

Summary of AAPM Board Activities

Report to MRV Chapter

April 11, 2008

Board activities the Chapter should be aware of include:

The Joint (AAPM & ACMP) Medical Physics Licensure Subcommittee, chaired by Jiff Limmer, has been very active specifically in preparing for passage of the Care Bill. The general goal is to ensure that qualified individuals perform the job of clinical Medical Physics as outlined in the AAPM/ACMP Scope of Practice. The CARE Bill is a catalyst but not necessary for success. This is seen as important with or without the passage of the CARE Bill. Three new staff members have been added to the headquarters office to support this effort. The subcommittee anticipates requesting about \$300,000 per year to retain lobbyists familiar with the idiosyncrasies of each state legislature (\$30,000 to \$60,000 per state). (The subcommittee figures this is about what the AAPM can afford.) Following is an itemized list of activities upon which this subcommittee claims to have embarked:

1. We have developed and submitted a 2 year budget as requested by the AAPM BOD
2. We have started an educational program to let the membership know about the project
3. We have reviewed the process that the 4 licensure states (and California) went through to determine how we should or should not proceed, learning from their success and challenges.
4. We are looking at the language adopted in the 4 licensure states and will compile recommended language for future states.
5. We are close to finishing a web-map of all states and their licensure and registration status along with information for the Medical Physicist to use (forms, fees, procedures, contacts, etc.).
6. We are investigating a "Licensure by Recognition" option with licensure states - especially for states with few Medical Physicists.
7. We have submitted a draft licensure policy to both the AAPM and ACMP for review and change. We hope this will eventually be a joint position statement from AAPM and ACMP.
8. We are involving the CRCPD in helping define a Qualified Medical Physicist, outline definitions for qualifications to do the work of a Medical Physicist, and define the scope of practice for clinical Medical Physicists through SSRCR (Suggested State Regulation for Control of Radiation).
9. We are coordinating efforts with GRAC where applicable.
10. We will soon be starting our draft of legislative language and items which will be incorporated into the generic state template (e.g., definition of a Qualified Medical Physicist and the Scope of Practice) this draft will then be sent to the AAPM and ACMP for approval/adjustment.
11. We are starting to work on identifying the best states in which to begin these efforts, including identifying Medical Physicists interested and willing to be involved in state affairs (licensure and other activities).
12. We will assist and support HQ in the hiring of the State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialist.
13. We will work with the State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Specialist to develop infrastructure needed to move forward; looking at state regulations, Medical Physicists in the state, and state lobbyists
14. We will look into ways to allow States and institutions to easily and reliably verify credentials and licensure status for Medical Physicists.
15. We will identify other societies (and reference), which presently support Medical Physics licensure, check into the possibility of incorporating others and seek support (ACRO, ASTRO, etc.) or strengthen existing support (ACR).

If and when the Care Bill passes, HQ staff will be seeking local medical physicists in each state to work with the local legislature on this effort. \$521,000 has been budgeted for the "licensure initiative" for this year.

As we all know, the ABR has decreed that in 2012 only those who have graduated from or are enrolled in a CAMPEP accredited graduate program or in a CAMPEP accredited residency will be able to take part I of the certification exam. By 2014 the graduate program will not be sufficient; a CAMPEP residency will be required. In case you believe there is wiggle room, the announcement is reproduced below.

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**AMERICAN BOARD OF RADIOLOGY
RADIOLOGIC PHYSICS EXAMINATION
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS
(Addendum to 2002 Policy)**

Beginning in 2012, in order to take the American Board of Radiology Part 1 examination in Radiologic Physics, candidates must be enrolled in or have graduated from a CAMPEP accredited education program (e.g., MS, PhD, or residency).

Beginning in 2014, in order to take the American Board of Radiology Part 1 examination in Radiologic Physics, candidates must be enrolled in or have completed a CAMPEP accredited residency program.

ABR procedures require application submission by September 30th of the year before the examination.

\$123,000 has been budgeted to deal with this 2012 initiative.

AAPM's 50th anniversary gala is taking place in Houston this summer. Read your AAPM newsletter to stay abreast.

Only three chapters, Missouri River Valley (that's us), Great Lakes, and RAMPS have not complied with the Head Quarter's (Board of Director's) plea to complete the requirements for HQ to obtain tax exempt status for them. As of the Spring meeting May 3rd, we will have complied because that is when the amendment to our Constitution that we voted in last year will become active.

Head Quarters is offering to support us in becoming incorporated. One of the advantages of incorporation is that the Chapter's officers will no longer be personally liable for actions of the Chapter.

The ACMP has just contracted with the AAMP HQ to supply administrative services for them.

Respectfully submitted

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