Regional Operations Committee
April 2, 2019

Corporate Advisory Board reaches out to RO Committee

The Corporate Advisory Board prepared a draft of proposals for chapters to consider for fostering a long-lasting relationship with their vendors. The NCC appears to meet many, if not all, of these draft proposals. Advance notification of meeting dates remains very important.

Draft list of suggestions for chapters from the Corporate Advisory Board.

“Best Practices Guide” for financial matters

Robert McKoy (AAPM Controller) has begun work on preparing a "Best-Practices Guide" for Chapters to follow for financial matters. He held a conference call on January 30th with all chapter treasurers to listen to their needs, and to figure ways for standardizing financial processes across chapters, including financial audits.

Streamlined SAMs offerings for Chapters

No status update.

New Regional Organization Outreach Subcommittee

AAPM Administrative Council >> Public Education Committee >> established a new subcommittee to coordinate, develop, and distribute medical physics related educational materials to AAPM chapters and their members for use in outreach activities to the public and local organizations. Possible webex presentation to undergraduate programs.

Chapters should consider building stronger ties with state regulators

Partial list of Actions taken by the Board:

- Approved the AAPM Position Statement on the *Use of Patient Gonadal and Fetal Shielding in Diagnostic Imaging* as recommended by Science Council.

- Approved the addition of a Strategic Objective to the AAPM Strategic Plan: Work to improve technical capabilities used in clinical medical physics, shown in the plan as goal 7H. (Science Concil found that one SG did not have any SO’s. So they added an SO. The addition required BOD approval).

- Engaged in a strategic planning / future vision retreat

The BOD held a two-hour discussion on how AAPM might build the future it wants. The discussion was broken into three segments, modelled after the 2018 President’s Symposium, featuring keynote speaker Paul Brown:

1. To achieve the future you want, you need to think about what that future looks like,
2. You should visualize what obstacles likely stand in the way, and
3. Hypothesize how those could be overcome or avoided.

1. What does the future look like (10-year view)
   - we should move from treatment planning systems to patient-outcome-predicicient systems
   - move from chart-checking to an analysis of how-well a script is fulfilled
   - data is harnessed, from both Tx and Dx
   - clinics take advantage of clinical patient experience data
     - patients rate each step of their treatment experience; the most-stressful inflection points are identified; steps are taken in response
   - medical physicists are visible in the health care enterprise, and clearly add value, because they are leaders in understanding complex systems
   - there are desirable job opportunities for all job seekers in medical physics – and the jobs are ones that are wanted, by design of the seeker
   - medical physicists are sought out, for their problem-solving skills, in addition to vendors.

Recurring themes:
- advocacy for the profession
- clarity for young people, in terms of jobs, training, and career scenarios
- importance of chapters
- communication to our colleagues (MedPhys SLAM)