

December 2025

Hello APCR members,

Happy recruitment season! I know our members are working hard and doing an excellent job for their programs. I do want you to know that I appreciate each of you and what you do day in and day out for your programs. Your hard work is noticed by all of us here at the APCR.

I would like to provide an update to all our members about our wonderful association. We have many exciting things occurring especially during our 25th anniversary year of the APCR.

First off, I encourage you to join us for the AAR 74th annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia from March 16th – 20th, 2026. Ranitta McDowell, our incoming President, has been the planning chair for this meeting and working hard to make this an enjoyable meeting for all our members. Here are some highlights that I can provide regarding the meeting:

- We will be having APCR roundtable sessions during the breakfast hour in our own private room on Tuesday, March 17^{th,} 2026, and Thursday, March 19th, 2026. There will be multiple topics at each breakfast session for members to come out and enjoy a topic that they are interested in learning about.
- We will have APCR sessions that highlight these topics: empowering confidence, overcoming imposter syndrome, and strengthening communication across residency programs.
- We will also have joint sessions with the APDR on these topics: ACGME RRC updates, ABR updates, and guidance for international trainees.
- The APCR Meet and Greet/Welcome will be on Monday, March 16th starting at 530 pm. ACR is our generous sponsor for this fun event, so please come join us for a fun game, food, and learning more about APCR!
- The APCR Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 18th. This is always a fun, interactive event for our members to learn from one another.
- We will have 2 APCR member meetings during the AAR meeting. They will be live streamed via Zoom which is independent of the AAR schedule. Please stay tuned for the link to our APCR meetings via social media, the meeting packet which will be emailed to you, and the next newsletter.
- Missi Varner, APCR representative for the AAR Arts and Humanities special interest group, has worked on a partnership to bring an affirmation tree to the AAR meeting. Please check

this out if you are coming to the AAR in person. Thank you, Missi, for your hard work for helping continue this partnership between the AAR and APCR.

Please stay tuned to our newsletter and meeting packet that will be emailed to all members in February for more updates regarding the APCR events at the AAR meeting.

Second, I would like to thank our APCR Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for all the hard work they do for the APCR. We wouldn't have all the wonderful in person sessions, monthly updates, social media, website, awards, scholarships, mentors, and webinars if it wasn't for all the volunteer time that each person donates towards the APCR. Here are some upcoming events that our committees are working on for our members that we would love to see you join us for:

- Holiday Well-Being Extravaganza December 8th, 2026, at 12 pm CST. Please email
 apcradiology@gmail.com
 if you cannot find the link that was sent via email or posted on
 APCR social media. This event is open for all members and will include fun surprises and
 mingling for all. You might even see us wear ugly sweaters!
- APCR Foundation Course January 27th, 2026, at 12 pm CST. Sheori Sinegal, APCR Board Member and Awards Committee Co-chair will be our host for this session. This course will highlight the program timeline for January – April 2026. Please bring your questions to ask and join us for this wonderful session.
- APCR Professional Development Session January 28th, 2026, at 12 pm CST. The title of this session is called "Professional Development Opportunities and Career Paths for the Program Coordinator: Choose your own adventure!" and will be presented by Mandy Velligan, Business Administrator at the University of Chicago. We look forward to seeing our members be on this session to learn more about their own professional development journey.

I am hoping to have a few more webinars before the AAR meeting in March, so if you are interested in presenting a webinar, please email us at apcradiology@gmail.com so we can get you set up with a date and time.

Third, the APCR has been working hard this year on many projects. Here are the projects that we have been working on:

- Partnership with APDR and APCR for a listing of activities that take place each year for programs. Thank you to Sheori Sinegal and Jasmine Allen for partnering with the APDR on this important project. You can find the updated calendar here: <u>PD and PC Calendar for</u> <u>APDR APCR.xlsx</u>
- In addition, the APCR membership, mentorship, IR programs, and Fellowship committees are currently working on a detailed program activities listing that we hope to share with all of you soon. Thank you to all these committees for helping make this happen for our members.

- The APCR Bylaws have been reviewed and updated with a unanimous approval from the APCR Board of Directors. We are waiting for approval from the APDR to proceed, and hope to have a member vote on our bylaws at a virtual meeting coming up or at the AAR meeting. We will keep you updated with more details soon.
- The APCR Board of Directors and APCR Committee Chairs are working on write-ups of their roles to keep for future BOD and Committee Chairs to come! The goal is to have these write ups completed by the 2026 AAR meeting. The purpose of these write ups is to clarify responsibilities and support the leadership transitions within APCR for our future leaders.

Last, I would like to encourage our APCR members to consider volunteering their time with the APCR. We would not be the great association that supports our coordinators/managers/administrators/directors if it were not for the volunteers that take the time to make it all happen. The more volunteers we have, the more we can do for our members. We have many activities and roles our members can volunteer for including developing and presenting webinars, producing a fun project for our members to be a part of, joining a committee, and even putting in a nomination to become part of our board of directors! The sky is limit, and we are open to many ideas and experiences that you have to share with us. I would not be the person I am today if it were not for being willing to say yes to a speaking opportunity at the AAR meeting for APCR many years ago. It opened the doors for me and allowed me to meet so many great friends that I will have for life. Please email the APCR at apcradiology@gmail.com or myself at ahicks@mcw.edu if you have any questions about volunteering for the APCR.

We look forward to seeing of you soon on our webinars, social media, emails and 2026 AAR/APCR meeting. Please remember to keep an eye out for APCR emails, APCR social media, and our <u>APCR</u> website.

I hope all of you have a wonderful December and holidays!

Take care,

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