



A Message from the President
Association of Program Coordinators in Radiology

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Dear Fellow APCR Members:

It is my privilege to serve as your President for 2010-2011. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and take this opportunity to share some highlights of this past year along with some activities of interest to all of our members.

Dora Miller, one of our Board Members at-large and Chair of the Membership Committee and Professional Development Committee has resigned from her position at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to pursue other opportunities. As a result, Shane Slater, our Alternate Member at-large has moved up to Board Member at-large to replace Dora as a member of the board.

2010 AUR MEETING SUMMARY

2010 was a very important year for APCR. We celebrated our 10th anniversary with commemorative gifts for all our members (with the generous support of the APDR), and a wonderful reception sponsored by the ACR. A total of 109 members (28 were new members) were in attendance at the AUR meeting in San Diego.

Another major accomplishment for APCR this year was the administration of the monitored assessment for TAGME (Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education) certification. Certification is now available to radiology coordinators thanks to the efforts of our Certification Task Force committee. Eight coordinators sat for the monitored assessment portion in San Diego and we are happy to report that three of them passed and were granted certification. The other 5 candidates who did not pass have the opportunity to re-take the assessment if they wish to continue pursuing certification. We will once again offer the monitored assessment on April 11, 2011 in Boston.

2010 also saw the first distribution of the APCR Newsletter. A project initiated by the Professional Development Committee 2 years ago, the first issue was distributed electronically to all APCR members in April, 2010.

The major topic at the past AUR meeting was the new method of board examination beginning with the incoming class of 2010, and the effect this would now have on the residency programs. The qualifying exam will be image driven and will be taken after the first 36 months. The certifying examination will be a computerized exam and will take place 15 months after completion of residency training. The first new qualifying examination is scheduled for 2013. Additional information can be obtained by referring to the ABR website (www.theabr.org) and the APDR website (www.apdr.org).

Physics, another hot topic this past year, will be incorporated into the two examinations. Teaching modules have been developed to assist residency programs in teaching physics to residents. There will no longer be a separate physics board examination.

I encourage you to access the APDR website and select the *Materials from the 2010 AUR/APDR Meeting* tab on the left hand side. Here you will find many of the topics/presentations presented at the meeting.

APCR PROGRAM FOR 2011

The Program Planning Committee is putting together a very exciting program which all of our members will find informative and very useful. Topics include Learning Portfolios, AFIP Changes, Multi-tasking for Coordinators, Job Descriptions, to name a few. As the time for our spring meeting approaches and the program is finalized, the Program Planning Committee will distribute an APCR itinerary outlining the sessions all of our members are encouraged to attend. This itinerary will also be posted on our website.

APCR ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Our standing committees have been very hard at work and presents the opportunity for members to become involved with our association. A complete list of all of our standing committees, along with the members and Chair of the committee, can be found on our website under the *General Information* tab. A sign-up sheet will be made available to all our members prior to the 2011 meeting.

Archives Committee: did a wonderful job in planning our 10th Anniversary in San Diego. Special thanks to Sherry Bucholz and her committee for putting together the special scrapbooks that were brought for viewing depicting the history of the past 10 years of the APCR.

Awards Committee: Linda Galante and Kristin Jacob, from RSNA, did a wonderful job with our new tote bag. We would like to acknowledge the generous contribution of the APDR for making this possible.

Certification Task Force Committee: the first TAGME monitored assessment for certification took place this year before the AUR meeting on Monday morning. I am happy to announce that three coordinators passed the test and are now TAGME certified. Congratulations to Rhonda Tuttle, Lois Shuman, and Kimberly Schultz. This is a **VOLUNTARY** process - APCR members are under no obligation to seek certification status. The committee will be reviewing the ongoing ACGME changes to the program requirements and revising the assessments as necessary.

Finance Committee: Our latest financial statement as of June 30, 2010, reflects Net Assets of \$59,994.

Long Range Planning Committee: a continuous “work in progress” as they continue working on a standardized template for the radiology coordinator’s handbook.

Membership Committee: after Dora Miller's resignation Madeline Mateo is now the Chair of this committee. New APCR membership pins were instituted this year along with a "new members" lunch which brings together the new APCR members and the members of the mentoring committee. New members were once again acknowledged at the APCR reception.

Mentoring Committee: continues to work together with the Membership Committee to introduce mentoring program to new coordinators.

Nominating Committee: requests nominations of current members to the Board. This year we once again voted in an alternative board member, Shane Slater, who took her place on the board as the newest member at large when Dora Miller resigned her position.

Professional Development Committee: after Dora Miller's resignation Mandy Velligan is now the Chair of this committee. The APCR Newsletter which was created this year will continue to be distributed by this committee. Many thanks to Mandy and Linda Galante for all their hard work and efforts in getting the newsletter off the ground.

Program Planning Committee: develops APCR programs for the AUR meeting. Tammi and her committee have put together a wonderful program for our members. A sample of what is to come follows below:

TAGME MAT Assessment - Monday, April 11: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12:

APCR Board of Directors Meeting	- 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Business Meeting I	- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
APCR Reception	- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13:

Past Presidents Meeting	- 7:00 - 8:15 a.m.
APCR Committees Meeting	- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14:

APCR Session 1 - 7:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Panel: Dr. Mark Mullins, Dr. Sandip Basak, & Dr. Lori Deitte

7:00 - 7:15 a.m. - Dr. Lori Deitte Requirements of a Learning Portfolio

7:20 - 7:40 a.m. - Laura Volk & Shari Johnston - Different Learning Portfolio products
- Coordinators perspective

7:45 - 7:50am - Dr. Jay Patel - RSNA Learning Portfolio- a residents
perspective

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7:55 - 8:05 a.m. Dr. Mark Mullins A PD's perspective on Learning Portfolios

8:10 - 8:15 a.m. Dr. Lori Deitte - Awareness of the evaluations of residents
using all these available products/Open Discussion

Business Meeting II - 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

APCR Session 2 - 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Moderator: Tammi Teeters-McDade

4:00 - 4:20 - Carl Williams - AFIP Changes and Updates-

4:25 - 4:50 - Lois Shuman - Multitasking Coordinators "Bag of Tricks"
4:55 - 5:15 - Susan Coull - Importance of the role the coordinator plays and Creating
a New Path
5:20 - 5:30 - Open Discussion/Job Descriptions

Friday, April 15:

APCR Program Planning Committee **7:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

RRC Committee: Gloria Jorge is the new Chair of this committee after Dianne Otterstad's retirement. This committee works closely with the APDR Program Directors Support Committee concerning PD/PC support and ACGME issues. With the support and contribution of APCR members, the PD Support Committee presented the major concerns affecting PDs and PCs at one of the major sessions at the past AUR meeting. The committee continues to work with Dr. Eric Spickler, chair of the APDR PD Support Committee, by surveying the APCR membership and sharing their issues and concerns with this committee.

Scholarship Selection Committee: All members are eligible to apply for this award which offers financial assistance for one coordinator to attend the AUR meeting. The scholarship award has increased to \$1500 due to the increase in travel costs and budget reductions in many departments/programs. A beautiful quilt, handmade by one of our members, Pauline Marek, was raffled at the 2010 meeting. Our much anticipated cookbook (recipes submitted by our own members!) was finally made available and sold at this past year's meeting. It was a huge success! The proceeds from the raffle was \$403 and from the cookbook \$655 for a total of \$1058. Proceeds from the sale of our cookbook will go towards the scholarship award fund.

Survey Committee: The APCR will piggyback with the APDR on their SurveyMonkey account and will no longer subscribe individually to SurveyMonkey. The committee continues to receive numerous requests for surveying the membership which provides invaluable information on many levels either for a particular issue or concern, or providing guidance and samples of forms to be used in administering the residency program.

Website Committee: works together with APDR/RSNA and maintains our website updates. The website committee is considering updating the APCR website to mirror that of the APDR. Financial expense will be reviewed prior to making a decision.

APCR will be considering whether to establish a committee or subcommittee to specifically address fellowship program coordinator issues. Some members have voiced concern that not enough has been done to address fellowship programs and fellowship coordinators in particular.

We look forward to another productive year for APCR and its members, and once again acknowledge and are most grateful for the continuous support of the APDR.

Sincerely yours,

Madeline Mateo
President, APCR