

Dear GLC-AAPM members,

It is a pleasure serving the GLC community as the chapter representative to the AAPM Board of Directors. I had the pleasure of attending the AAPM Board of Directors meeting in Charlotte earlier this month and would like to share some information with the GLC community.

During the Board of Directors meeting, there were several budgetary items presented by the Strategic Planning Committee that were approved. These included:

1. Compensation for editors of the Journal of Medical Physics and Journal of Applied Clinical Medical Physics (JACMP).
 - a. It was announced that after many years of service, Dr. William Hendee will retire as the editor of the Journal of Medical Physics at the end of 2013. The AAPM is currently looking to recruit his replacement. The AAPM has recommended an Editor in Chief, and two Deputy Editors with expertise in radiation therapy and medical imaging. The Board approved providing compensation for these editors in the form of honoraria (amounting to 1 FTE between all three editors split as 40% for the Editor in Chief and 30% for each Deputy Editor), compensated travel expenses to cover two meetings for each editor, and administrative support.
 - b. It was also announced that after many years of service, Dr. George Starkschall will retire as editor of the JACMP this year. He will be replaced shortly after RSNA by Dr. Michael Mills. The Board approved providing compensation for the editor in the form of honoraria (amounting to approximately 20% of an FTE) and compensated travel expenses to cover two meetings.
2. Authorize AAPM to negotiate an agreement with ASTRO to jointly create a national event reporting system for Radiation Oncology using an established Patient Safety Organization with expenditures not to exceed \$120,000 in 2013, and \$100,000 per year in 2014 and 2015.
 - a. The goal of the Radiation Oncology event reporting system is to improve patient safety and quality of care by providing a nation-wide system in which safety-critical incidents can be recorded and analyzed.
3. Authorize AAPM to create a four-year pilot project to administratively support the creation of medical physics residencies based in private practices with an annual budget of \$22,500 for the first two years and then \$35,000 for the remaining two years.
 - a. Based on the number of Medical Physics graduates, there is a clear need for additional residency programs, especially in Diagnostic and Nuclear Medicine. The Education Council has investigated this issue and has found one of the barriers to initiating residency programs is the administrative overhead, which may be prohibitive for a consulting practice.
4. Authorize the AAPM to support Medical Physics Licensure and Regulatory Recognition Subcommittee with an annual budget of \$50,000 for two years.

- a. The charge of this Subcommittee is to promote the protection of the public through the recognition of the profession of medical physics by legislation or regulation.
5. Authorize the AAPM to support research projects advancing the goals of the Technology Assessment Committee with an annual budget of \$25,000 for one year.
 - a. This Committee responsible for technology assessment efforts of the AAPM, including assessments of imaging and therapy technologies, and other activities that enhance the research potential and quality assessment capabilities of medical physicists

There are several action items that will require approval from the AAPM community. The AAPM has proposed several by-law amendments that are currently available for on-line voting. These include:

1. Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws regarding Administrative Council Membership - The Administrative Council has determined that inclusion of the Treasurer, Chair of Professional Council and Executive Director as non-voting members of Council is desirable for improved communication and continuity.
2. Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws regarding removal of the Publications Committee, as the Committee no longer exists.

In addition to by-law changes, the AAPM has also proposed an increase in AAPM dues. This increase would amount to an initial \$100 increase with an annual increase of 3% to members with tenure of more than 5 years. For members with less than 5 year tenure, this increase would be proportionally less. The rationale for this increase is available for review at <http://www.aapm.org/memb/vote/2012ByLawsDues/documents/DuesIncreaseInfo.pdf>.

On-line voting for these three issues will be open to members until Thursday, 9/12/2012 at 11:59 PM EDT.

I hope this summary of the Annual AAPM Board of Directors meeting has been useful. I welcome any comments or questions you may have, and thank you again for allowing me to serve and represent you.

Sincerely,

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