee and Board for approval. The Nominating Committee will also, crucially, be recommending actively engaged and motivated replacements for two departing Academic Council Representatives to the Academy Board (Dr. Cheri Canon and Dr. Sam Gambhir are stepping down from the Academic Council).

## **6. Financial Update**

Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Cheri Canon, presented. She noted the Academy is performing within budget and current reserves are healthy (the Academy has currently 8 months worth of operating expenses available in reserves).

There was discussion of the growing challenge of diminishing discretionary funds that academic departments could spend on membership and how best to relay the value provided by the Academy to said departments and the importance of our mission. The issue of transparency of our budget was raised and discussed, should financial information regarding the workings and expenditures of the Academy be available to membership and what would be the benefits and drawbacks of such transparency. Renee Cruea discussed the Academy's auditing procedures and noted how and when the budget information is shared with the Executive Committee and Board. Dr. Hricak wants to make sure that the value of their financial investment in the Academy is always clearly and plainly available to the Board.

## **7. Distinguished Investigator nominations/awardees and the Council of Early Career Investigators (CECI<sup>2</sup>)**

Dr. Hricak noted the outstanding value and uniqueness of the CECI<sup>2</sup> program and congratulated the Staff on this year's CECI<sup>2</sup> experience during the Academy's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase in DC. General discussion followed and it was noted how much the CECI<sup>2</sup> program serves to strengthen the link that the Academy provides between the NIH and the radiology community.

Dr. Hricak discussed the great importance of the Distinguished Investigator (DI) awards in strengthening relationships and raising the profile of the Academy. She proposed that moving forward the DI nominations should be limited to Academy academic department members *only* (it is currently open to any qualifying candidates, regardless of Academy membership. Additionally, the nomination guidelines are not governed by the Academy by-laws). There was discussion around this proposal, the history of the DI award program, and how to continue to get increased interest/participation from academic departments. The Executive Committee agreed that DI nominations should be *limited to members only* and it was affirmed that this will be the standing policy beginning with next year's nominations.

## **8. Adjournment**

There being no further business, feedback or issues, the Academy Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

