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Dear ORVC Members,

The Board of Directors has been quite busy with proposed changes to many of our national policies. The most recent meeting was held in Nashville, TN on August 2, 2018. Items under consideration include drafting edits to:

- Licensure and The Medical Physicist's Role in the Practice of Medicine
- Plagiarism in AAPM Journals with Medical Physics and JACMP
- Policies and Procedures for Reviewing and Adjudicating Individual Cases of Alleged Violations of Standards for Scientific Integrity and Conduct
- AAPM Position Statement on the Role of Medical Physicists in Providing Quality Medical Care
- Code of Ethics
- Accreditation of imaging and radiation therapy facilities
- Standing Committee and Categorical Council Committee Appointments
- Etc.

In large part, the last quarter of Board meetings are devoted to finalizing the financial report. This includes our evaluation of national AAPM balance and assets along with the accounting of our expenditures, income and investments. From my perspective, we seem to be doing pretty well.

The Administrative Council has been quite busy advocating for TG-100 to be adopted more widely in the medical physics community. Under TG-100, a Working Group (WG-100) hopes to bring additional community-practice perspectives in identifying current obstacles to TG-100 adoption. WG-100 hope to strengthen collaboration and coordination with the iTreatSafely campaign. I encourage you to look into participating with iTreatSafely if you can.

<https://i.treatsafely.org/about>

The mission of iTreatSafely is to improve quality and safety in radiation therapy by offering high-quality learning videos that deliver practical clinical and QA skills. It's a vetted, peer-to-peer learning site dedicated to both general education as well as application-specific training. Since it is peer-to-peer, a participant can get real clinical information from people who actually use the information clinically.

In the near future, we can expect more activities organized at the national level by WG-100 related to TG-100 guidance. These may include workshops for "Training the Trainor", colloquia, and even panel presentations at ASTRO or beyond. They are already pursuing SAM credit allocation for these. Although no sunset date has been assigned for this, the topic has a lot of support and moving ahead with full steam. If you have not already read "*The report of Task Group 100 of the AAPM: Application of risk analysis methods to radiation therapy quality management*", please take some time to see what it is all about.

<https://www.aapm.org/pubs/reports/detail.asp?docid=156>

Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing you all in Louisville from March 15-16, 2019 for the ORVC Spring Symposium. Remember, if you have not yet registered to attend, you may do so at the following link from our Ohio River Valley Chapter of the AAPM website:

http://chapter.aapm.org/orv/meetings/next_meeting.html.

Sincerely,

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