

## **Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (05/15/2012)**

**Present:** Larry Rothenberg, Jean St. Germain, Albert Sabbas, Jenghwa Chang, Michael Lovelock, Doracy Fontenla, Steve Balter, Sandra Fontenla, Hung Ching, Gil Cohen, Howard Amols, Bob Barish, Laura Happersett, Bertrand Biritz, Joe McNamara, Ziad Saleh, Chandra Burman, Eugene Lief

### **1. Approval of meeting minutes from 03/27/2012**

Approved.

### **2. Update on RAMPS- NYC-DOH liaison Committee**

Hung Ching reported that the meeting held on 05/25/12 was a positive meeting, the topic of which was Radiation Dose Management for Fluoroscopically Guided Interventional Medical Procedures. A discussion ensued with regards to training requirements and whether it should be risk based training and who should receive such training. Tom Petrone could not be present but Albert Sabbas summarized an email sent to Tom Petrone by Assistant Commissioner Christopher Boyd where the commissioner comments positively on Steve Balter's presentation to the ORH and encourages RAMPS to continue to discuss issues surrounding this topic, emphasizing the need for leadership on how to achieve best practices.

### **3. Update on the status of RAPHEX**

Howard reported the Therapy exam is done and printed. The final pdf proofs for the Diagnostic exam have been received and require one final review prior to being printed. Howard commented that there was an increased effort to do more advertising this year and to reach out to as many residencies as possible. Of the 100 copies of the exam that RAMPS receives, Howard requested 65 in Therapy and 35 in Diagnostic. Rob Barish noted that members must be in good financial standing (dues paid) in order to receive a free copy of the exam.

A brief discussion ensued with regards to emails sent to members who are not in good standing (those who have not made their annual payment for 2 or more years) and it was determined that informative emails may be sent out to all members. While on the topic of RAMPS dues payment, it was requested that the PayPal email account be switched to the RAMPS email account [RAMPSnyc@gmail.com](mailto:RAMPSnyc@gmail.com) (monitored by Maureen McDonnell).

### **4. 2012 Spring Symposium**

Rob Barish reported that this year's Spring Symposium had approximately 100 attendees, a very good attendance. The gross income reported is \$8400 of which \$4800 was corporate support. Albert Sabbas noted that there were eight vendors that participated with an average of 1 or 2 people attending for each vendor. There are some speakers' expenses pending, nonetheless this year there will be a profit from the RAMPS Spring Symposium.

Albert Sabbas mentioned he has been contacted by several attendees requesting copies of the presentations. Michael Lovelock will follow up with the speakers to obtain copies and post them online, making them available to all.

Suggested Improvements: Larry suggested that the symposium should be longer, allowing for at least one additional break to give attendees a chance for discussion between talks. Howard noted that with more advanced planning perhaps a better venue at Rockefeller could be secured for the event.

It was also noted that this year's Spring Symposium reception was very favorably received and well hosted.

### **5. Proposed AAPM Dues Increase**

Eugene Lief summarized the AAPM Board meeting stating that most board members were in favor of the dues increase. The proposed increase is \$100 plus 3% yearly thereafter. There was some discussion with regards to the lack of expenditure detail offered in the PowerPoint presentation that was circulated and the need for clarification with regards to what cost cutting has been done and what are the increased expenditures. Some comments were made with regards to costly projects that were put on the budget such as a lobbyist and additional headquarters staff.

The discussion digressed to getting journals online and perhaps saving on the cost of printing.

### **6. Election of Officers for 2013**

Albert Sabbas reported that we are still in need of nominations primarily for President-Elect and Secretary. He informed the group that as long as we have an AAPM board representative, we have until December of 2012 to provide the names of the new officers to the AAPM HQ.

### **7. New Member Applications**

There were two new member applications (Xin Qian and James E. Dolan)

Rob mentioned they have both submitted their dues with the RAMPS membership application. Sandra Fontenla will try to locate the new member welcome letter to send out to these new members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm