

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (01/20/2015)

Present: Gilad Cohen, Yakov Pipman, Ziad Saleh, Lawrence Rothenberg, Eileen Donnelly, Thomas Petrone, Chris Boyd, Klaus Hamacher, Usman Mahmood, Cesar Della Bianca

1. Scientific Symposium: Date, Topic, etc.

Date of the scientific symposium (Spring Symposium) was established to be on Friday May 8th, 2015. Topics will focus on diagnostic imaging in radiation therapy. Further discussion is required about the extent to which vendors will be participating in the scientific symposium – this will also depend on venue due MSKCC strict policy.

2. NYS Licensure – Proposed Regulations

The current NYS medical physics licensure language may need some modification. Physicists who are not licensed in NYS must demonstrate the appropriate education and clinical experience in order to gain NYS licensure. However, those physicists graduating from a medical physics program do not have the necessary experience to qualify for licensure. A NYS employee permit, instead, should be acquired prior to working in NYS.

Upstate NY Chapter has approved the proposed regulation.

The new language will be forwarded to RAMPS board members for review (Yakov to send the proposed new language)

Suggestion: Invite Stephen Boese to give the March Seminar about NYS Licensure.

3. New York State Medical Physics licensure delay

Gaining NYS medical physics licensure takes an excessive amount of time. This excessive delay is affecting clinical practice.

- From previous discussions with the state regarding medical physics licensure delays, RAMPS has learned that the state is understaffed and also faced with licensure review for many other fields.
- RAMPS will seek follow up discussion with the state representatives in order to resolve this problem.

4. RAMPS mock oral examination

Ziad suggested that RAMPS try to conduct mock ABR part 3 examinations for residents/students who are preparing to take ABR part 3.

- There were concerns about RAMPS ability to undertake this project in light of prior difficulty in recruiting qualified physicist for RAPHEX.
- The Columbia University medical physics program already holds practice oral examinations for their students. RAMPS should reach out to Columbia University to see if the mock oral practice examinations can be extended to the physics community.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm