

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (11/20/2012)

Present: Albert Sabbas, Robert Barish, Sandra Fontenla, Michael Lovelock, Jean StGermain, Stephen Balter, Gil Cohen, Lawrence Rothenberg, Eugene Lief, Tom Petrone, Doracy Fontenla, Jenghwa Chang, Ziad Saleh, LiCheng Kuo, Lucy Nediallov, Bertrand Biritz

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 10/9/2012

Approved.

2. Update on RAMPS-ORH liaison committee

The minutes from the last meeting on October 10, 2012 between RAMPS and the ORH had been circulated via email and posted on the RAMPS website. Tom Petrone was not present during the meeting and therefore no further discussion on the minutes took place.

3. Letter from RAMPS to ABR regarding non-US nationals

Jean StGermain stated that she is still revising the letter.

4. D&O RAMPS Application Status

The D&O RAMPS policy has been issued with a premium set to \$450, the effective date of coverage is 11/1/2012 – 11/1/2013. Sandra Fontenla will give a copy of the policy to Maureen McDonnell to be kept in the RAMPS binder.

5. RAPHEX 2013

There was some discussion with regards to creating an RAPHEX Summary Index for the years 2009-2012 with collection of questions from these past years.

Howard Amols forwarded an email from the RAPHEX publisher with regards to the cost of publishing and the possibility of RAMPS sharing this cost. Most felt that RAMPS puts in 100% of the intellectual value for RAPHEX and should then be equally compensated for this effort. There were also some discussions as to the marketing done by MPP. It was decided that a subcommittee consisting of Howard Amols, Robert Barish, and Sandra Fontenla would meet separately to further address this issue and present to the board its recommendations for the new contract with Medical Physics Publishing.

6. FAILLA LECTURE

The speaker for next year's Failla lecture in February will be Dr. Antone Brooks from Washington State University. His curriculum vitae was circulated during the board meeting. Arrangements for his accommodations during his visit to New York will follow. The date for the Failla lecture has been set for 2/26/2012.

7. NEW MEMBERS INITIATIVES

Albert Sabbas discussed the new members outreach initiatives by the AAPM NPSC. RAMPS already has a Young Investigators Symposium which attracts new members. Also, RAMPS policy is to not charge students or postdocs for both the Failla lecture and

the Spring Symposium. There was mentioned that a job fair might be an attractive idea to pursue as well.

8. NEW MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCES

New RAMPS membership applications were reviewed and approved by the board. Welcome letters will be mailed to these members. It was agreed that members who pay their dues on October 1st or later will have their dues carried into the next year.

9. Medical Physics non-CAMPEP programs

Dates for residents from CAMPEP and non-CAMPEP approved residencies were discussed. There is a 12/31 deadline for letters to be sent. These residents will be allowed to sit for part I of ABR.

10. NYS PART 16 proposed amendments

Comment period ended on November 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm