Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (1/24/2011)

Present: Vishruta Dumane, Richard Riley, Steven Balter, Robert Barish, Mark Belanich, Jussi Sillanpaa, Albert Sabbas, Yakov Pipman, Chandra Burman, Eugene Lief, Bertrand Biritz, Jenghwa Chang, Chen-Shie Wuu

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 12/6/2010

Approved. The minutes will be emailed to the board members once more, in case someone feels some part of them should not be published on the web site.

2. New Member Applications

None.

3. RAPHEX

Approx. 130 new questions were received (not all of them will be usable). A few more questions are expected to arrive in the next two days. It was agreed to move ahead with the 2011 RAPHEX. The deadline for the first draft of the questions is at the end of February and the final draft will be submitted around the end of March. A special business meeting will be held within the next few months to discuss the future and restructuring of RAPHEX.

4. Spring symposium

Albert Sabbas will reserve a room for the symposium. Speaker reimbursement was discussed; in addition to the customary flight tickets and hotel night, a second hotel night can be offered if necessary. Steven Balter suggested inverse fluoroscope as the topic of the sixth talk of the symposium.

5. Guidelines for seeking vendor sponsorship

Sponsorship is acceptable (it must be for the whole organization or symposium, not for a specific speaker). Albert Sabbas, Jenghwa Chang and Chen-Shie Wuu will discuss the matter and Jenghwa will draft a letter that can be sent to interested companies.

6. New member application mechanism

Will be discussed further at next meeting. Electronic applications were agreed to be a good idea, automatic membership for AAPM full members may be more problematic as it might need revision of the by-laws.