

Minutes of the RAMPS board meeting (9/20/2011)

Present: Chandra Burman, Fan Liu, Cheng-Shie Wu, Stephen Balter, Robert Barish, Jussi Sillanpaa, Albert Sabbas, Bertrand Biritz, Jenghwa Chang, Larry Rothenberg, Doracy Fontenla, Stewart Becker, Jean St. Germain, Laura Happersett, Michael Lovelock, Chirs Marshall, Nitin Mathur, Ziad Saleh, James Astarita, Thomas Petrone, Vincent Parisi

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 5/24/2011

Approved.

2. New Member Applications

No new applications.

3. RAPHEX

The distribution of the 2011 exams will begin today at the talk. Members in good standing who requested a copy but are unable to pick it up there will be mailed one.

After many years of service, Adel Mustafa is stepping down as the editor of the diagnostic section and a new editor for this section is therefore needed.

Howard Amols gave a brief outline of his ideas for 2012, which was followed by a general discussion. The honoraria for the editors and committee members were discussed, but decisions were deferred. Medical Physics, the publisher of the exam, will be asked for a breakdown of the sales by section (diagnostic vs. therapy).

4. Failla lecture

Albert Sabbas is working on finding nominees. He will solicit nominations from RAMPS members. A shortlist will be prepared from these nominations and the board will vote on the nominee. The date (probably in the 3rd week of January) and time of the lecture will be fixed once the nominee has been agreed on.

5. Format of the business meeting

The business meeting will be preceded by a board meeting.

6. RAMPS PayPal account

The account has been set up by Ziad Saleh. It will be used for collecting the fees for the business meeting. Future uses include collection of fees for the Failla lecture and the spring symposium.

7. Discussion on request to establish regular communication between RAMPS, the regulated community and NYC Office of radiological health.

Thomas Petrone, James Astarita and Vincent Parisi gave a brief update on recent developments at the NYC Office of Radiological Health. This was followed by a discussion; the consensus was that regular communication between RAMPS and the Office of Radiological Health would be useful and desirable. The matter will be

discussed further at the next meeting and if the response is favorable, the secretary will draft a letter to Assistant Commissioner Boyd.

8. Memorial for Dr Rosalyn S. Yalow

The memorial for Dr Yalow will be held at the New York Academy of Medicine on the second of October.