



MICHIGAN RADIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
A Chapter of the American College of Radiology

MRS Board of Trustees
 Minutes
 November 21, 2024
 Zoom

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Rocky Saenz, OD, President, Michigan Radiological Society

- Minutes:** The minutes of the September 24, 2024, meeting were approved.
MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 24, 2024, meeting. Seconded. Motion carried.

2. Officer Reports:

- a. **President's Report** – The President reported on the recent success of the breast conference and the purchase of AV equipment, which was well-received. The discussion also included the Medical Student Q&A and plans for a second in-person board meeting, potentially in March.
- b. **President-Elect's Report** – Nothing to report.
- c. **Vice President's Report** - Nothing to report
- d. **Secretary's Report** – The group discussed the decline in physician membership and the need to develop a plan to boost participation from private practices and departments.

3. Committee Reports

- a. **Communications** - The Communications Committee discussed plans for the upcoming year, including assigning specific sections of the website to committee members to ensure updates and functionality. They emphasized integrating the newsletter with the committee to promote collaboration and discussed analyzing website traffic data and improving social media presence. The committee welcomed new members, sought more input from specific sections, and planned a full website review to assess security and re-evaluate the web host.
- b. **Legislative Affairs** – Mr. Cavanagh provided a legislative update on the upcoming session in Michigan, highlighting concerns over a slim Republican majority and the risks of a lame duck session. He detailed two proposed bills, 6085 and 6086, which could significantly increase damages in medical malpractice cases and lead to a 17-20% rise in insurance premiums. Michigan already has the second-highest malpractice insurance rates, trailing only Illinois.

Mr. Cavanagh emphasized the need for a grassroots campaign against the legislation, urging members to contact legislators, particularly the House Judiciary Committee, and prepare for Senate involvement. Coordination with other physician specialty groups and insurance companies was deemed critical. Bullet points would be shared to guide member action.

The potential impact of increased rates on healthcare access, defensive medicine, and physician recruitment was discussed. Concerns were raised about young physicians leaving Michigan for states with more favorable conditions. An all-out effort, including support from the economic alliance and defense attorneys, was called for to defeat the proposed changes and enhance Michigan's competitiveness for physician recruitment.

4. **MRS Foundation Update** – Dr. Kasotakis discussed the addition of Dr. Mark Delano to the board and the departure of Dr. Beauchamp. The foundation's activities included co-sponsoring the MSU Medical Student Symposium and introducing a scholarship in honor of Dr. Nancy Gregory. A generous \$25,000 donation was announced, which will be used to send medical students interested in radiology to the ACR and RLI. The foundation also explored the possibility of additional donations and scholarships. A motion was passed to approve the September meeting minutes

5. **Old Business**

6. New Business

Artificial Intelligence Committee – Dr. Brown and Dr. Kasotakis discussed the creation or re-establishment of the AI Committee, which had previously been disbanded. They plan to meet and provide further updates at the next meeting.

Chapter Recognition Awards - Dr. Ma informed the board that chapter recognition reports are currently in progress.

U of M MSK Ultrasound at RFS Conference - Former Resident and Fellow Section President, Gunjan Malhotra, presented the idea of engaging state residents in a teaching session on MSK ultrasound at their annual meeting. The board expressed support for the proposal and recommended involving Brent, the program director, in the planning.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by President-Elect Rocky Saenz, DO, at 5:51 p.m.

These minutes were approved by Rocky Saenz, DO, President, Michigan Radiological Society.