Dear MRS Board of Trustees

Earlier this year I mentioned an opportunity for our MRS to be part of a new initiative and become an Affiliate Chapter of the AAWR (American Association for Women in Radiology), a recognized member of the Intersociety Committee with representation on the ACR Board. The AAWR was founded in 1981 to address social and economic issues facing women in radiology, which are constantly changing.

This opportunity would expand our commitment from the MRS Commission for Women and Diversity by providing resources for membership to further enhance and share the expertise of the AAWR with respect to Women In Radiology Concerns, growing our networking, mentoring, research and visibility programs.

Please visit the AAWR Website at www.aawr.org for updates on the multitude of discussions and strategic plans

There is no financial expectation as both societies would be sharing knowledge that impacts women in radiology. The only current requirement is to maintain 4 active AAWR members within the State Chapter. We already have more than 4 active AAWR members in the MRS. Similar to the MRS, AAWR membership for Radiology Fellows and Residents is free.

As a State Society with Young Physician and Private Practice Members there are increasing questions about joining/starting local or employer based women in radiology groups. This affiliation could provide synergy and might increase MRS and AAWR membership now and in the future.

The MRS would be the first society to partner with the AAWR as a State Affiliate Chapter. Please let me know if you have any further comments, suggestions and questions.

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