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The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 – 10:00 AM

Baltimore Hilton, AUR 2019

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Attendees:

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Bram Stolk, PhD, MBA
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Ruth Carlos, MD, MS	ARRS
Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD	Ex-Officio/ CIBR Chair
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Honored Guests

Alexander Norbash, MD	Chair, UCSD
Richard Wahl, MD	Chair, Univ Washington, St. Louis
Jorge Soto, MD	Chair, Boston University
Christine Buckley	ED, Brain Aneurysm Foundation

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Renée L. Cruea, MPA

Academy Staff

Renee L. Cruea, Executive Director
Martha Nolan, Senior Director of Government & Strategic Affairs
Casey Cappelletti, Assistant Director of Policy & Communications
Matt Dennis, CRD/ Communications Consultant

1. Welcome

The meeting started at 8:30 AM. Dr. Hricak welcomed those in attendance, presided over introductions and recognized guests. Dr. Hricak began this meeting by highlighting the value that the Academy brings to the imaging community.

2. New Business/New Board Member

The minutes from the last Board meeting were approved. At that meeting (RSNA 2018), the full Board discussed the creation of a position on the Academy Board for a patient advocate representative. A vote was taken at this meeting, and it was unanimously voted that such a position should exist. Ms. Christine Buckley, Executive Director of Brain Aneurysm Foundation, was selected to join. Her term begins immediately and will last three years.

3. By-laws Change

The Academy, with its legal counsel, will amend the Academy by-laws to reflect this new patient position on the Board, in addition to the agreed-upon 3 year term. There was discussion around ensuring that all Board terms and Chairmanships of specific Academy Councils and Committees are 3 years long, with a one year overlap during the last of the three year with the incoming Chair to provide knowledge, competency and continuity.

4. Financial Update

Dr. Etta Pisano presented.:

- The Academy continues to operate within its budget and will end FY19 with a year's worth of operating expenses in reserves.
- Almost all Academic Council FY19 dues have been paid, with the exception of a few. Board member Chairs are following-up with those in arrears on behalf of Academy staff.

5. Academy Activities Overview

Renee Cruea illustrated current and on-going efforts to establish a strong relationship with Dr. Tromberg, Director of NIBIB. Mitch Schnall highlighted the broad perspective that Dr. Tromberg has as he leads NIBIB and the ways in which the Academy can support NIBIB. Schnall, Pisano and Cruea gave an overview of their meeting with Tromberg which took place in February.

Dr. Hricak gave an update on the Academy's annual efforts to identify **NIH Grant Rankings for diagnostic radiology**. A Task Force was appointed to review the guidelines used for this project. Task Force members include Dr. Jason Lewis (Memorial Sloan Kettering), Dr. Norbert Pelc (Stanford) and Dr. Pamela Woodard (Washington University in St. Louis). Dr. Woodard illustrated the changes in the guidelines for this year.

- There was significant discussion amongst the Board regarding the lack of participation of ACRIN, and ways that the Academy could assist in raising the profile and thus the opportunities for funding.

Dr. Schnall, serving as Chair of the **Diagnostic Cockpit initiative (DxCP)**, presented on the progress being made. He highlighted three DxCP sub-groups and their missions.

- The first sub-group, led by Schnall, is tasked with developing a conceptual model of the DxCP, addressing what elements the DxCP should have and how the pieces will work together (data aggregation/visualization). This model will include the development of a framework that will inform pilots, articulate the concept more fully with common language, and bring a level of standardization into play. This effort will provide a convergence point.
- The second sub-group, led by Krupinski and Seltzer, focuses on the identification of existing efforts and initiatives currently taking place within their organizations. The reply has been minimal, Board members discussed ways to encourage more engagement. Dr. Seltzer will work with Renee to address this issue.
- The third sub-group, led by Schnall, is charged with constructing the methodology for compiling and combining datasets that can be used to test various independent concepts, designing architecturally how these would look and considering where these datasets could be housed. Mitch illustrated the barriers to development of datasets, as well as a regulatory barrier for validating the methodology around various datasets. He reiterated the need to pursue funding, potentially through government agencies, and suggested that a deadline for a report document should be set to maintain momentum on the project.

- Anyone interested in engaging in this effort is asked to reach out to Mitch Schnall. Renee reminded the Board that all material related to the DxCP can be found on the Academy's website.

6. 10th annual Medical Imaging Technology Showcase and Events (April 29th and 30th)

Renee Cruea gave an overview of upcoming Showcase and surrounding events. Confirmed Keynotes include Senator Burr and two patient keynotes. Still awaiting confirmation from Congresswoman Eshoo and an additional Congressperson for the Roundtable opening remarks.

The agenda of the Academy Leadership Roundtable Research Discussion, being led by Dr. Meltzer and Dr. Stolk, was discussed. It was determined that the agenda items need to be engaging and valuable to both academic and industry leadership, as well as the government agencies who will be represented. ([View Round Table Agenda Here](#))

Thirty early career investigators have been accepted to this year's Academy Council of Early Career Investigators (CECI), some of whom, for the first time, are being sent and sponsored by various Imaging Societies. ([View Full List of CECIs Here](#)) Two new co-Chairs were chosen by committee, Dr. Sam Galgano, University of Alabama Birmingham, and Dr. Alex Goehler, Beth Israel Deaconess.

CECIs will attend meetings at NIH, visit with various Congressional Offices and present research from their institutions at the Showcase to be held in the Dirksen Senate office building. The Showcase will also have additional participants from the Academy's Imaging Shark Tank event, and staff from NIBIB will have a display highlighting 7 areas of research funded by tax payer dollars.

7. Government Relations Update and Strategy

Martha Nolan and Matt Dennis presented. Martha spoke to the current status in Congress of the FY20 budget and appropriations process. She explained what the Academy's advocacy asks would be for NIH (in alignment with the research advocacy community and coalitions) and for NIBIB for FY20, along with the importance of Congress reaching a budget deal with the President to avoid sequestration under the rules of the Budget Control Act of 2011. Matt spoke on the methodology that he and Martha used to create a list of Members of Congress to target for meetings around being future Academy imaging research champions, and also spoke on the Academy's FY20 committee report language request for the report that accompanies the appropriations legislation.

8. 2019 Distinguished Investigators

There are 37 nominees for this year's Academy Council of Distinguished Investigators (DIs), who will be honored during a ceremony held in November at RSNA. All nominations were reviewed by the DI Council's co-Chairs, Dr. Elizabeth Krupinski and Dr. Reed Omary. All approved nominations were presented to the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Hricak and seconded by Dr. Carlos. The Board vote was then unanimous. The official announcement of this year's DIs will be made during the week of June 3, 2019.

9. Nominating Committee

The Committee for this year will be chaired by Carolyn Meltzer. Additional Committee members will include Ron Arenson, Tom Grist and Elizabeth Krupinski. They will meet via conference call and electronic discussions over the next few months.

10. There was no New Business raised

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:00