



MICHIGAN RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
A Chapter of the American College of Radiology

Michigan Radiological Society
Board of Trustees
September 24, 2024
Baronette Renaissance, Novi, MI

Call to Order
Minutes of the May 4, 2024, Board Meeting

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report _____ R. Saenz
President-Elect _____ A. Woodrow
Vice President _____ E. Singh
Secretary _____ S. Azar

Committee Reports

Legislative Affairs _____ J. Junewick; J. Cavanagh
Radiological Safety _____ J. Kalabat

MRS Foundation

Update _____ M. Kasotakis; P. Pernicano

ACRa Grant - MRG

MiRadiologists.com Update _____ L. Davis

- Interest in funding/continuing MiRad campaign
- Reapplying for the ACR State SOP grant

Old Business

New Business

- Purchase of A/V equipment for education meetings _____ R. Saenz

Adjourn



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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Rocky Saenz, OD, President-Elect in the absence of the President, Michigan Radiological Society

1. **Minutes:** The minutes from the April 5, 2024, meeting were approved.

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the April 5, 2024, meeting. **Seconded. Motion carried.**

2. **Officer Reports:**

- a. **President's Report** – Doctor Sahijdak emphasized the critical importance of full attendance for the ACR annual meeting and reminded everyone going about the fellows' dinner. Additionally, he spoke about the annual meeting on May 4th where Doctor Saenz would assume the role of president. Doctor Sahijdak thanked the board as this would be his last meeting serving as President.
- b. **President-Elect's Report** – Doctor Saenz updated everyone on the 4th annual Medical Student Symposium coming up on May 31, 2024.

3. **Committee Reports**

- a. **MOTION:** to accept all annual committee reports as submitted. **Seconded. Motion carried.**

4. **MRS Foundation Update** – Doctor Kasotakis announced that the foundation is offering a couple of gift baskets for auction at their booth and discussed the medical students they sponsored for the ACR annual meeting in Washington DC as well as announcing that Norman Beauchamp has left the state.

5. **ACRa Grant Update** – Doctor Davis discussed the current campaign and shared a slide deck with the board. The next steps are to share the grant proposal and potential make a renewal. The MRS had agreed to match fund with the ACR so a decision will need to be made in the future.

6. **Old Business**

7. **New Business**

8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by President-Elect Rocky Saenz, DO, at 9:22 a.m.

These minutes were approved by Walter Sahijdak, MD, FACR, President, Michigan Radiological Society.

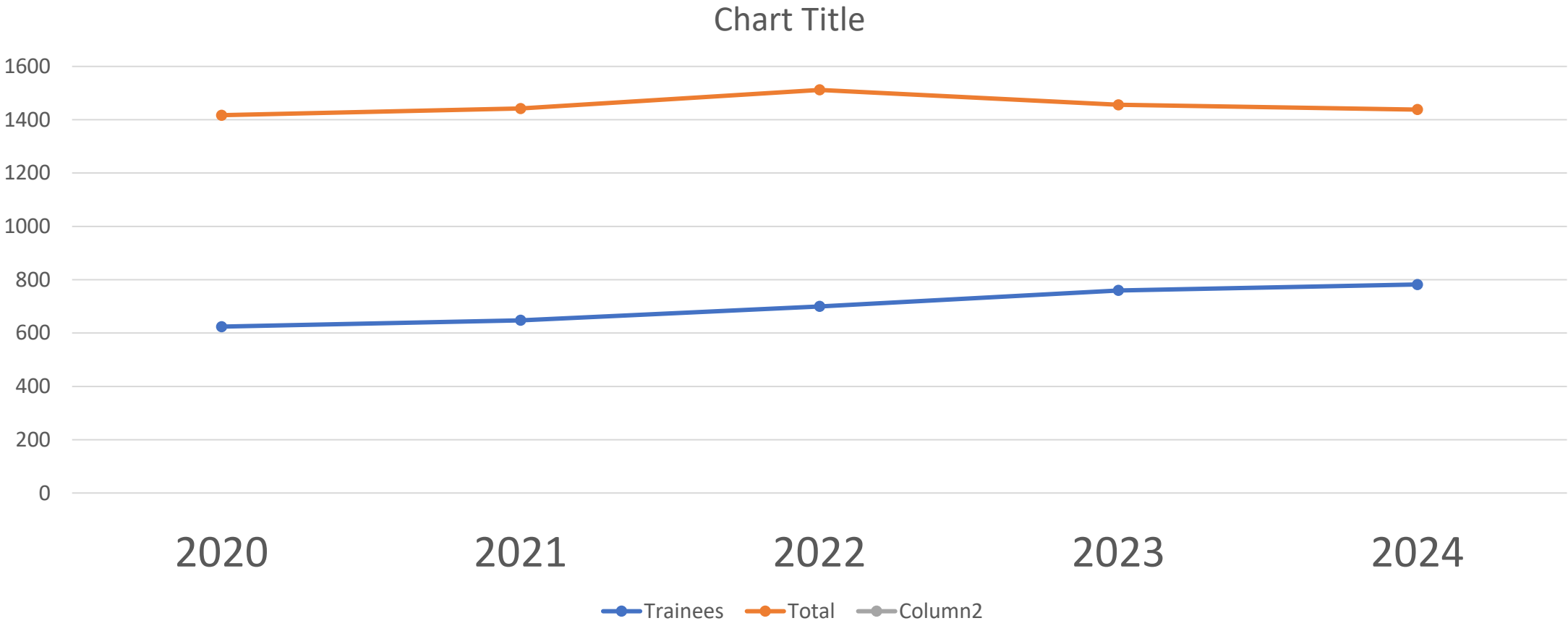
Secretary Report
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Secretary's Report
September 24, 2024

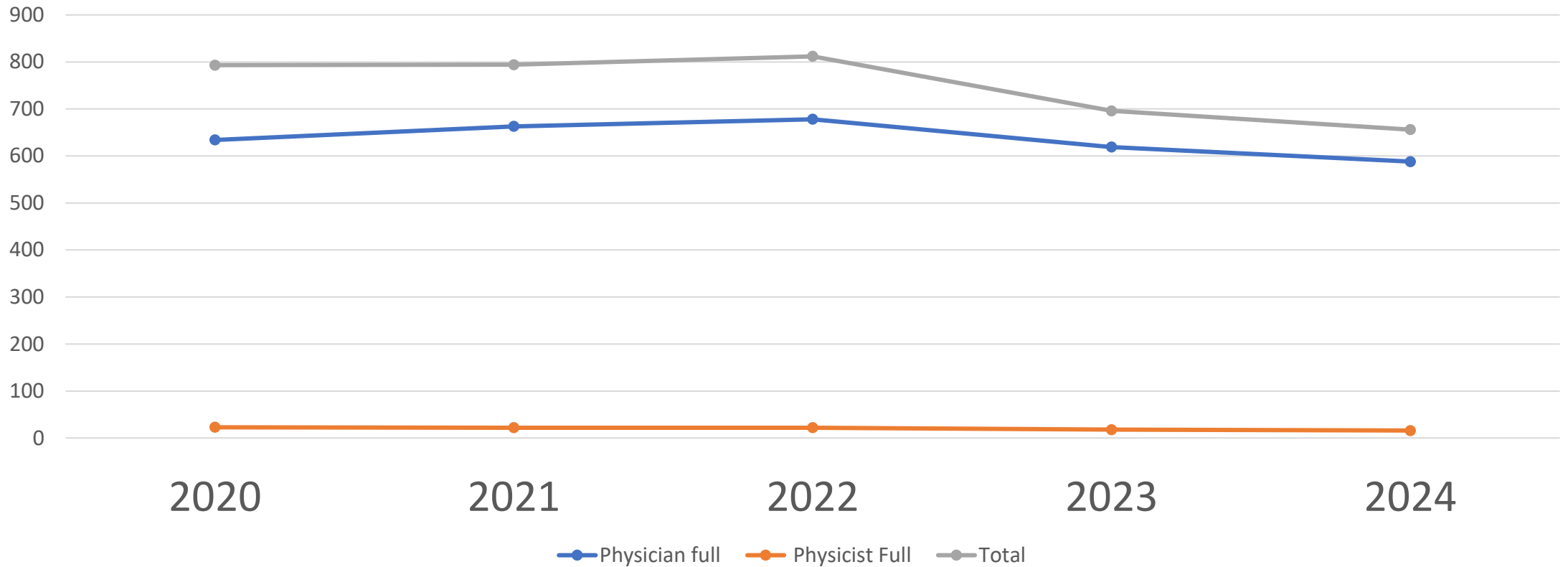
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Physician Full	588	619	678	663	634
Physician Year 1	17	11	55	58	49
Physician Year 2	15	20	35	24	21
Physician Year 3	19	27	21	23	39
Physician Year 4	0		0	0	27
Physicist Full	16	18	22	22	23
Physicist Year 1	1	0	0	3	0
Physicist Year 2	0	0	0	1	0
Physicist Year 3	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Total</i>	656	696	812	794	793
Member in Training Medical Student	171	156	135	105	65
Member in Training Resident	293	306	313	303	308
Member in Training Fellow	14	16	6	16	38
Member in Training Transitional Year Entry	1	1	0	0	0
Member in Training - Trans 1	30	53	20	9	6
Member in Training - Trans 2	71	33	21	12	6
Member in Training Physicist	2	1	3	2	5
Physicist Retired	8	8	7	7	7
Physician Year 1	1	2	5	0	0
Physician Retired	191	184	190	194	189
<i>Total</i>	782	760	700	648	624
Total	1438	1456	1512	1442	1417

Trainees' Membership



Physicians and Physicists Membership

Chart Title





Warner Norcross + Judd LLP

MEMORANDUM

TO: Michigan Radiological Society Board of Trustees
Shannon Sage, Executive Director

FROM: James G. Cavanagh

DATE: September 24, 2024

RE: **Legislative Report**

OVERVIEW

With a close election looming to determine which party will control The Michigan House of Representatives, leadership of that Chamber has scheduled only one session day (September 25) before November. The Senate on the other hand, will meet periodically. Currently, Democrats hold a slim 56-54 majority in the House and Republican leaders believe they can flip a few seats to once again take control of that Chamber. Control of the Senate will remain in the hands of the Democrats as Senators do not face the voters until 2026. Polling indicates the Presidential race is very close. However, since President Biden decided to not seek re-election and since the nomination of Vice President Harris to be the Democrats' standard bearer, the race has narrowed dramatically. As candidates from both parties seek victory, don't look for much substantive action on policy until "lame duck" session.

LEGISLATION

Scope of Practice:

Last April, Senator Jeff Irwin (D-Ann Arbor) introduced SB 279, which is a reintroduction of last session's SB 680. The bill has bipartisan co-sponsorship and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Health Policy. This legislation, in essence, allows nurse practitioners to practice medicine by granting them authority to diagnose medical conditions and prescribe controlled substances without being under the supervision of a physician. It also specifically allows nurse practitioners to engage in "ordering, performing, supervising and *interpreting* laboratory and imaging studies."

The Committee held a hearing on the bill, last spring. Physician groups including MRS spoke out against the measure. Due to that opposition it now appears the bill will die at the end of this session which will be late December.

Physician-Led Patient Care Teams:

Rep. Alabas Farhat (D-Dearborn) has introduced HB 4472, which would establish and mandate practice agreements for physician assistants and nurse practitioners. The agreements call for a patient care team led by a physician or physicians. The legislation was introduced at the

request of Michigan State Medical Society and is supported by physician specialty groups. It is now with the House Committee on Health Policy where it has stayed since its introduction in April. The introduction of this bill was a counter-offensive by MSMS and physician groups to the nurses' efforts to legislate a medical degree.

HB 4015, Insulin Co-Pay:

Sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Conlin (D-Dexter), places a limit on the co-pay of Insulin at \$35 for every 30-day supply. This bill was reported from the House Committee of Insurance and Financial Services to the floor of the House in substituted form.

SB 27, Mental Health Parity:

Sponsored by Sen. Sarah Anthony (D-Lansing), requires health insurers to give equal coverage for behavioral health and substance use disorder services as that given for physical health. Much of this is a codification of federal law. The bill has passed the Senate and House was signed by the Governor and is now Public Act 41 of 2024.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Court Decisions Effecting Physician Liability in Medical Malpractice Actions:

This summer the Michigan Supreme Court issued two rulings having a direct effect on physician liability in medical malpractice actions. In *Daher v Prime Healthcare Services—Garden City* the Court ruled that Michigan's Wrongful Death Act (WDA) does not allow for the recovery of lost future earnings.

In *Daher*, the parents of a deceased child brought a medical malpractice action pursuant to the WDA claiming the defendants failed to treat and diagnose bacterial meningitis in their child. The parent's complaint sought damages which included the defendant child's lost future earnings. The plaintiff's expert witness estimated those future earnings to be \$11 million and \$19 million.

The Michigan Supreme Court agreed to hear the case and decide the question of lost future earnings because there were past decisions of the Court of Appeals which conflicted on the matter. Those conflicting decisions were based on the Legislature's amendments to the WDA. In 1985 legislative amendments to the WDA added another type of damage that could be recovered by a plaintiff, loss of financial support. The Supreme Court concluded that since the legislature did not provide for loss of future earnings at that time, it showed that lawmakers specifically excluded loss of future earnings as another component of damages. In essence, a deliberate exclusion of loss of future earnings as a component of damages.

This decision is very important, especially coming from a Court whose majority lean to the side of plaintiffs. The decision will substantially reduce the amount of damages a plaintiff can seek in WDA actions. It limits recovery of future earnings to *only the financial support* the deceased

would have provided his/her beneficiaries and *not* loss of *wage-earning capacity* that the decedent could have earned over his/her lifetime.

In *Danhoff v Fahim*, Lynda Danhoff filed a medical malpractice claim against Daniel Fahim M.D. and others in the Oakland County Circuit Court. Her husband, Daniel Danhoff filed a consortium claim. Dr. Fahim and others performed a surgical procedure on the plaintiff known as extreme lateral intrabody fusion. After the surgery the plaintiff experienced complications including pain, fever, and blood pressure problems. A CT scan revealed that there were particles outside the plaintiff's colon and that she would had to have another surgical procedure. In fact, the plaintiff would have four more surgeries to correct the perforated colon. As a consequence, Lynda Danhoff filed this action.

The trial Court found that the affidavit of plaintiff's expert witness was not sufficiently reliable to admit his testimony because it did not cite any published medical literature or other authority to base his opinion that the standard care had been breached. Plaintiff appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals, but that Court affirmed the trial Court's decision. The plaintiff then sought relief from the Michigan Supreme Court. The Supreme Court by a 5-2 majority, Justice Bernstein concurring, reversed the decision of the trial court and the Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court held that the trial court abused its discretion by inadequately assessing the reliability of the standard of care expert witness without appropriately analyzing the proposed sections of the reliability factors mandated by the statute.

The court's decision in essence, makes it *somewhat easier for standard of care expert evidence to be admitted* in medical malpractice actions.

Many thanks to Dr. Leah Davis who has been very active in making all of us aware of these developments especially physician liability.

MRS Public Relations Task Force:

As part of the MRS Legislative effort, a public relations firm has been engaged to keep educating legislators and the public in general, about the practice of radiology and the need to have qualified people interpret images. Market Resource Group (MRG) has developed effective messaging to inform decision makers about the perils of SB 279, the need for HB 4472 and what it takes to become a radiologist. To combine and expedite this effort a Working Group has been appointed to work with MRG and act as liaison for the Board of Trustees. Group members include Legislative Committee Co-Chairs Doctors Joe Junewick and Leah Davis, MRS President, Dr. Rocky Saenz, Dr. Michael Hicks, Dr. Sonia Somant, and MRS lobbyist Jim Cavanagh.

Mandating Insurance Coverage for Diagnostic Mammograms:

The MRS Legislative Committee with Board approval, will be seeking legislation next session which would mandate insurers to cover diagnostic mammograms for Michigan patients. The Committee will be enlisting the assistance of breast radiologists toward this effort and will be seeking a coalition with patient advocacy groups such as the American Cancer Society. The Committee has been reviewing legislation from other states many of which have become law.

Legislation to mandate insurance coverage will be strongly opposed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, along with other insurers and the Economic Alliance. Nevertheless, this is a patient health and safety issue that needs to be addressed. Meantime, potential bill sponsors are being approached as well as efforts to gain support from potential allied groups.

Many thanks to Dr. Leah Davis, the Legislative Committee and breast radiologists for their leadership on this issue.

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Profile Performance

February 1, 2024 - August 22, 2024

Understand growth and health of your social profiles

Included in this Report

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Performance Summary

View your key profile performance metrics from the reporting period.

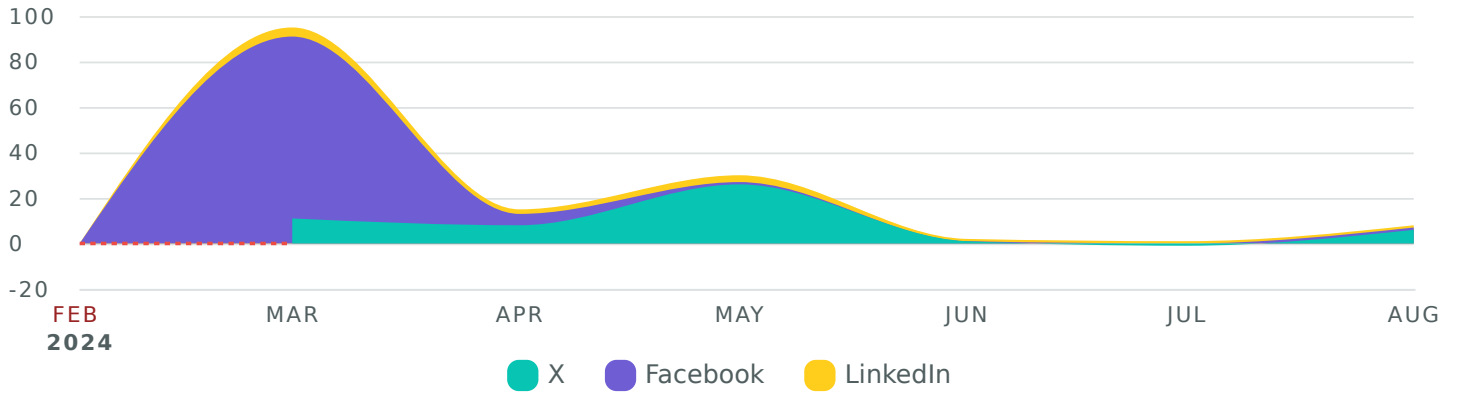
Impressions 55,692 ↗—	Engagements 1,406 ↗—	Post Link Clicks 148 ↗—
Engagement Rate (per Impression) 2.5% ↗—		

Audience Growth

See how your audience grew during the reporting period.

Net Audience Growth, by Month

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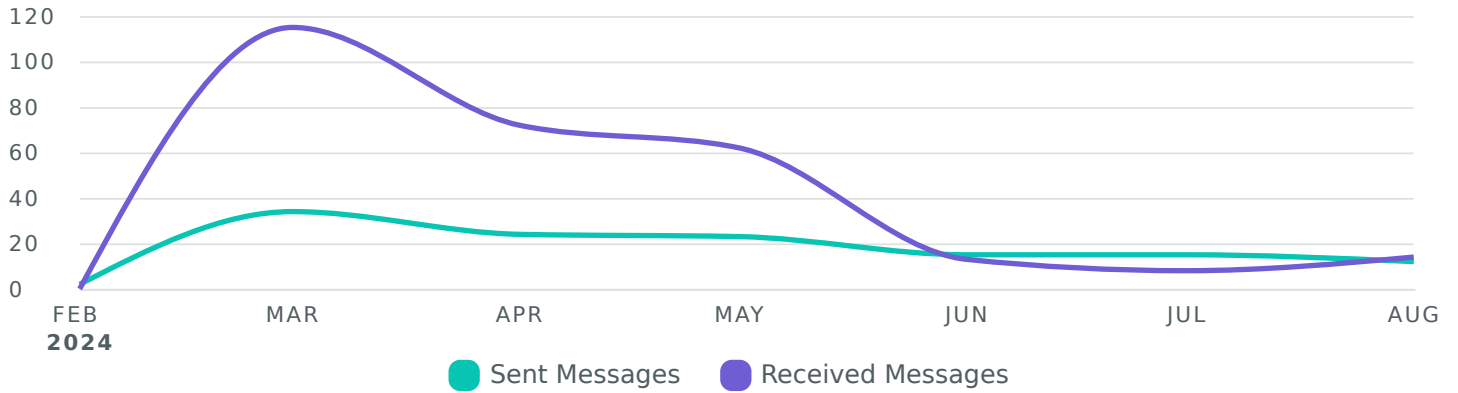


Audience Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Audience	150	↗ —
Total Net Audience Growth	150	↗ —
X Net Follower Growth	51	—
Facebook Net Follower Growth	87	↗ —
LinkedIn Net Follower Growth	12	↗ —

Message Volume

Review the volume of sent and received messages across networks during the selected time period.

Messages per Month



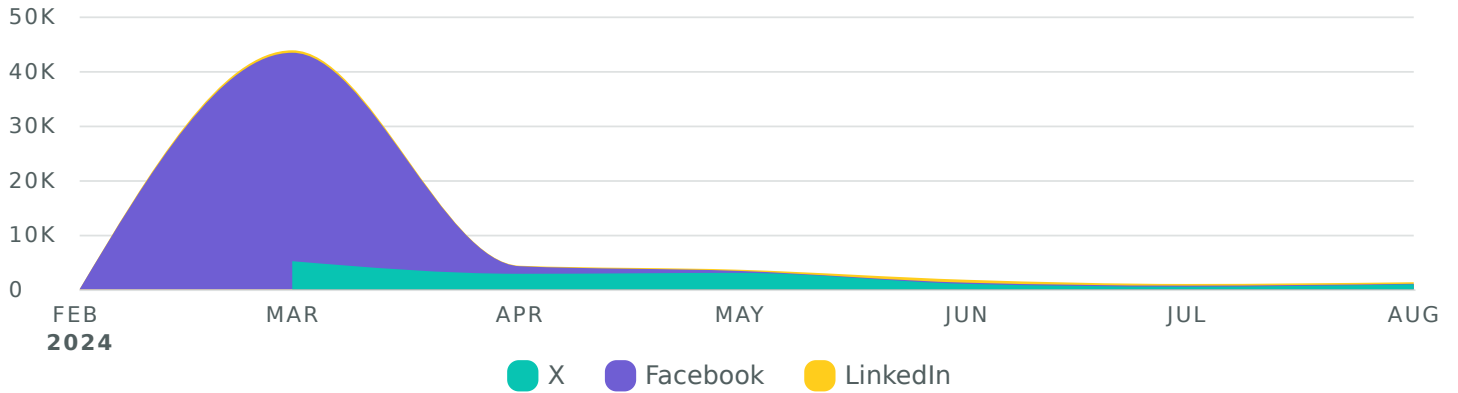
Sent Messages Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Sent Messages	125	↗ —
X Sent Messages	39	↗ —
Facebook Sent Messages	48	↗ —
LinkedIn Sent Messages	38	↗ —

Received Messages Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Received Messages	284	↗ —
X Received Messages	180	↗ —
Facebook Received Messages	102	↗ —
LinkedIn Received Comments	2	↗ —

Impressions

Review how your content was seen across networks during the reporting period.

Impressions, by Month

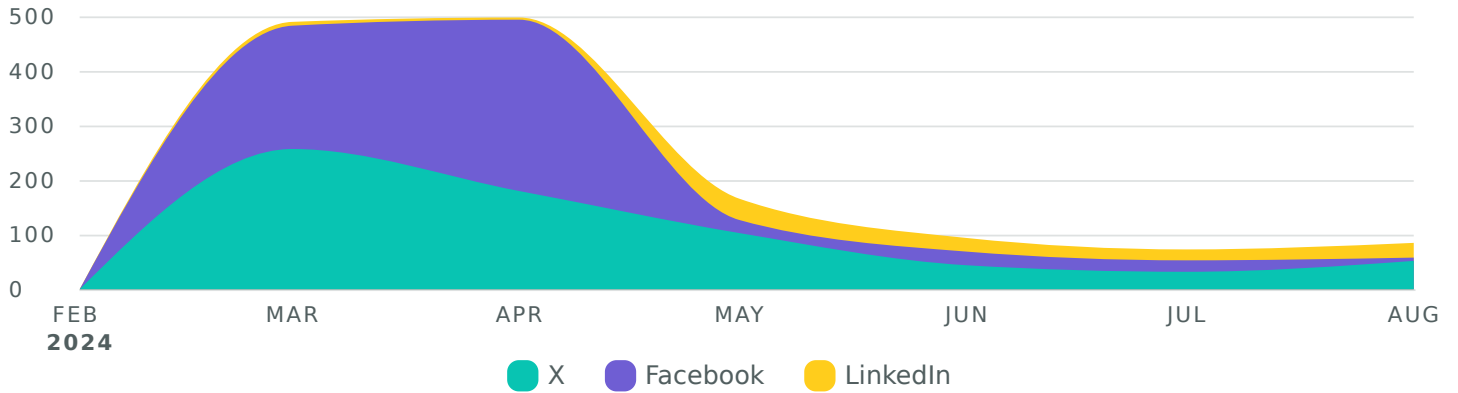


Impression Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Impressions	55,692	↗ —
X Impressions	13,333	—
Facebook Impressions	40,480	↗ —
LinkedIn Impressions	1,879	↗ —

Engagement

See how people are engaging with your posts during the reporting period.

Engagements, by Month

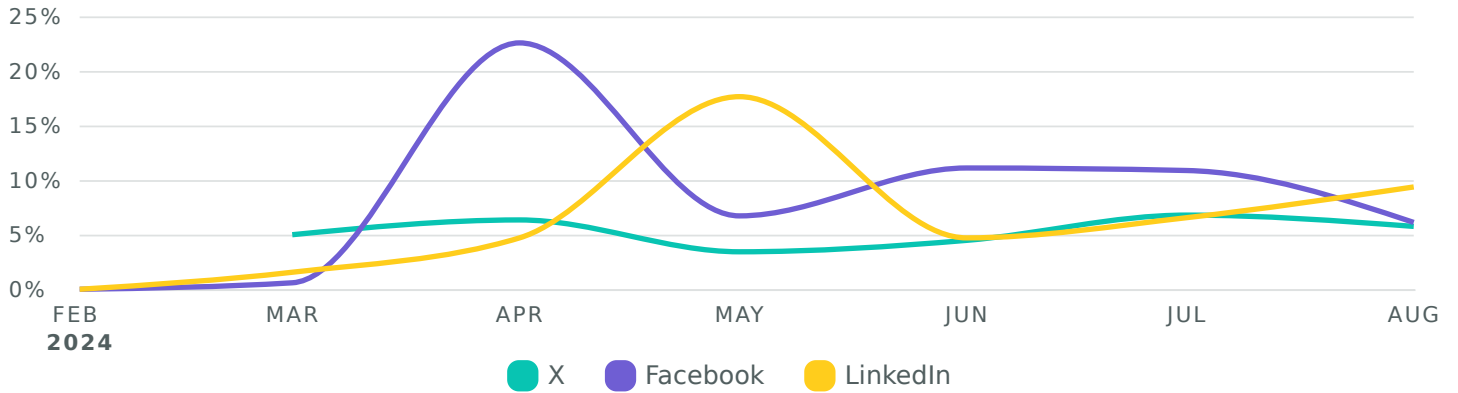


Engagement Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Engagements	1,406	↗ —
X Engagements	668	↗ —
Facebook Engagements	616	↗ —
LinkedIn Engagements	122	↗ —

Engagement Rate

See how engaged people are with your posts during the reporting period.

Engagement Rate (per Impression), by Month

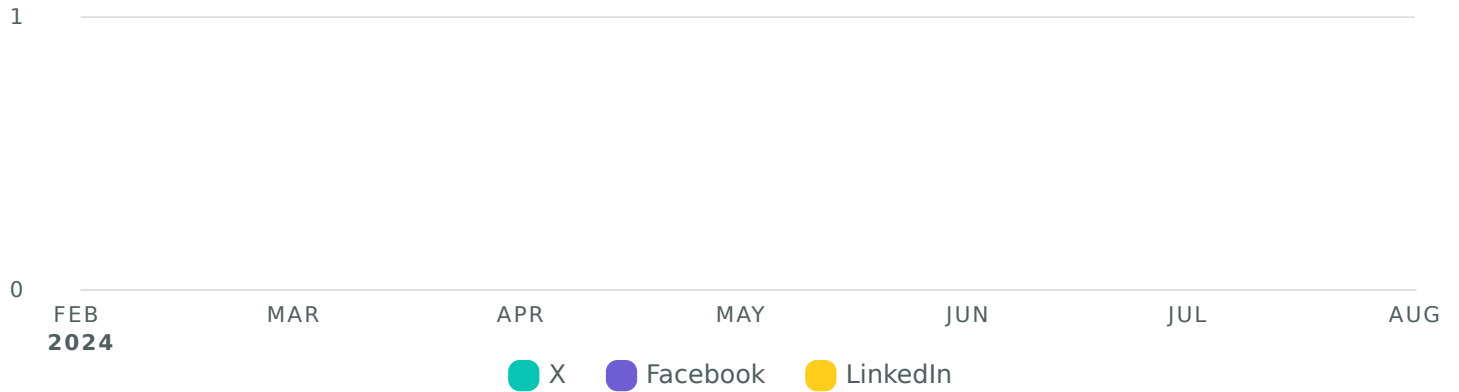


Engagement Rate Metrics	Rate	% Change
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%	↗ —
X Engagement Rate	5.0%	—
Facebook Engagement Rate	1.5%	↗ —
LinkedIn Engagement Rate	6.5%	↗ —

Video Views

Review how your videos were viewed across networks during the reporting period.




Video Views, by Month



Video Views Metrics	Totals	% Change
Video Views	0	→0%
X Video Views	0	—
Facebook Video Views	0	→ 0%
LinkedIn Video Views	—	—

Profiles

Review your aggregate profile and page metrics from the reporting period.

Profile [▲]	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Feb 1, 2024 - Aug 22, 2024	150 ↗ —	150 ↗ —	118 ↗ —	55,692 ↗ —	1,406 ↗ —	2.5% ↗ —	0 → 0%
Compare to Jul 12, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0
 @MiRadiologists	51	51	39	13,333	668	5%	0
 MiRadiologists	87	87	41	40,480	616	1.5%	0
 MiRadiologists	12	12	38	1,879	122	6.5%	—

AV Equipment Comparison: Renting vs. Purchasing

1. Renting AV Equipment

Budget: \$6,000 - \$8,000

- **Flexibility:** Renting allows access to the latest technology for each event.
 - **Service & Support:** Includes professional setup, technical support, and teardown, minimizing effort.
 - **Short-Term Use:** Ideal for occasional events; no need to store or maintain equipment.
 - **Customization:** Tailor equipment to the specific needs of each event (projectors, sound systems, lighting, etc.).
 - **Maintenance-Free:** No responsibility for repairs or upgrades.
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2. Purchasing AV Equipment

Budget: \$4,000

- **Upfront Investment:** More cost-effective for frequent use.
 - **Ownership:** Equipment is available whenever needed without recurring rental fees.
 - **No Recurring Costs:** No need to rent, but there will be maintenance, storage, and upgrade costs over time.
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