

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (06/24/2013)

Present: Michael Lovelock, Laura Happersett, Albert Sabbas, Lucy Nediakova, Ziad Saleh, Lawrence Rothenberg, Marty Weinhaus, Sandra Fontenla, Steve Balter, Cesar Della Bianca, Adel Mustafa, Jean St Germain, Cheng-Shie Wu, Howard Amols (via audio)

1. Approval of 6/24/2013 Minutes.

Approved.

2. Event Spaces (Gil Cohen, Lovelock, Happersett)

The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Dining Room and the Lounge constitute a suitable venue for the Failla event. Followup is needed on the cost of drinks and dinner

3. RAPHEX

Howard Amols is stepping down as Senior Editor. We are currently seeking an individual to take on this position.

The desirability of continuing Raphex, or alternatively, to stop it, was discussed. It is a service to the Radiology, Radiation Oncology and Medical Physics communities. It has also been profitable for RAMPS. After all expenses, net profit is very approximately \$12000 per year. In general, those present expressed a strong desire for continuing Raphex.

Moving Raphex to the internet was discussed. One approach using Amazon was presented (Lovelock). In short, An Amazon company *CreateSpace*, would create the exam books and answer books needed for the proctored exams. The company produces hard copy books on demand. After the proctored exams are over, the Raphex exams and answer books could be published using Amazon's *Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP)* The Raphex exams and answers are downloaded directly to a Kindle or Kindle App on a non-Kindle device. A criticism of this approach was made in that it ties Raphex to Amazon. An "open standard" book formats may be a better approach.

The Internet does not address the most pressing problem, however, which is the creation and editing of the exam questions and answers. There was much discussion on the problems the editors have getting good questions, and the work involved in the production of the final question books and answer books. One suggestion was to get the authors Campep credit. Another was to make it much easier to submit questions by making it possible to drop them onto the RAMPS website. Steve Balter described the rewards of question writing can bring when you have the opportunity to work and discuss physics with colleagues.

4. Fall Symposium: *Focal Therapies* (Gilad Cohen)

Date of the Fall Symposium is October 4. The venue is the Zuckerman auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm