



Wisconsin Radiological Society Annual Membership Meeting

12:00pm, Saturday, April 28, 2007
The American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin

1.0 President's Address – Gregg Bogost, President: Bogost said that in 2006-07 WRS had a fresh start. The organization is in its second year with Svinicki Association Management, Inc., on a solid financial footing, has re-invigorated its committee structure, held an ambitious annual meeting and promoted dialogue among members.

Accomplishments for this past year include:

- Established Private Insurer Committee
- Met with BC/BS, WPS
- Dr. Larson appointed ACR Chair of the Commission on Quality and Safety, and therefore member of the Board of Chancellors
- Pursuing anti self referral avenues
- Raised \$6,127 for technologist's education fund
- Working with WSRT for technologist licensure
- Enhanced member communication and electronic correspondence
- Pursuing new member resources
- Continued State legislative monitoring
- Submitted three Fellowship candidates

There are storm clouds on the horizon, including commoditization and declining reimbursements. Aspects of this commoditization include: CMS's RVU devaluations (to achieve budget neutrality from raise in E&M payments; 5-10%, Private contracts to follow) and DRA of 2005 (further pressures as medical costs rise, federal & private -drive to more universal payers)

Declining reimbursement factors offsets include: increasing volume through demographics (baby boomers), ongoing imaging advances, efficiencies (PACS, EMR, voice recognition) and working harder.

Deficit Reduction Act of 2005-Double Edged Sword? Aspects of the DRA include: technical component cuts (contiguous body parts, etc) many IDTFs sold (mergers and acquisitions), disincentive to self referral? disincentive to block leasing? insulate from further professional cuts? (www.imagingaccess.org). **Solutions include:** affect legislation and policy (communicate with your legislators; ACR, WRS can help), get involved with ACR, WRS, contribute to RADPAC, and maintain good relations.

On the Radar-Federal Legislative Issues

- HR 1293: Access to Medicare Imaging Act
 - 2 year moratorium on DRA cuts
 - Bi-partisan support
 - GAO study on DRA effect on patient access
 - http://www.acr.org/s_acr/sec.asp?CID=3834&DID=24301
- CMS reimbursement policies
- CARE Bill
 - Tech licensure
 - Tied to Medicaid Federal \$
- Mammography/ MQSA modifications
- P4P

On the Radar – State Legislative Issues

- E-Health Initiative
 - \$350,000,000
 - Tax incentive for E-Health purchases –PACS?
- \$175,000,000 Compensation Fund Raid
 - Medicaid Funding
 - Legislative Audit Bureau-Major impact
- Hospital Tax
- Insurance Notification of uncovered services
- Technologists' Licensure
- Major Health Care Reform Proposals

Dr. Bogost urged members to sign up for WRS Committees and get involved.

2.0 Financial Report - Lynn S. Broderick, MD, FACR, Secretary/Treasurer: L. Broderick presented the year end and year to date financial report.

Year End 2006

Asset Balance	\$36,284
Income	\$57,946
Expense	\$44,207
2006 net gain	\$13,738

2007 Year to Date (3/31/07)

Asset Balance	\$67,678
Budget	Year to Date
Income \$62,000	\$39,378
Expense \$52,850	\$7,983

3.0 Election of New Members: L. Broderick presented the new members for approval: Nicholas J. E. Moore, MD; Vladimir Ivanovic, MD; Robert Boex, MD; Jeffrey M. Fete, MD; Paul F. Fox, MD; Jacqueline P. Jahnke, MD; Scott A. Koss, MD; Ann Meier, MD; James Louis Hinshaw, MD; Joseph R. Whitnah.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the new members as presented. **Motion passed.**

4.0 Resident & Fellow Section Report: Jody Rhired, MD presented a report on the Resident & Fellow Section. She is the Section representative along with Greg Heideman, MD. The WRS has agreed to sponsor a third resident to the ACR meeting in May, Joseph Budovec, MD.

5.0 Fellowship Report: Paul Larson, MD, FACR, announced the 2008 Fellowship candidates from Wisconsin: Gregg Bogost, MD, Fred Lee, MD and Beth Ann Erickson Wittman, MD. These candidates were submitted prior to the deadline on 5/1/07.

6.0 Nominating Committee Report: Paul Larson, MD, FACR, presented the 2007-2008 Board of Councilors.

2007-08 Executive Committee (elected to one year term)

President: M. Kristin Thorsen, MD

President-Elect: Lonnie Simmons, MD

Vice President: Michael Braun, MD

Continuing as Secretary/Treasurer: Lynn S. Broderick, MD, FACR (three year term 2005-2008)

Board of Censors (each Past President serves three years)

Cameron F. Roberts, MD, FACR 08
Paul A. Larson, MD, FACR 09
Gregg Bogost, MD, 10 (new for 2007)

Councilors to the American College of Radiology

Lynn S. Broderick, MD, FACR 08
M. Kristin Thorsen, MD 08
Lonnie D. Simmons, MD 08
Gerald M. Mulligan, MD, FACR 08
Gregg A. Bogost, MD 08
Timothy Andrew Crummy, MD 09

Alternate Councilors

William J. Pao, MD 08
Patrick A. Turski, MD, FACR 08
Sara Arnold, MD 08
Timothy Andrew Bernauer, MD 08
Timothy Lee Swan, MD 08
Michael A. Braun, MD 08

Directors at Large

Gary S. Sudakoff, MD 09
Michael W. Zinda, MD 09
Rick Gerard Thyges, MD 08
Beth Burnside, MD 10 (new)
Michael A. Braun, MD 08
Thomas Grist, MD 10 (new)
Paul John Grebe, MD 09
Cameron F. Roberts, MD, FACR 09
John F. Aufderheide, MD 09

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to approve the slate of officers, councilors and Directors as presented by the Nominating Committee. **Motion passed.**

7.0 Legislative Report - Gregg Bogost, MD: This information was covered in the President's Report.

8.0 RADPAC Report - Gerald Mulligan, MD, FACR: Dr. Mulligan reported on the RADPAC activities.

9.0 Carrier Advisory Committee: WRS representatives to the CAC are Dx RAD: Arthur A. DeSmet, MD, FACR, Gerald M. Mulligan, MD, FACR and ONC RAD: William J. Pao, MD.

10.0 Adjourn: The agenda was completed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Svinicki, CAE
(Drafted 05/16/07)