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**Celebrating 11 years
of Excellence!**

Annual Meeting Wrap-Up & Presidents Report By Tammi Teeters-McDade

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I am so excited to be the Incoming President for 2011-2012. I hope everyone's beginning and end of another Academic year has run as smooth as possible. Maybe some of you are finally getting the chance to take that vacation you have been holding off on. Or maybe you decided not to take vacation and just wanted to catch up on some things that you have placed on the back burner. Either way I wanted to touch base with everyone, old and new, and to those of you that could not make the AUR meeting this past Spring.

I am happy to say that we now have 195 members, 101 of the members had registered to attend the AUR. Let me remind the new 20 members that we have many Mentoring Committee members who would be happy to assist you along the way. The Committee can place you either with your choice of a Mentor or assign one for you. Don't be shy. It was nice to meet the 10 new members that were able to make it to AUR.

We continued to have people sit for the TAGME certification and we now have 2 new TAGME certified coordinators.

The silent Auction brought in a total of \$751.50 this included a \$50.00 anonymous donation. The theme for this Auction was Boston Tea Party and individual state objects. The Board donated a special basket for this event.

New Board Members are Mandy Velligan and Hollie Medina and Pauline Marek as alternate.

Sandy Sees was nominated our "Outstanding Coordinator".

Presentations and results are being posted on the website by the Website Committee and the Survey Committee so please take a moment to check them out.

We had many speakers on a variety of subjects:

- ◆ Carl Williams-"AIRP updates" The transition of AFIP to AIRP and problems and concerns Q & A
- ◆ Norma DeYagcier-"ACGME updates" Update on CPT data and a request to only put in the data once a year instead of several times throughout the year.
- ◆ Beth Meegan "ACR updates" In service exam will now be an online exam and the residents will have to schedule their own. The exam will no longer be on the first Thursday of February.
- ◆ Dr. Mark Mullins-Emory, Dr. Lori Deitte- U. Florida @ Gainesville, Shari Johnson—Coordinator, Sherry.Bucholz- Coordinator, Dr. Jay Patel – Resident "Learning Portfolios" The different types of software that house this type of data. The pros and cons of each system and a Residents and PD opinion on the LP in general.
- ◆ Susan Coull was not able to attend
- ◆ Lois Shuman-Coordinator "Multitasking Coordinator" Lois brought her bag of tricks to the meeting and shared every imaginable job duty that a Coordinator is required to complete.

The next meeting will be held in San Antonio on March 19-22, 2012. Please look for more detailed reports from the Committees soon in the Presidents Letter that will be posted to the website soon.

I wanted to thank Madeline Mateo and Mary Ellen Hobler for their hard work this past year and their dedication to the Board.

I look forward to being this years President. Some of you have sent me an email asking some very good questions. Please feel free to do so at anytime.



Coordinator Spotlight

Three Things about Suzanne R. Taylor

Program Coordinator

Mayo Clinic—Jacksonville, FL

Three Favorite TV Shows

- Wipeout
- The Office
- As Times Goes By

Three of my favorite foods

- Cheese
- Pizza
- Asparagus

Three Places I have been

- Jackson Hole, WY
- Lake Tahoe
- Park City, UT

Three Names I go by

- Suzy Q
- Suz
- UU

Three Places I have lived

- Burlington, North Carolina
- Jacksonville, Florida
- Fancy Gap, Virginia

Three Things I am Looking Forward to

- Mountain vacation in the winter
- Arrival of new puppy
- Trip to Disney World.

Three Jobs I have had

- Cast member at the Disney Store
- Nanny
- Program Coordinator



Suzanne's pride and joy are her dogs; Chocolate lab is Neb and the brindle is Missy.

Three Things about Dianne Lida

Radiology Residency Coordinator/Staff Assistant

Monmouth Medical Center — Long Branch, NJ

Three Favorite TV Shows

- True Blood
- NCIS
- Bizarre foods with Andrew Zimern

Three of my favorite foods

- Chili
- Pork Shu Mai
- Greek yogurt with honey

Three Places I have been

- South Dakota
- Bermuda
- San Diego

Three Names I go by

- Dianne
- DeDe
- Di

Three Places I have lived

- South Dakota
- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Three Things I am Looking Forward to

- No more hot, humid weather
- Vacation in November
- Retiring!

Three Jobs I have had

- Transcriptionist
- Dispatcher
- Coordinator

Would you like to be featured in the next issue of our newsletter?
Or perhaps you'd like to nominate a fellow coordinator?

If so please email Mandy at
mvelligan@radiology.bsd.uchicago.edu

TAGME Update

Congratulations go out to our new TAGME diplomats who took the assessment this past Spring!

Rose Alden, C-TAGME (University of Cincinnati)

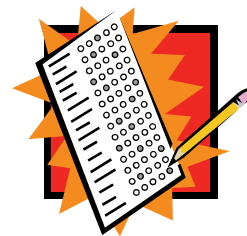
Bridget Wakefield, C-TAGME (Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA)

There are now a total of **14 TAGME** certified coordinators in Diagnostic Radiology!

The assessment tools have since been updated, both in the global category and the specialty (*Diagnostic Radiology*) category, to reflect the changes that went into effect July 1, 2011. These revised tools will be in place for the Fall 2011 assessment cycle.

If you are interested in taking the TAGME certification assessment during the Spring 2012 cycle (at the AUR meeting in San Antonio, TX) please note application dates are: **September 1 - November 30, 2011**. Feel free to visit TAGME's website at www.tagme.org. You can also contact me at (212) 420-5665 or email me at gjorge@chpnet.org for additional information.

Gloria Jorge, C-TAGME - Chair, APCR Certification Committee & Diagnostic Radiology Specialty Review Board



Celebrations!



2010 Coordinator of the Year

Sandy Sees
Wayne State University

Below is the nomination letter that was submitted to the Awards Committee on behalf of Dr. Wilbert Smith, Professor and Chair at WSU.

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to recommend Sandy Sees for 2011 Program Coordinator of the Year award. As you know, Ms. Sees is a dedicated Program Coordinator who has over 20+ years experience in that position. She became one of the Board members one year after the inception of the APCR and chaired one of the many committees at that time. She has also been involved extensively in the efforts to achieve certification for Radiology Program Coordinators. Sandy is one of the most committed and thoroughly professional individuals I have ever had the pleasure to work with.

Sandy has led the program to a high level of achievement throughout the almost 30 years of Wayne State University residency program in Diagnostic Radiology. She has been through multiple transitions and has been the constant 'glue' that managed the difficult transitions. Under her guidance, the program has grown from a small regional one to one of the larger programs in the country which recruits nationally and which enjoys a high academic and scholarly success rate for its graduates.

Sandy is constantly on the forefront, coordinator such programs as the Detroit Shared Visiting Professor Program where all the major institutions in Detroit have established a standard format for Visiting Professors and share those individuals city-wide, the integrated program for establishing standard curricula and a number of other programs which model flexibility and adaptability in these changing times.

Sandy also serves as mentor to other program coordinators. Many program coordinators both new and veterans, frequently consult Sandy for advice and coordination of educational efforts.

Sandy Sees epitomizes the professional Diagnostic Radiology Program Coordinator. I am delighted to be able to write in support of her gaining this award.



H A P P Y

May 5	Tina Hunter
May 7	Marleen Viola
May 25	Gloria Jorge
May 29	Sherry Bucholz
May 30	Iona Mackey
May 31	Linda Robinson
June 5	Christin Selfinger
June 10	Mary Botero
June 13	Daniell Terrell
June 15	Judy Fast
June 21	Dianne Lida
June 22	Janet Knopp
June 24	Lori Dyar
June 25	Helena Kurowski
June 27	Sandy Sees
June 28	Tonia Jenkins
	Miriam Bockhold
June 29	Melinda Aguilar
	Regina Melenski

B I R T H D A Y !

July 2	Linda Galante
July 5	Rachel Metcalf
July 7	Beth Washa
July 9	Pauline Marek
July 13	Jan Hemma
July 16	Rachel Utterback
July 19	Genevieve Ebbro
July 22	Rhonda Dragan
July 25	Gayle Gaddis
July 27	Sandy Balon
July 29	Lynn Robb
July 30	Angie Watts
	Mary Ellen Hobler
August 4	Lynn Lammers
August 8	Michelle Butler
August 9	Athena Bozak
August 11	Tracy Baggett
August 13	Shane Wen
August 20	Ashley Thurston
August 25	Rosalie Conti
August 31	Marcia O'Neal



Anniversary

APCR Work Anniversary Dates

May	Sheryl Hudson (2009)
May 10	Ginger Tubbs (2004)
May 15	Donna Coleman (2007)
May 28	Pauline Marek (1973)
May 29	Rosemary Belz (2007)
June	Marcia O'Neal (2008)
June 1	Marleen Viola (1997)
	Patty O'Kelly (2007)
	Sarah Tucker (2009)
June 21	Dianne Lida (1971)
June 24	Joseph Stuckelman
June 28	Madeline Mateo (1988)
July 1	Gayle Gaddis (1991)
July 6	Carla Claussen (1976)
July	Miriam Bockhold (1996)
July 15	Kate Taylor (2007)
July 26	Genevieve Ebbro (1993)
July 28	Laura Volk (2008)
August 7	Pam Krayewski (1978)
August 11	Mary Ellen Hobler (2003)
August 15	Lynn Robb (2001)
August 28	Alexis Nelson (2008)

Consider joining AMSER!

At the last AUR meeting, the Board of Directors of AMSER (Alliance of Medical Student Educators in Radiology) formed a standing committee for medical student clerkship coordinators.

Please visit http://www.aur.org/about_aur/applications.cfm.
You must become an associate member of AUR and then join the AMSER alliance.

New members will be provided with a flash drive loaded with helpful documents and resources.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact :

Mandy Velligan
AMSCR Chair 2011-2013
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The results are in: 2010 Coordinator Salary Survey

Article printed from Residency Manager:

<http://blogs.hcpro.com/residencymanager>

From October 19 to 26, we conducted our annual salary survey to determine how the economic downturn, education level, and coordinator certification affect coordinators' pay. This year, we also looked at who conducts coordinator performance reviews and whether institutions offer different job categories for coordinators. There's no question that coordinators from around the country wanted to see how their salaries stacked up against their colleagues; we received 652 responses.

The following is a breakdown of respondent salaries from the 2010 survey:

5% earn less than \$30,000
32% earn \$30,001-\$40,000
36% earn \$40,001-\$50,000
18% earn \$50,001-\$60,000
7% earn \$60,001-\$70,000
3% earn more than \$70,001

Coordinators' status as either exempt or nonexempt personnel is split fairly evenly between respondents. According to the survey:

55% percent of the respondents report being salaried
45% report earning hourly wages

Education level may not always influence coordinator income. When asked the highest educational level they have attained, coordinators said:

High school diploma: 37%
Associate's degree: 21%
Bachelor's degree: 32%
Master's degree: 10%
Doctorate: 0%

The largest percentage (48%) of respondents who reported high school diplomas as the highest attained education level make less than \$30,000. However, some coordinators with fewer educational credentials did fall into the two highest salary brackets.

More coordinators are advancing their positions by pursuing Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education (TAGME) certification.

This year's survey results show that:

10% are certified
10% are currently pursuing certification
15% would like to become certified, but certification is not available in their specialty
65% are not certified, nor are they pursuing certification

Data show that raises are also making a comeback. In 2009, 53% of coordinators did not receive a raise compared to 38% in 2010. Program budgets, however, have not rebounded quite as nicely.

The following is a breakdown of how program budgets have been affected:

The budget is unchanged: 21%
The budget has been trimmed a little: 55%
The budget has been drastically cut: 23%
The budget has increased: 1%

These numbers are almost the same as those reported in 2009.

Etc.

New Changes to the ACR In-Service

The Diagnostic In-training Exam (DXIT™) is moving to a new Computer-Based Testing (CBT) format, beginning with the 2012 exam cycle. This change will impact the administrative processes and the timeline. More information can be found online at

<http://rfs.acr.org/#/Exams>.

AUR Meeting Materials

Presentations from the APCR sessions are now posted on our website:

http://www.apdr.org/APCR/meeting_presentations.cfm



Save the Date!

The 2012 ACGME Annual Educational Conference will be held March 1-4, 2012 at the Swan and Dolphin in Orlando, Florida.

Also please remember to complete your Annual Update for ACGME:ADS (Accreditation Data System)

Board of Directors

Congratulations to the new APCR Board of Directors for 2011-2012!



Front Row (Left to Right):
Shane Slater,
Tammi Teeters-McDade
Kathy Dixon
Tonia Jenkins and
Madeline Mateo

Back Row (Left to Right):
Lynn Lammers
Hollie Medina &
Mandy Velligan

Have you remembered to...

- Entered your 1st year residents to the ABR database?
- Updated your rosters with ACR, ACGME, GME Track, RSNA, etc.?

Looking for something sweet to make? Check this out!

FUDGE PECAN PIE

- ¾ CUP SUGAR
- 3 TABLESPOONS COCOA
- ¼ CUP FLOUR
- ½ TEASPOON SALT
- 3 EGGS
- 1 CUP WHITE KARO SYRUP
- 1 STICK MELTED BUTTER
- 1 CUP PECANS (OPTIONAL)
- 1 TEASPOON VANILLA

MIX TOGETHER DRY INGREDIENTS, BEAT EGGS AND ADD TO MIX, ADD WHITE KARO SYRUP, ADD STICK OF MELTED BUTTER AND PECANS IF DESIRED. THEN ADD VANILLA. POUR INTO UNBAKED PIE SHELL, BAKE AT 325 DEGREES FOR 1 HOUR AND 10 MINUTES.

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