



MICHIGAN RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
A Chapter of the American College of Radiology

MRS Board of Trustees
 Minutes
 January 11, 2024
 Zoom

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Walter Sahijdak, MD, FACR, President, Michigan Radiological Society

1. **Minutes:** The minutes from the November 2, 2023, meeting were approved.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 2, 2023, meeting. **Seconded. Motion carried.**

2. **Officer Reports:**

- a. **President's Report** – Doctor Sahijdak announced the scheduling of the spring meeting for May 3rd & 4th. The meeting will combine the Hickey lecture, annual meeting, and gold medal presentation. The decision to consolidate these events was made to improve attendance, particularly among younger members. The meeting will be held at the Barnett Hotel in Novi.
- b. **President-Elect's Report** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Vice President's Report** - Nothing to report.
- d. **Secretary's Report** – Nothing to report.
- e. **Treasurer's Report** - Nothing to report.

3. **Committee Reports**

- a. Communications - Doctor's Ma and Moriarity volunteered to lead the Communications Committee, a role which has been vacant for over a year. Doctor Sahijdak proposed sending an email to the membership to find potential candidates for the Communications and Young and Early Career Physicians Committees. Michael Hicks, MD showed interest in the Young and Early Career Physicians Committee position. There was a discussion about the need for volunteers for various committee positions. Doctor Sahijdak suggested sending an email to the board to encourage someone to step forward.
- b. Legislative Affairs – James Cavanagh provided an overview of the political landscape in Michigan as the new legislative session begins, highlighting a partisan split in the House, special elections to fill vacant seats, and potential challenges in the Senate. They also noted a ruling that district lines were unconstitutionally drawn, which could impact future elections. James anticipates some gridlock but hopes for collaboration between parties. They mentioned a focus on economic development, mental health, and scope of practice issues, particularly Bill 279.

4. **ACRa Grant**

- a. MRG Marketing Update & Plan – Doctor Davis report praised the MRG proposal for its comprehensive presentation. Doctor Davis showed slides related to the proposal. She proposed the creation of a small, efficient decision-making team whose responsibilities would include setting up the brand, initiating legislative action, and targeting healthcare professionals, patients, and the general public. She also suggested that this team should have the authority to approve content without requiring board approval. The team agreed on this approach. The team discussed the selection of a new logo and branding for Michigan radiologists' campaign, emphasizing the importance of the tagline "Elevating care, one image at a time". They considered various options and expressed their preferences, but no final decision was made. Doctor Davis suggested presenting a favorite to the executive board for approval.

5. Chapter Recognition Award

- a. Doctor Ma reported that all chapter recognition reports have been submitted for all categories indicating the society has won the award for Quality & Safety for the last three years and they hope to win more than one this year. The winners are announced in Mid-March.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

- a. ACR Resolution review – Doctor Davis proposed a resolution to strengthen the ACR's policy regarding corporate practice, emphasizing the importance of patient care and physician autonomy. They referred to a white paper on the corporatization of radiology and suggested the possibility of submitting a resolution on corporate practice and private equity to the American College of Radiology. However, the team expressed concerns about the short timeframe for review and potential edits. The group acknowledged the deadline for submissions and the need for careful language, but a clear decision on whether to proceed with the submission was not reached.

8. ACR Annual Meeting

- b. The ACR Annual meeting was discussed, with an emphasis on counselors' need to be available on the 15th and 16th to vote on resolutions. The event, scheduled for March 12th and 14th from 7 to 9:30 PM, will address specific technical standards and practice parameter lists. Participants must register and be a counselor designate.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by President, Mark Weiss, MD, FACR, at 6:23 p.m.

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