

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (2/6/2018)

Present: Jussi Sillanpaa, Ziad Saleh, Klaus Hamacher, Gil Cohen, Doracy Fontenla, **Usman Mahmood**, Thomas Petrone, **Greg Niyazov**, **Neelam Tyagi**, Yakov Pipman, Bosky Ravindranath, Dustin Lynch, Steve Balter, C. Wu

1. Minutes from 12/27/2017 board meeting

The minutes were approved and will be posted on the RAMPS web site.

2. Changes to the rules / bylaws

We have asked AAPM to comment on the proposed rules and bylaws, they are under review by their legal section. Two topics related to them were discussed. It was proposed that we add a new board member with responsibility for the web page and social media, and that RAMPS will reimburse, with the approval of the President or the President-Elect, food costs of up to \$50/meeting and the actual parking expenses incurred by members of the RAPHEX committee attending a committee meeting. The exact wording of the changes will be formulated once we get the rules and bylaws back.

3. Update on the 2018 Spring Symposium

Neelam Tyagi gave an update on the 2018 symposium. Eight vendors have signed up as sponsors, with more expected. The agenda is being finalized; CME/CAMPEP credits will be applied for.

4. Progress on ABR mock exam for 2018

Greg Niyazov gave an update on the mock exam. He and Ziad have met with the New England AAPM chapter. Greg has managed to recruit two examiners. The first mock exam will probably take place in 2019.

5. GMAIL accounts

The passwords for the old accounts are being collected. All emails should be CC'd to rampsnyc@gmail.com.

6. RAMPS social media accounts

Creating RAMPS accounts on Twitter, Snapchat, LinkedIn etc. were discussed. The President will look into the details.

7. RAMPS Newsletter

Bosky Ravindranath circulated a sample newsletter. We will aim for two issues per year.

8. Cost for residents at Failla

A reduction from \$50 to \$35 was discussed; the decision was deferred until we see this year's numbers. The possibility of vendor sponsorship, separate from corporate membership / affiliation in RAMPS, was also discussed.

9. Update to RAMPS website

New sections, including RAPHEX and the RAMPS Newsletter, will be added.

10. New business

Ziad Saleh briefed the board on the AAPM Medical Physics Slam Competition. The format is a three minute presentation, aimed at the general public. RAMPS has been asked if we want to take part – at this point it is not clear what kind of reimbursement the AAPM will offer. We will ask for video submissions from people interested in participating.