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THE VIEWBOX

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President's Message



The Texas Radiological Society has two main functions: (1) presentation of an annual scientific meeting designed to improve the skills of its members through well planned lectures given by leaders in their fields from Texas and the Nation and (2) to function effectively as a chapter of the ACR, helping to guide our profession in providing excellent radiologic services to our patients.

Our annual meeting is already set for 2002, with excellent topics and presenters, put together by our program chair, Tom Fletcher, MD of Austin. TRS is positioned to be effective in the ACR, with Mickey Guiberteau, MD, serving on the Board of Chancellors, and Paul Ellenbogen, MD, on the Council Steering Committee. In addition, at the ACR meeting in September, Paul was elected Vice Speaker of the Council. It is now time for every member of TRS to help Mickey and Paul by communicating with them regarding ways to improve the ACR, and by actively working to retain members and to recruit new members for TRS/ACR. We each should be ready to justify the new dues increase by increasing our membership, and by determining the direction of the practice of radiology for years to come.

E. Maxey Abernathy, MD, FACR
President

A Bus is Not a Bed!

by Peter Riesz, MD

These prophetic words were uttered by Larry Grissom, MD of Houston in the 33rd hour of our TRS chartered bus trip from San Francisco back to Texas. Let me back up. The annual meeting of the ACR occurred at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel September 8-12. We had a large delegation of eager councilors, alternate councilors, new fellows, residents, and other attendees from Texas. All told we had a total of thirty-six members at that meeting.



Stretching our legs in Gage, New Mexico

We were having a very successful meeting until the fateful morning of September 11th. We were all having breakfast or getting ready for a busy day of the business of the ACR Council when the first report of "an event" occurred at 5:50am local time. We couldn't believe what was happening but the ACR leadership wisely decided to go on with the meeting as scheduled. We convened the Council at 8am and went on with the meeting, but were kept informed of events as they unfolded. It was announced that the In Memoriam service scheduled for Wednesday would be held on Tuesday, but that the schedule for the remainder of Tuesday would stand. We observed a moment of silence to pray for those involved in that tragedy. The Wednesday schedule

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was scrubbed.

During the morning someone suggested something about chartering a bus, but the first quote was for \$17,000, which seemed expensive and not too many were interested. Over the noon hour we all learned of the severity of the situation and realized that all of our plane flights for the next day would be cancelled. New Fellow Lori Barr, MD and Andrew Reifsnyder, MD, both of Austin, took the bull by the horns immediately after lunch. They checked with Coach USA who quoted a price of \$8,000 for the trip from San Francisco to San Antonio. They polled the delegation and got a list of twenty-five that would pay for the bus trip. That amounted to \$320 each, which is about the amount of the room charge for a night at the Hilton. So, we were about to embark on a grand adventure! We are not sure of the fate of the others who did not take advantage of this ride. They may still be in San Francisco!

We finished the business of the Council on Tuesday afternoon, attended the convocation for our eight new fellows, and awarded the Gold Medal to John H. Harris of Houston. Immediately after this we had a short reception with some extra food, which we all gulped down, then headed out to get ready to board the bus. The Hilton Hotel was very cooperative and said we could keep our rooms as long as we needed which helped in the logistics.

We assembled curbside outside the Hilton, which had extra guards on the doors. We were all assembled by 8:15pm with our luggage when the bus showed up. The bus started the first leg of the trip at 8:37pm. Our first driver, Nader, would take us from San Francisco to Los Angeles. He was a very pleasant person and gave us a verbal tour of sights around the San Francisco Bay as we crossed and kept us informed of where we were. Our first stop was at 10:23pm at Santanillo, where we took a short shopping break until 10:52pm. The hottest item for purchase was pillows. We next stopped at Wheeler Ridge at 1:37am. Nader seemed a little confused here as he drove through a large parking lot full of 18-wheelers and went around again for good luck before finally stopping where we had entered this area. We departed again at 2:17am and drove down to the coach USA barn where we switched drivers. Distance traveled: 394 miles.

We departed here with our new driver Troy at 2:40am heading east for Phoenix. Troy was a man of silence and didn't utter a word the entire trip. Our first stop on this leg was at 6:15am in Coachella. We had survived the first night of the trip. We left again at 6:38am. Suddenly Troy pulled over beside the interstate and got out and he had to do a ten-minute repair job with apparent success. Our last stop in California was at 8:28am when we reached Blythe. We all headed out for breakfast although there were not too many places to eat. We left there at 9:17am felling pretty good after the meal. We crossed over the CA/AZ line at 9:27am without being stopped or searched. The next quick stop was at Burnt Well from 10:45am to 11:01am. We blew into the Coach USA yard in Phoenix at 12:02pm on Wednesday. Distance traveled: 469 miles.

We were told they were going to refresh our on-board restroom and give us a chance to stretch our legs but all of the sudden we had a new driver and were back on the road. We left Phoenix at 12:08pm. We really didn't know too much of what was happening around the country, but heard bits and pieces of information at our rest stops and from occasional radio contact on the bus. We arrived at W. Tucson at 1:55pm. This new driver was a little strange and he took us on an hour-long tour through local Tucson streets before finding a restaurant where we could eat a good meal. We reasoned he might be getting a kickback from the restaurant to justify the strange detour. We finally departed at 3pm, crossed the Arizona/New Mexico line at 6:12pm, which was our first time zone change and heading for another night on the road. At 7:09pm we stopped in a desolate area called Rattlesnake Junction called Gage, after our driver had first pulled off at another area where there were no facilities. This move was also hard to understand. In Gage we were able to squeeze in a few pictures and re-boarded the bus at 7:26pm. Our President did his duty, counted noses, and declared that all were present and it was time to depart. Suddenly, Dr. Woo bolted out of the bus and dashed into the truck stop. We thought it may have been because of an emergency body function requirement, but it turned out that Dr. Komaki was still in the gift shop and we had almost abandoned her in the New Mexico desert! Our President needs to practice his counting between twenty and thirty. We were all

looking for a place to stop before arriving in El Paso and went through Deming which had beaucoup places but our driver passed them all by. He finally pulled off at a place, which turned out to be a closed truck weighing station. So, he just went back onto the highway and continued on to El Paso. He was a hard on to figure out! We crossed the New Mexico/Texas line at 8:59pm and felt that we were almost home until we looked at the map! We arrived at a motel parking lot in El Paso at 9:25pm where we were to change buses and pick up a new driver. Distance traveled: 447 miles.

The new driver was a spunky character. Her name was Juanita. She was real peppy and turned out to be an excellent driver, the best technical driver of the trip. The first thing that greeted us was a flat tire on the bus in the parking lot where we stopped. So, after we ate and they changed the tire, we were off at 11:19pm. We crossed the time zone into Central Daylight time and proceeded to stop at Fort Stockton at 3:58am. We departed this stop at 4:18am and could almost smell home! By this time, most of us were so tired that we could sleep a little. We stopped again at Kerrville at 7:59am for a snack. We also left our first passenger, Barbara Gainer, MD whose husband met her there. We departed Kerrville at 8:28am and were glad to arrive in San Antonio at 9:10am. Distance traveled: 551 miles.

Here, some of us embarked and picked up local transportation to our homes. It is my understanding that the bus was to stop in the local Coach USA yard and then go on to Houston and that the participants from Austin and Dallas would board another bus to take them north to their homes.

This completed a trip of about 1,861 miles done in about 34 1/2 hours on the road (add two hours for time zone changes). All in all it was not a bad trip. The bus was comfortable enough, never too hot. We were all re-acquainted with the "junk food" of our medical training days. The seats did not recline enough but some of us just sprawled out on the floor so one had to be careful where they walked in the aisle. We did not know enough to be fearful of the events which might be occurring around the country. But we all knew that we would be better off on our own turf for whatever was ahead. Beside our own twenty-one members we had a Radiation Oncologists from New York, Karen

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Ian Crocker to Speak to Radiation Oncologists at Annual Meeting

by Sidney C. Roberts, MD

Our April meeting is shaping up to be an outstanding meeting! The Radiation Oncology section is scheduled to meet April 12-13, 2001 (that's all day Friday and Saturday until noon) at the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas. Our guest speaker this year will be Ian Crocker, MD, and Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Crocker will update us on the current status of coronary brachytherapy and share ideas about bringing intravascular brachytherapy into the clinic.

Along with our usual resident lectures, confirmed faculty lecturers include Martin Fuss, MD from San Antonio, Shiao Woo, MD from Baylor, Ivan Kessel, MB, ChB from Galveston, and Ritsuko Komaki, MD from MD Anderson. Dr. Woo and Dr. Fuss will be addressing pediatric issues, with Dr. Woo giving us an update on pediatric malignancies and Dr. Fuss presenting research on radiation-induced intellectual deficits in children. Dr. Kessel will address the use of PET to assess response of lung cancer to radiation therapy.

For those of us interested in where we should go with amifostine use in our clin-

ics, Dr. Komaki will present her take on the subject, including data on subcutaneous administration. We also have an interesting tag team lecture planned with two MD Anderson guest faculty: Greg Fuller, PhD, MD (Neuropathology) and Sanjay Singh, MD (Neuroradiology) will be comparing and reviewing the pathology and imaging of gliomas.

Along with our diagnostic colleagues, we will be hearing presentations from James Alexander, MD on the History and Future of Medicare and Stephen Amis, Jr., MD on the activities of the ACR. And for the first time we will be participating in joint workshops with the diagnostic radiologists on issues related to the practice of medicine. Workshops scheduled (you can choose two) are Fraud & Abuse: Compliance Models, Evolving Business Models in Radiology, Medicare, Human Resources or PACS.

There is so much packed into a day and a half! Surely this is one of the best opportunities you have to network with colleagues and get great CME credit close to home. And who would want to miss the Esther's Follies Social Event Saturday night! Make plans now to attend, and encourage those you work with to come as well!

Fall Radiation Oncology Meeting a Success!

by Sidney C. Roberts, MD

About twenty of us gathered at MD Anderson on Saturday, September 15th for the fall interim meeting of the Radiation Oncology section. In the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, some members were unable to attend. And a number that had been in San Francisco at the ACR meeting had stories to tell of the 40-hour bus ride from California! Nonetheless, Ritsuko Komaki, MD had prepared a very nice meeting with lectures

centered on imaging. Congratulations are extended to Shiao Woo, MD, our newest radiation oncology ACR Fellow. Don't forget to check out the draft LMRP for Intravascular Brachytherapy (for coding and reimbursement) at www.trailblazer-health.com/lmrp/draft/r-11.asp. If you have any comments you wish to submit before the proposal is finalized, please contact Don Schwarz at (214) 345-7394 before December 8th.

IN MEMORIAM

The following members were deceased between the ACR Annual meeting of 2000 and the ACR Annual meeting of 2001.

John W. Barnhill, MD
Dallas

Gene Grossmann, MD
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Janis M. Brown, MD
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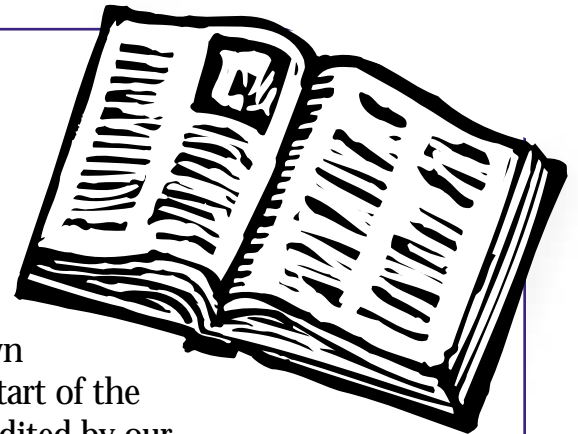
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<u>District</u>	<u>Councilor</u>	<u>Alternate Councilor</u>
A	Larry Grissom, MD, FACR	Milton Guiberteau, MD, FACR
A-1	Richard Strax, MD, FACR	Linda Fahr, MD, FACR
B	Ted Carelock, MD, FACR	Gail Aznavorian-Bentley, MD
B-2	Mary Ann Mullican, MD	Cynthia Sherry, MD, FACR
C	Gerald Dodd, III, MD, FACR	Joaquin Mira, MD
C-1	Peter Riesz, MD, FACR	Robert Beauchamp, MD
D	Gail Blakely, MD	Andrew Reifsnyder, MD
E	E. Jerome Schoolar, MD, FACR	Kevin Short, MD
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At Large #1	Thomas Fletcher, MD	I. Ray Kirk, MD
At Large #2	Shiao Woo, MD, FACR	Morris Jackson, MD
At Large #3	L. Gill Naul, MD, FACR	Michael Holbert, MD
At Large #4	Paul Ellenbogen, MD, FACR	Rafael Chan, MD
At Large #5	Stanford Goldman, MD, FACR	Joseph Kong, MD
At Large #6	Michael McCarthy, MD, FACR	Adam Borowski, MD



Hot Off the Press!

The Texas Radiological Society is pleased to announce the forthcoming printing of our very own history book! The main subject is a biographical account of each of the charter members and of its President's from the start in 1914 through our current President of 2001-2002. Many are shown with their pictures. It also includes a brief history from the start of the society and a list of the yearly meeting places. The book is edited by our Historian, Peter Riesz, MD.



To reserve a copy or copies fill out this form and mail it with a check to Tracey Gaddis, TRS, 401 West 15th Street, Austin, TX 78701.

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ACR Council Annual Meeting

by Peter Riesz, MD

The 78th Annual Meeting of the ACR took place in San Francisco, September 8-12, 2001. The TRS was well represented by the following individuals.

Councilors: Ted Carelock, MD, Dallas; Gerald Dodd, III, MD, San Antonio; Paul Ellenbogen, MD, Dallas; Richard Fisher, MD, Houston; Thomas Fletcher, MD, Austin; Barbara Gainer, MD, Fredericksburg; Stanford Goldman, MD, Houston; Larry Grissom, MD, Houston; Michael McCarthy, MD, San Antonio; Mary Ann Mullican, MD, Dallas; L. Gill Naul, MD, Temple; Peter Riesz, MD, Victoria; Shiao Woo, MD, Houston.

Alternate Councilors: Robert Beauchamp, MD, Corpus Christi; Adam Borowski, MD, Waco; Linda Fahr, MD, Houston; Milton Guiberteau, MD, Houston; Andrew Reifsnnyder, MD, Austin; Cynthia Sherry, MD, Dallas; Kevin Short, MD, Tyler; Richard Strax, MD, Houston.

Other attendees were TRS President, E. Maxey Abernathy, MD of Tyler; New Fellow, Lori Barr, MD of Austin; member, John Eberts, MD of Temple; Gold Medallist John Harris, Jr., MD of Houston; New Fellow, Nora Janjan, MD of Houston; President, Residents Section, Jason Lindsey, MD of Houston; ACNP, Donald Podoloff, MD of Houston; New Councilor, Gail Blakely, MD of El Paso; New Fellow, Andre Duerinckx, MD of Dallas; SBI, W. Phil Evans, III, MD of Dallas; Chairman of the TRS Physics Section, James Hevezi, MD of San Antonio; member, Ritsuko Komaki, MD of Houston; Secretary, Residents Section, Karla Sepulveda, MD of Houston.

A categorical course on computer topics for the radiologist was held on Saturday. The Texas Caucus met early on Sunday, September 9, to discuss the resolutions, which would be discussed by the Council. Our delegation was lead by Chair Thomas Fletcher, MD. The full Council opened in mid-afternoon with a variety of reports presented including that of the nominating committee. The Council was presided over by Speaker Barry Pressman. During the session, each candidate for a contested

election gave a brief summary of their thoughts and why they were running. The session ended with the Presidential Address by W. Max Cloud, MD. The President's Welcome Reception followed this.

On Monday, the annual elections were held using voting machines. The remainder of the day was spent broken down into the four different reference committees, which discussed the various resolutions. We were proud to have Thomas Fletcher, MD as a member of Reference Committee IV. Monday evening was the highlight of the meeting when we held the Texas New Fellows Dinner. This was held at the nearby Farallon Restaurant just off Union Square. All enjoyed an excellent meal and opportunity for fellowship.

Tuesday, September 11, started quickly but very soon the heinous crime in New York City unfolded. The hierarchy put their heads together quickly and decided that the meeting should be concluded fairly normally on Tuesday and the Wednesday schedule was to be cancelled. The information session and Moreton Lecture were canceled. Harvey L. Neiman, MD, Chairman of the Board of Chancellors kept us apprised of what was going on and was available for any questions. He assured us that our rooms were secure and that the hotel had extra guards and security on the entrances. The Hilton was very cooperative and told us we could stay in our rooms for as long as necessary. The In Memoriam service in memory of deceased members was held in the morning before other business. The remainder of the day was spent in floor discussion of resolutions and voting by the councilors. The most contentious item was a significant dues increase proposal and a suggestion to move the annual meeting to earlier in the year in Washington, DC to be held with the chapter leaders meeting and visit to Capitol Hill. The announcement of the final decision is forthcoming. Gerald Dodd, III, MD, served as a teller during the session. The election results were announced and Texas did very well. Paul Ellenbogen, MD was elected as Vice-Speaker for a one-year

term. Gerald Dodd, III, MD was elected to the Nominating Committee for a one-year term. James Hevezi, PhD, was appointed as a physicist to the Council Steering Committee for a three-year term. Congratulations to all! All official business was concluded and the Council dismissed in the late afternoon. We all looked forward to the convocation for new Fellows still scheduled for the evening.

The seriousness of the situation was being realized as events of the day unfolded. All plane flights were cancelled, so we chartered a bus and twenty-five of us set out for home that evening. See, "A Bus is Not a Bed". In addition to our recognized new Fellows from Texas, we were all very proud to be Texans when the Gold Medal of the ACR was presented to John H. Harris, Jr., MD of Houston. Congratulations. The reception after the convocation had extra food for which the bus travelers were very grateful as that would be our last good bite of food before the bus ride and until we arrived home, thirty-five hours later...

Thus ended a fruitful and very unusual meeting, hopefully never to be repeated under that dark cloud on the national scene.

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

TRS 89th Annual Scientific Meeting

April 12-14, 2002

Omni Hotel Downtown
Austin, TX

Contact: Tracey Gaddis
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ACR Annual Meeting
September 28-October 2, 2002

Loews Miami Beach Hotel
Miami, FL

New Texas Gold Medallist and Fellows of the ACR

by Gerald Dodd, III, MD

On the morning of September 11, 2001, in the shadow of the New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania terrorist attacks, the ACR leadership made a very difficult decision to proceed with the colleges work and to hold the 2001 Convocation as scheduled. That evening those present gathered to honor our distinguished colleagues. The Convocation was more somber and poignant than any in the history of the ACR. The Texas delegation was pleased to have seven of our own recognized for outstanding contributions to the ACR and to the practice of radiology. Dr. John Harris from Houston received the ACR gold medal. In an emotionally charged speech he recognized the contributions of the many who had helped him in his career; most specifically he thanked his wife for her tolerance and support over the years. Six members of the Texas Radiologic Society were made Fellows of the ACR. They are:

Lori Barr, MD, Austin

Andre Duerinckx, MD, PhD, Dallas

Larry Grissom, MD, Houston

L. Gill Naul, MD, Temple

Shiao Woo, MD, Houston

Michael McCarthy, MD, San Antonio



John Harris, MD

Unfortunately, Dr. Stanley Novy who also was scheduled to receive his fellowship was unable to attend the meeting at the last moment and thus will have the presentation of his fellowship deferred until next year. Nora Janjan, MD was scheduled to receive hers last year, but was in attendance this year.

Please join us in congratulating our distinguished Texas colleagues!



Larry Grissom, MD, Michael McCarthy, MD, Lori Barr, MD, Andre Duerinckx, MD, PhD, Shiao Woo, MD, L. Gill Naul, MD

Resident's Corner

by Jason Lindsey, MD

As current officers of the Resident's Section, Karla Sepulveda, MD (second year, UT Houston) and I were privileged to attend the recent ACR meeting in San Francisco as guests of the TRS. The experience was at once enlightening and inspiring.

The ACR helps to sponsor two residents from each state chapter, and those who attend are treated to a full dose of ACR hospitality. Each morning we attended meetings run by and designed for residents. We learned a great deal both about general ACR organization and about the issues specific to this year's meeting.

The TRS dinner provided an excellent opportunity to meet the leaders of our state's radiologic community in a more personal setting. If it is true that the treatment its subordinates defines the character of an organization, then the TRS has again demonstrated its quality disposition. As junior members of this group, we were treated by most with respect, and genuine interest was expressed in our viewpoints as residents. I was particularly struck by the heartfelt comments made by each of this year's new ACR fellows.

The pervading spirit of the meeting was one of service, not only to our fellow radiologists and to the medical community at large, but especially to the patients who depend on us for care. Dr. Sepulveda and I came away from the meeting with a new appreciation for the importance of taking an active role in the creation of the policy that defines the environment in which that service is rendered.

As the meeting came to an end, we were all tragically reminded that service is neither a right nor an obligation. Rather, it is an honor. The residents of the TRS join with America in her grief and celebrate her perseverance in the pursuit of truth and justice.

Jason Lindsey is a third year resident at Baylor College of Medicine and the President of the Residents' Section of the TRS.



Residents Jason Lindsey, MD and Karla Sepulveda, MD attend the ACR meeting.

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Fountain, MD and her adorable mother aboard. Her elderly mother was constantly on the move at every stop and walked here and there and it's a wonder we didn't leave her somewhere. Also, we had David Clifton, MD and his wife on board. They left us in El Paso to spend the night and drive home the next day. They were from Wichita, Kansas and he is the President of their state radiology society.

As your historian I am sure that this type of bus trip is the first for the Texas Radiological Society. I also hope it's the last.

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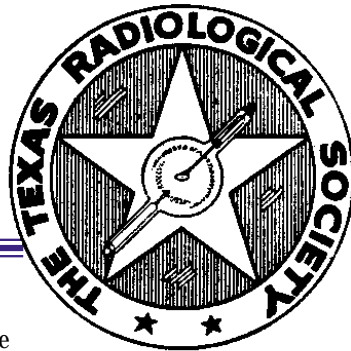
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TRS New Logo Search

by Peter Reisz, MD



*Redesign this logo and win \$50!
Entries due April 1, 2002*

A prize of \$50 will be awarded to the designer of the new TRS logo. The current Texas Radiological Society logo was designed in about 1947. It has been reproduced so many times that some of the objects are unknown and the current background is difficult to reproduce on a computer. We are asking our members to come up with a new logo. The contest is open to all TRS members and their immediate family. The only requirements, is that the new logo must include, "Texas Radiological Society" and "Founded May 13, 1914". The designs should be submitted to Tracey Gaddis at the TRS office by April 1, 2002. The new logo will be chosen at the Executive Committee meeting in April.

Member Kudos'

Dallas' *D Magazine's* October issue features a listing of what the publication calls "the top 330 local physicians in 29 specialties." The magazine surveyed 1,000 primary care physicians and 4,000 specialists to find out whom, among their peers, they would trust with their own health or their families'. Some of our very own members were voted into this highly regarded group. They are as follows, **William I. Dittman, MD, Paul H. Ellenbogen, MD, Peter G. Hildenbrand, MD, Bradford Frank Reeves, MD, Cynthia Sherry, MD, Michael John Smerud, MD, Herbert Louis Steinbach Jr., MD.**

Charles Thomas, Jr., MD, associate professor and vice chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, is the new chair of the American Society of Clinical Oncology Membership Committee.

Paul Ellenbogen, MD was elected to ACR Council Vice Speaker at the ACR Annual Meeting in San Francisco in September.

Gerald Dodd, III, MD was elected to the ACR Nominating Committee at the ACR Annual Meeting in San Francisco in September.

James Hevezi, PhD, was appointed as physisist to the ACR Council Steering Committee.