Michigan Radiological Society
Resident & Fellow Section
Application for Executive Board Position

Michigan Radiological Society Resident & Fellows Section Executive Board: Application and Selection Process

- Prior to the yearly conference, applicants must complete an anonymized application.
- The resident affairs committee will rank each application using a numerical score (1-10).
- The average score will be used to determine the candidate's rank.
- The highest-ranking applicant from each program will get their "first-choice" position, and so on.
- If a position is already filled, the applicant will choose their next preferred option.
- A second position may not be filled by a member of the same residency program until all programs are represented unless no other programs have applied.
- In the event of a tie, the chair of the resident affairs committee will make the final decision.
- All winners will be announced at the yearly conference.

Please rank ALL positions you would be interested in filling.

President-Elect	1
Secretary	2
Treasurer	5
Webmaster	6

Fundraising Chair	3
Resident Liaison	4
Fellow Liaison	

Why are you interested in joining the Michigan Radiological Society Executive Board?

After serving as the Resident Liaison this past year, I've developed a strong appreciation for the Michigan Radiological Society's commitment to advocacy, education, and mentorship. I am especially grateful for the support I received through the MRS scholarship to attend the ACR Radiology Leadership Institute (RLI) course, which has significantly shaped my interest in organized radiology and leadership. I feel a strong sense of responsibility to give back to the Society that has invested in me.

During my postdoctoral research at Duke, I gained exposure to national conversations in radiology and was involved in collaborative projects that broadened my understanding of radiology beyond clinical practice. That experience, along with my recent appointment as an in-training Intersociety Committee Representative for the ACR RFS, has given me valuable perspective on the importance of collaboration between state and national radiology organizations, which I hope to bring to the Executive Board.

Most importantly, I look forward to continuing to learn from the experienced radiologists and attendings who lead and support MRS. Their mentorship and dedication are inspiring, and I would be honored to work alongside them to help advance the Society's mission, support my peers, and further strengthen the bridge between trainees and established leaders in our field.

What qualifications do you have for the positions you are applying?

I believe my qualifications stem from a combination of hands-on leadership experience, strong communication skills, and a consistent commitment to supporting others in the radiology community. As the Resident Liaison to the MRS Executive Board, I gained valuable insight into the Society's initiatives and priorities and developed a strong working relationship with a dedicated team of professionals. This experience gave me a solid understanding of the responsibilities these roles carry, and the collaborative spirit needed to fulfill them.

I've also had the privilege of mentoring medical students interested in radiology—as a clinical instructor at Western Michigan University, and through informal mentorship roles during my residency training, working with students from Wayne State University and the American Academy of Radiology. These experiences have strengthened my interpersonal and leadership skills while deepening my awareness of the needs and challenges faced by trainees. In addition, my postdoctoral work involved interdisciplinary teamwork and complex project management, which taught me how to contribute effectively in diverse, collaborative settings—skills that translate well into society work.

Throughout these roles, I've often been described by colleagues and trainees as dependable, approachable, and committed. I approach leadership with humility, responsibility, and a genuine desire to contribute meaningfully. I believe these qualities, along with my varied experience, prepare me to serve effectively and continue growing as a member of the MRS Executive Board.

What ideas do you have for MRS RFS this year?

One initiative I'd be excited to introduce is a structured, tiered mentorship framework that brings together residents, fellows, and attendings with shared areas of interest. For instance, a resident pursuing neuroradiology could be paired with a fellow currently training in that discipline and a seasoned attending practicing in the field. This layered model would foster targeted guidance, strengthen a sense of professional belonging, and offer valuable insights at each stage of career development.

Another key focus would be expanding educational opportunities around emerging themes in radiology—particularly the transformative impact of artificial intelligence. Drawing on my background in AI research, I'd be eager to help organize sessions that make these complex topics more accessible and explore their real-world applications in radiology practice. A recent highlight was the Breast Imaging Conference hosted by MRS on November 9–10th, which provided an outstanding example of focused, high-level subspecialty content. Building on that model, we could create similar events for both trainees and practicing radiologists—such as innovation showcases, resident-led case discussions, or career development panels. Additionally, collaborating with the ACR to host advocacy-focused workshops could empower residents with the tools and confidence to engage in the policies that shape our field.

Lastly, I see great potential in strengthening informal, cross-institutional networking opportunities. The Radiology Networking Night held on September 24th—made possible through the kind coordination of Ms. Sage and the MRS—was a fantastic example. It gave me the opportunity to connect in person with students I had previously only met virtually, and it truly highlighted the value of personal interaction. Expanding similar gatherings to include medical students, residents, and fellows could further unify the radiology community across Michigan and encourage collaborative efforts in mentorship, research, and shared learning.

Return completed application to Shannon Sage at shannon@michigan-rad.org

<u>Scoring to be completed by the Resident Affairs Committee</u>:

Score 1: _____

Score 2: _____

Score 3: _____

Score 4: _____

Score 5: _____

Score 6: _____

Score 7: _____

Score 8: _____

Score 9: _____

Score 10: _____

Average Score: _____