Michigan Radiological Society

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2025

Location: Zoom

Call to Order

President Andrew Woodrow, MD, called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Attendance

Present:

Katharine Barry
Leah Davis
Randy Hicks
Michael Hicks
Benjamin Himelhoch
Michael Kasotakis
Bakul Lather
Ralph Lieto
Danny Ma
Andrew Moriarity
Perry Pernicano
Ashele Rubenstein
Rocky Saenz
Walter Sahijdak
Blake Salisbury
Biren Shah
Ashok Srinivasa
Ron Stallworth
Maria Vlachaki
Andrew Woodrow
Harvey Yee

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2025, Board meeting. - Motion carried.

President's Report – Andrew Woodrow, MD

President Woodrow opened the meeting by recognizing member contributions through a new "Kudos and Thanks" segment. He also discussed declining membership and introduced the formation of a Strategic Planning Committee led by Drs. Michael Kasotakis and Mark Weiss to develop a 3–5 year vision for the Society.

President-Elect Report – Evita Singh, MD

No report.

Vice President Report – Shadi Azar, MD

No report.

Secretary Report – Leah Davis, MD

Dr. Davis reported that overall membership remains stable, with a slight decline in full physician memberships compared to prior years. Early-career and trainee membership levels have held steady.

Treasurer Report – Ashok Srinivasan, MD

Dr. Srinivasan presented the Treasurer's Report, noting a $55,000 net operating deficit due to lower membership revenue and increased expenses related to the MyRadiologist.com campaign. Dr. Randy Hicks emphasized expanding sponsorships and partnerships, while Dr. Richard suggested exploring AI vendor sponsorships for MRS initiatives.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report carried.

Artificial Intelligence – Michael Kasotakis, MD; Richard Brown, MD

The committee will update its mission statement, expand membership to include residents and medical students, and conduct a survey and webinar to engage members and vendors.

Communications – Danny Ma, MD; Andrew Moriarity, MD

The committee reported a successful first meeting with increased participation. Updates include rollout of new membership software featuring a searchable directory and job bank, archiving historical photos, and enhanced social media engagement on X, Instagram, and Facebook. Improved communication with the Residents Section via WhatsApp and website privacy policy updates are underway. The quarterly newsletter, edited by Karen Gojewski, will be released near Thanksgiving.

Legislative Affairs – Ron Stallworth

Ron Stallworth reported that state budget negotiations in Lansing remain unresolved, with a potential government shutdown approaching September 30. House Bill 4399 (Nurse Practitioner Scope Expansion) is expected to remain inactive until the budget is finalized. Capital Day is scheduled for October 15, with lunch at Kelly's followed by meetings with health policy committee members and legislators. Dr. Michael Kasotakis inquired about a Senate malpractice cap bill; Mr. Stallworth stated that most legislative activity is currently stalled due to the budget impasse.

Leah Davis reported on the Legislative Chair transition, confirming that Joe had stepped down and offering to assume the position if appointed. The board agreed to move forward with this leadership change.
- Report received and filed.

ROOT Act Call to Action – Leah Davis, MD

Dr. Davis provided a brief update on ongoing legislative engagement and advocacy outreach efforts.

Membership – Harvey Yee, MD

Dr. Yee reported a continued decline in physician membership since 2021, though trainee membership remains stable. The committee will collaborate with the Strategic Planning Committee to address recruitment and retention.

Radiological Safety – John Kalabat, MD

Dr. Kalabat reported increased resident participation and ongoing committee activity.

MRS Foundation – Michael Kasotakis, MD; Perry Pernicano, MD

Dr. Kasotakis reported that the MRS Foundation received a $25,000 scholarship donation from Dr. Samudrala's family foundation to support medical student engagement and educational initiatives.

Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

Board Members Retiring/Resigning: President Woodrow presented a revised board slate including new appointments and retirements. Dr. Lieto clarified that all appointments require full Board approval.

Fall Mixers: Plans are underway for two fall mixers, one on each side of the state. Dates to be confirmed.

Fall Webinar: Dr. Shah announced plans for a fall educational webinar.

Resolution – CPT Codes for MSK Ultrasound: Dr. Leah Davis presented a resolution concerning CPT codes for musculoskeletal ultrasound to be advanced to the ACR and subsequently the AMA.

Chiropractors Cone Beam CT CON Exemption: Briefly discussed; no action taken.

Diagnostic Breast Coverage Legislation: Dr. Davis provided an update on diagnostic breast coverage legislation. Follow-up will continue through the Legislative Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm by President Andrew Woodrow, MD.