

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (5/16/18)

Present: Jussi Sillanpaa, Klaus Hamacher, Usman Mahmood, Sean Berry, Neelam Tyagi, Cesar Della Bianca, Ziad Saleh, Larry Rothenberg, Doracy Fontenla, Gil Cohen, Chris Marshall

1. Minutes from 3/20/2018 board meeting

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

2. Approval of new members

Three applications were approved. The application form will be updated (e.g., does not have the option of AAPM resident membership).

3. Regulatory update

We will get in touch with the upstate chapter to develop contacts with the New York State regulatory agencies.

4. Update on Bylaws and rules

The bylaws and rules were discussed with the AAPM lawyer. No major issues were identified, but the language concerning electronic voting may need clarification.

5. Moving RAPHEX online

Drs Petrone & Wu are working on the topic.

6. Speakers for monthly meetings

We will poll the membership for suggestions on topics. We will see if more clinically relevant topics can be found; the speakers need not necessarily be as senior as has been the case in the past. We will study the possibility of Webcasting the monthly meetings.

7. ABR mock exam update

We're still aiming to have a mock exam in 2019. Finding examiners is challenging (current ABR examiners unable to take part), we will email the membership and ask for volunteers.

8. Ramps Social Media Accounts

Twitter account operational, but we're not sure if this is going to be a longterm part of RAMPS.

Facebook and LinkedIn accounts are in the works.

9. RAMPS Newsletter

The newsletter is in progress, a draft will be circulated among the board.

10. Update to RAMPS website

The current website was generated on software that runs only on a MAC, it will need to be migrated to Windows. We will look at what options the AAPM offers, but these may be too basic for our needs. The board voted to discontinue the WIX account.

11. Other business

The board agreed the President can authorize payments to Jenny related to, e.g., cab fares, within the framework of overall event costs.