

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (1/24/2012)

Present: Robert Barish, Jussi Sillanpaa, Albert Sabbas, Jenghwa Chang, Larry Rothenberg, Doracy Fontenla, Vishruta Dumane, Howard Amols, Chandra Burman, Steve Balter, Laura Happersett, Michael Lovelock, Thomas Petrone, Jakov Pipman, Sheila Nicoll, Mark Belanich, Fan Liu, Eugene Lief, Ziad Saleh

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 11/15/2011

Approved.

2. New Officers for 2012

The new officers are

President:

Albert Sabbas

President-Elect:

Dale Lovelock

Past President:

Jenghwa Chang

Secretary:

Jussi Sillanpaa

Treasurer:

Robert Barish

AAPM Representative:

Eugene Lief

Board members at large:

Laura Happersett

Vishruta Dumane

3. Update on the liaison committee with NYC DOH, ORH and other regulators

Thomas Petrone gave a summary of the first meeting. The committee will meet every month at first and probably quarterly thereafter. Mr Petrone discussed the different topics covered in the meeting (regulation of proton facilities, cone beam CT units, the changes in city regulations and their enforcement). He will keep the board updated of further developments.

4. Update on the status of RAPHEX

Howard Amols gave an update on the progress of the 2012 RAPHEX exam. The diagnostic exam is progressing well, more questions will be needed for the therapy exam. CAMPEP credit can be arranged for both question writers (suggestion 1 h / every 4 usable questions) and committee members (suggestion 1 h / every 1h of committee work), for a maximum of 15 h. The board voted to approve funds for the CAMPEP credit application.

5. RAMPS history committee

Larry Rothenberg discussed the work on a poster on the history of RAMPS, to be exhibited at the 2012 AAPM annual meeting. The poster must be sent to the AAPM by 3/1/2012.

6. RAMPS vendor membership

The board discussed creating a vendor membership category. As this would necessitate a modification of the by-laws, it was decided to offer to rent space to vendors at the spring symposium instead.

7. 2012 RAMPS calendar

The preliminary 2012 calendar has been posted on the RAMPS web site. The Young Investigator's symposium will be held in March and the spring symposium in April. The call for abstracts for the Young Investigator's symposium has been sent out (deadline 2/17/2012).