



MICHIGAN RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
A Chapter of the American College of Radiology

MRS Board of Trustees
 Minutes
 November 2, 2023
 Zoom

Present	Riffat Ahmed, MD Kathleen Barry, MD, FACR Gordon Beute, MD, FACR Denise Collins, MD, FACR Leah Davis, DO Mark DeLano, MD, FACR N. Reed Dunnick, MD, FACR Karen Grajewski, MD Ali Harb, MD Randy Hicks, MD, MBA, FACR Michael Kasotakis, MD John Kalabat, MD Stephan Kilanowski, MD Bakul Lather, MD Ralph Lieto, MS, FACR Danny Ma, MD	Michael Mahacek, MD Duane Mezwa, MD, FACR Andrew Moriarity, MD Perry Pernicano, MD, FACR Rocky Saenz, DO Shannon Sage Walter Sahjidak, MD, FACR Rojanandham Samudrala, MD, FACR Katharine Scharer, MD, FACR Gaurang Shah, MD, FACR Vishwas Tiwari, MD Michael Votruba, MD, FACR Mark Weiss, MD, FACR Andrew Woodrow, MD Alkis Zingas, MD, FACR
Absent	Shadi Azar, MBBS Paul Chuba, MD, PhD, FACR Roger Gonda Jr., MD, FACR Brent Griffin, MD Joseph Junewick, MD, FACR Tracy King, MS Kate Klein, MD, FACR	Andreea Moore, MD Mark Pennington, MD Evita Singh, MD Ashok Srinivasan, MD, FACR Elias Taxakis, MD Harvey Yee, MD

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Walter Sahjidak, MD, FACR, President, Michigan Radiological Society

- Minutes:** The minutes from the September 14, 2023, meeting were approved.
MOTION: To approve the minutes from the September 14, 2023, meeting. Seconded. Motion carried.



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2. Officer Reports:

- a. **President's Report** – Doctor Sahijdak expressed his gratitude for everyone's effort in organizing a successful up north meeting. The program committee decided to work on a new format for their spring meetings, combining the annual meeting with the Hickey lecture and resident conference. The recent legislative day was also discussed.
- b. **President-Elect's Report** – Doctor Saenz provided an update about their meetings regarding the Sb. Bill 2, 79, which grants full practice rights to nurse practitioners. He reported that they had 7 successful appointments and provided staff with information and a chart created by Dr. Davis. Rocky also reminded everyone about the medical student function on November 14th and the MSU-sponsored radiology student day on November 7th. Doctor Weiss praised Josh Baker's work.
- c. **Vice President's Report** - Nothing to report.
- d. **Secretary's Report** – The secretary's report was found to have some errors so will be corrected and recirculated to the board immediately following the meeting.
- e. **Treasurer's Report** - Nothing to report.

3. Committee Reports

- **Budget and Finance** – Doctor Hicks reported that the society is in good shape financially indicating expenses are up a little due to inflationary pressure. Doctor Hicks and Shannon discussed correcting discrepancies in QuickBooks prior to the February meeting.
- **Fellowship** – Doctor Zingas reported that the Fellowship committee has selected 13 individuals for the next fellowship program, the largest number in one advance convocation. He thanked the committee members for their contributions and asked the board members to submit any candidates they feel are worthy of consideration for fellowship.
- **Legislative Affairs** – James Cavanagh reported that the Legislature is still in session and planning to adjourn by November ninth. Several issues are being discussed that haven't been fully vetted. Doctor Saenz clarified that they had met with Renee Watson, who mistakenly believed they were a group of RT technicians. Mr. Cavanagh discussed that a new bill has been introduced that would mandate the position of patient care team, which would be viewed as a threat by the nurses. The team also discussed the possibility of getting funding from the ACR for a public relations firm to aid their efforts. James discussed successful strategies employed in defense against a proposed bill the previous day. The team then discussed the potential of the corporate medicine law protecting them and the possibility of introducing more bills. Mr. Cavanagh recommended considering another legislative day in February.

4. Foundation Update

- a. Doctors Kasotakis announced that the foundation would hold a silent auction for a gift basket at the up north conference and informed the board that they would be meeting with Hologic for possible corporate sponsorship.



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5. Old Business

- **Mobile Health Project: Blood Work, Covid Lung Damage Screenings**
Doctor Levy Phillip presented a mobile health project focusing a new initiative with Moderna to conduct CT screenings for Covid-related lung damage. The project aims to offer free Ct screenings to those with persistent shortness of breath after Covid, with the help of a Michigan-based radiologist. The discussion also touched on the organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, with Doctor Grajewski explaining that it had expanded beyond increasing the diversity of radiologists to include education of members and community outreach. Doctor Moriarity expressed concern about the potential increase in incidental findings leading to additional imaging, while Doctor Levy emphasized the importance of early detection of lung cancer and long Covid damage. The project's funding sources, and business model were also discussed, with Doctor Levy explaining that their company, Mobile Insight, had purchased all the necessary equipment and was considering offering screening services outside of insurance or with direct pay. The project's potential collaboration with radiologists and the use of fragments and proteomics to enhance specificity were also highlighted. Walter and the executive committee expressed interest in the project and suggested the need for further discussions to determine their role in it. Doctors Moriarity and Grajewski were assigned to gather more information and report back at the next board meeting.

6. New Business

6. ACR Annual Meeting

- Doctor Sahjidak reminded the councilors and alternate councilors of the importance of attending the ACR annual meeting in Washington DC and being present for the vote. Doctor Sahjidak also discussed going back to the District Winery for the new Fellows dinner.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by President, Mark Weiss, MD, FACR, at 5:28 p.m.

These minutes were approved by Mark Weiss, MD, FACR, President, Michigan Radiological Society.