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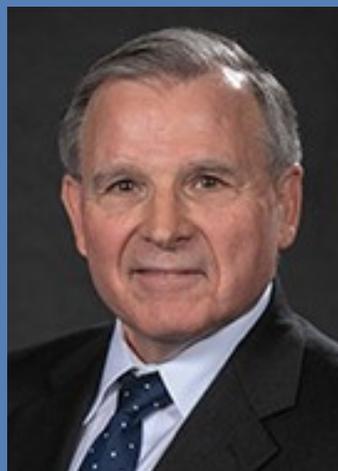
A bi-monthly publication of topics and events relevant to radiologists, radiation oncologists, and medical physicists that practice in the State of Michigan.

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The Chapter Recognition Program of the ACR presented its awards at ACR 2022 in April in Washington, DC.

MRS received the award for Excellence in Quality and Safety in Division E for 2021. ACR chapters are grouped into five divisions, A-E, based on membership size. MRS is in Division E, the division with the largest chapters. We run with the big dogs!

This is the culmination of a chapter effort that started in August 2021 aimed at achieving chapter recognition for Overall Excellence. A work group chaired by Drs. Danny Ma and Steve Kilanowski coordinated with all relevant chapter committees and our Executive Director, Shannon Sage, to collate and submit all needed data in the four categories evaluated for excellence - government relations, meetings and education, membership, and quality & safety. An award of excellence is given to a single chapter in each division in each category and for overall excellence.

Although the award for Overall Excellence recognition eluded us, we can take comfort in that seeking this recognition, MRS was “one of two close runners-up”! MRS members should be extremely proud and elated that our significant effort was recognized with this award in the important category of Excellence in Quality and Safety. Great appreciation goes out to all those members and committees that contributed to this successful endeavor and recognition.

Ralph P. Lieto, MS FACR
Past-President, MRS



Top left: Denise Collins, MD, FACR, Roger Gonda, Jr., MD, FACR, Andrew Woodrow, MD, Katharine Scharer, MD, FACR, Walter Sahijdak, MD, FACR, Michael Kasotakis, MD, Gaurang Shah, MD, FACR, Perry Pernicciano, MD, FACR, Kathleen Barry, MD, FACR, Randy Hicks, MD, MBA
Bottom left: Mark Weiss, MD, FACR, Ralph Lieto, MS, FACR, Danny Ma, MD



Mark Weiss, MD, FACR



Doctor Weiss completed a Fellowship in interventional radiology from Hammersmith Hospital in London, England. He served as Clinical Assistant Professor at Michigan State University, Flint Campus and is Co-founder of Radiology Business Solutions (RBS).

Doctor Weiss has been a member of the MRS Board of Trustees since 2013 and has served on various committees, to include Nominating, Budget & Finance and he served as Chair for the Strategic Planning Committee and is currently the Chair of the Michigan Radiology Political Action Committee and the MRS Membership Committee.





Gold Medal Award

Awarded by the MRS Board of Trustees to an individual for distinguished and extraordinary service to the MRS or to the discipline of radiology. Any member or fellow may nominate a gold medalist. Nominees' professional contributions may be in teaching, basic research, clinical investigation or radiologic leadership and advocacy, and must include outstanding achievements in service to the American College of Radiology (ACR), MRS, other medical societies, government agencies and quasi-medical organizations.



Paul Chuba, MD, PhD, FACR
Medical Director and Chief,
Radiation Oncology Department,
Ascension Health
Detroit, MI

Doctor Chuba completed his PhD in Immunology and Microbiology at Wayne State University and a post-doc in Freiburg Germany. He received his Medical Degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed a Radiation Oncology residency at Wayne State/ Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Doctor Chuba served as the President of the MRS in 2013-14 and is currently the Chair of the MRS Economics Committee. He is Past President of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Doctor Chuba participates as PI or Co-PI in three Research Cooperative Group Clinical Trials and research and clinical studies have resulted in numerous publications and presentations.

Doctor Chuba has a particular interests in pediatric radiation oncology, prostate cancer, and brachytherapy.

Gold Medal Award



Joseph Junewick, MD, FACR
Emergency and Pediatric Radiologist,
Advanced Radiology Services, PC
Grand Rapids, MI

Doctor Junewick received his Medical Degree from Michigan State University. He completed his Diagnostic Radiology residency at Michael Reese Hospital, University of Illinois and a Fellowship in pediatric radiology from Children's Memorial Medical Center, Northwestern University. Doctor Junewick is an Associate Professor in the Division of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging at the College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Society of Pediatric Radiology, Research and Education Foundation and serves on the Radiographics Editorial Board. He is a reviewer with distinction for Pediatric Radiology and Radiographics.

Doctor Junewick has authored numerous articles and presentations primarily clinically focused around interest in pediatric cancer, trauma and genetics. He serves on the ACR Nomination Committee and has been a members of MRS Board of Trustees since 2005, serving as President in 2014-2015. Doctor Junewick has served on numerous MRS Committees to include Economics, Radiation Safety, Bylaws, Program, Awards, Nominations, Fellowship, Legislative Affairs, Centennial Planning.



From Left: Ralph Lieto, MS, FACR, Paul Chuba, MD, PhD, FACR, Joseph Junewick, MD, FACR, Mark Weiss, MD, FACR



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Joseph Junewick, MD, FACR

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Exciting times for the AAWR (American Association for Women in Radiology) at 2022 ACR Annual Meeting and ACR Council activities. AAWR hosted a resolution review on Monday morning of the Annual Meeting with key discussions regarding: Resolution 1: MARCA, Resolution 13: The Paid Family/Medical Leave and Resolution 14: Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change. Key comments are stated below.

The author of Resolution 13 - The Paid Family/Medical Leave resolution Authored by AAWR and Co-Sponsored by SPR, SIR and others, Amy L. Kotsenas, MD, FACR, was present and lead a lively and well supported discussion which resulted in the inclusion of Medical Physicists along with: Radiology, Interventional Radiology and Radiation Oncology. Resolution 13 received FULL SUPPORT from the AAWR and eventual full support from the ACR House after hearing comments on the Floor of the House about concerns with providing care from smaller programs and groups.

Another important Resolution 14 - Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change BE IT RESOLVED, that the ACR will join the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, an organization with dozens of member medical societies which have come together to advance the goals of sustainability and climate change action; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ACR will create a task force on radiology's environmental impact and climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies for radiology.

AAWR hosted a Breakfast on Tuesday, honoring our New 2022 ACR Fellows and Gold Member Awardee: Former AAWR President Katarzyna Macura, MD, PhD, FACR, FSABI, FAAWR, with many of the new Female Fellows attending.

Drs. Sabala Mandava and Denise Collins represented the MRS at these 2 meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,.

Denise Collins, M.D., F.A.C.R.



OVERVIEW

The Legislature is well on its way toward enacting a budget for fiscal year 2022-23 which begins October 1. Both Chambers have passed their versions and sent them across the rotunda to the other body. From there, each House will formally reject the other's budget and matters will get settled by way of a Joint Conference Committee. Meantime, on May 20, the Revenue Estimating Conference will come to a consensus regarding the anticipated State revenue for the remainder of the calendar year. The figures agreed upon from this Conference will be the basis for the target figures legislative leaders will use to determine State departmental budgets and school aid. All indications are the State will be flush with money. It is anticipated the Legislature will forward a complete budget to the Governor on or around July 1. The Governor's race for Republicans is heating up with 10 candidate filings, although 3 of those candidates face challenges to the petition signatures they submitted. It appears the GOP candidate that is most threatened with disqualification is former Detroit police chief James Craig. The Craig campaign has admitted that thousands of his petition signatures may not be genuine. With the August primary election getting closer, legislators who are not term limited will be anxious to hit the campaign trail. In April, Michigan Republicans nominated two people endorsed by former President Donald Trump to run for Attorney General and Secretary of State. Most observers believe these GOP nominees will make it easier for the current Democratic Party incumbents to win re-election in November. Nurse practitioners, through the sponsor of their bill to increase their scope of practice, have called for work group meetings with representatives of physician interests.

LEGISLATION

Nurses Seek to Practice Radiology: SB 680, sponsored by Sen. Rick Outman, (R-Six Lakes) would establish the category of “certified nurse practitioners” (CNP) in statute and would greatly expand their scope of practice. The bill allows a CNP to determine a diagnosis, which is, in essence, the practice of medicine. The bill also allows CNPs to prescribe pharmacological and non-pharmacological “interventions and treatments” that are within their specialty role. Finally, the bill allows CNPs to supervise others and to order, perform, supervise and interpret laboratory and imaging studies. Clearly, this is the practice of medicine and radiology.

MRS will be working with MSMS and other physician specialty organizations to defeat this bill. The bill is still with the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Meantime, representatives of the nurses and the Wayne State University School of Nursing have requested a series of work group meetings in an effort to reach a compromise which at this point, given the aspirations of the nurses, is unattainable.

Prior Authorization: Last year, Sen. Curt VanderWall (R-Ludington), the Chair of the Senate Health Policy Committee, introduced legislation calling for procedures and protocols to be established before the use of prior authorization by insurance companies. MRS has been a member of the “Health Can’t Wait” coalition, which has been advocating prior authorization reform. Unfortunately, major insurers such as Blue Cross/Blue Shield were successful in amending last session’s version of the legislation to the point where even the Coalition opposed its passage. Consequently, the bill died at the end of session. In March, Sen. VanderWall introduced SB 247, a revised version of last session’s bill. While SB 247 is not as strong as last session’s bill as originally introduced, it is still supported by the Coalition. SB 247 has unanimously passed the Senate and was sent to the House. SB 247 finally received a hearing before the House Health Policy Committee on March 22. Thereafter, the House approved its substitute, and the Senate concurred in the bill. The legislation was presented to the Governor for her signature on March 29 and was signed by her on April 7. It is now known as Public Act 60 of 2022.

Upgrade Standards for Radiographic Technologists: HB 5116, sponsored by Rep. Rodney Wakeman (R-Saginaw) establishes education and training standards for those who operate sophisticated imaging equipment. Currently, Michigan is an outlier among states, mandating requirements for only mammography and CT operation. MRS is supportive but has suggestions as to how to make the bill stronger. The legislation is with the House Health Policy Committee and has received its first hearing. Another hearing on the bill is anticipated prior to the legislature’s summer break.

Essential Health Provider Legislation:

SB 246, sponsored by Sen. VanderWall, increases the debt limit the State would pay for an individual who has taken part in the essential health provider repayment program from \$200,000 to \$300,000 over a ten-year period. SB 435, sponsored by Sen. Michael MacDonald (R-Macomb), expands the list of healthcare professions that would qualify for the program to include behavioral sciences. These bills have passed the Senate and the House and were signed into law by the Governor on March 24.

REGULATORY

The MRT Work Group met on May 12 and was given an overview of the Certificate of Need and Work Group process. Future meetings will be held on June 9, July 7 and August 4.

A PET SAC meeting was scheduled for May 26 to discuss and review its changes. Future meetings will be held on June 23, July 21, August 18, September 22 and October 20.

Michigan Radiological Society Resident Fellow Section (MRS RFS) started Spring of 2022 strong and attended the annual ACR meeting in Washington DC. They had an exciting experience at seminars hosted by leaders in radiology. While in the nation's capital, they also enjoyed a relaxing dinner cruise organized by the Michigan Radiological Society. MRS RFS is thankful for this experience, and they look forward to a great new year.



Left: Beautiful views while cruising down the Potomac. In picture (left to right): Drs. Vishwas Tiwari (President elect, R1, Henry Ford Hospital), Aditya Karandikar (Treasurer, R1, Henry Ford Hospital), Sabala Mandava (Vice-Chair of Radiology, Henry Ford Hospital), and Anicia Mirchandani (Resident Liaison, R1, Detroit Medical Center).

Right: All smiles on deck on the river cruise. Pictured (Center left and right): Drs. Denise Collins (Vice-Chair of Radiology, Henry Ford Hospital) and Joshua Gaudette (Webmaster, R1, Henry Ford Hospital).



MEDICAL STUDENTS

Updates from the Medical Student Committee

The Medical Student Committee worked with the MRS foundation and DEI committee to start a yearly Student Scholarship for the ACR national meeting. This will provide \$1,500 to cover travel and hotel expenses for the student to attend. Applications were reviewed by members of the DEI and Medical Student committees of the MRS and a single winner was awarded, Davit Meliksetyan, an MS2 from Central Michigan University.

We completed our 2nd Annual Medical Student Symposium, Virtual Event, on May 25, 2022. Five students won the competition with 2 honorable mentions (winners were from CMU, MSU and U of M). The 5 winners were awarded \$100 prizes sponsored by the MRS foundation.

Thank you to the MRS Foundation for your financial support in building the future of radiology!

WINNERS

LAUREN HOFF, MS3, U OF M
Undifferentiated Pleomorphic Sarcoma of Pancreas.

LUCAS WEINGARTZ, MS3, CMU
Ductal Carcinoma in Situ

OLIVIA EVERIN MS3, MSU
May Thurner

COLBY FOSTER, MS3, U OF M
Lap Band Erosion

GABRIEL SWENSON, MS3, CMU
Sturge Weber

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ISHAN PATEL, MS4, CMU
Optic chiasm

CODY LEE, MS2, MSU
Fetal Teratoma MR



2022 Biennial Breast Imaging Virtual Conference



Please join us on November 5 & 6, 2022 for a free comprehensive and in-depth virtual breast imaging course. Our nationally renowned faculty include Christopher Comstock, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering; Jay A. Baker, MD, FACR, FSBI, Duke University; and Catherine Giess, MD, Brigham and Women's, as well as other breast imaging experts. Our speakers will address topics targeted for radiologists in private practice or academic settings, as well as technologists, nurses, residents & fellows.

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Ascension Michigan, Mid-North Region - Position available March 1, 2022

C. S. Mott Children's Hospital - Pediatric Radiology.

Diagnostic Radiology Consultants, PC - Diagnostic - Southeast Michigan

Drs. Harris, Birkhill, Wang, Songe and Associates - Breast Imager

Drs. Harris, Birkhill, Wang, Songe and Associates - Body Imager

Drs. Harris, Birkhill, Wang, Songe and Associates - Night Shift Radiologist

Garden City Hospital - SE MI - General Radiologist

Med Centric - Remote, X-Rays Only

Regional Medical Imaging - SE MI - Body Imager

Regional Medical Imaging - SE and Mid MI - Breast Imager

Rochester Radiology PC - SE MI - Special Interest in Neuro

University of Michigan - SE MI - Cardiothoracic Radiologist

X-Ray Associates of Port Huron - East MI - BE/BE Radiologist

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