

APDR President's Summary from Mark E. Mullins, MD, PhD, FACR: 2018-19

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It was an honor and privilege for me to lead this august organization and I thank the APDR and APDR members for the opportunity. I am proud of what we have accomplished this year. Overall, the focus of the APDR Board of Directors has been to update & modernize as well as to position the association well for the future. Some of the activities involved changing the format of the in-person Board meetings (continuing the work begun by my predecessor, **Lori Deitte**) as well as evaluating and acting on each and every standing committee, ad hoc committee, working group and task force. This work culminated in a strategic planning meeting which occurred on the day prior to the start of AUR 2019. A diverse group of attendees (including APDR stakeholder groups) were led by a facilitator from AAMC and focused on existential questions akin to "who are we?" and "who do we want to be?" Amongst other products, the team edited APDR vision and mission statements. A strategic plan should be forthcoming.

Please see my [report to the AUR](#) for additional details.

I send special thanks to **Amanda Decker** and **Stephanie Taylor**, APDR/AUR/RSNA staff extraordinaire, who were outstanding professional partners. APDR is very lucky to have them as colleagues.

I also want to send particular thanks to **Richard Ruchman**, who put together a great APDR 2019 program and has been a great leadership teammate this year, **Mary Scanlon**, who oversaw the strategic planning meeting, and **Anna Rozenshtein**, who put together an outstanding position statement on behalf of the Board under extenuating time circumstances.

## **APDR Activity Report March 12, 2019**

**Submitted by: Mark E. Mullins, APDR President 2018-19**

I am pleased to report the following APDR updates, which cover the year:

1. Much of the work of the APDR BOD this year has been focused on updating APDR's protocols with an eye towards the future. We went through all of our committees, working groups and task forces, "sunsetting" some and recommending that some ad hoc committees become standing committees.
2. APDR will undergo a strategic planning meeting on the Monday prior to AUR 2019. To the best of our knowledge, this will be a first for APDR.
3. APDR and APDIR leadership has formed a collaborative working group led by Vicki Marx. We are working closely together on many topics, including reminding our members about fairness and relevant NRMP rules in recruitment as well as advocacy regarding academic + administrative time for program directors (PDs). We are also collaborating on surveys and committee participation.
4. The first recipients of the new APDR Jerome Arndt Grant were Kedar Jambhekar and Linda Deloney for their proposal "Development of an Educational Escape Room for Radiology Residents" (<https://apdr.org/template.aspx?id=1363>). This experience occurred @ RSNA 2018, was very well-received, and will be repeated at AUR 2019. The second year recipients of this grant are currently being chosen.
5. APDR Board of Directors (BOD) members Mary Scanlon and Lori Deitte started work on the new ACGME Radiology Milestones 2.0 workgroup.
6. The APDR and ACR collaborative effort RadExam continues after starting earlier in 2018. In addition to end-of-rotation examinations, the group added end-of-R3-year examinations this year.
7. The APDR BOD sent Lori Deitte and Mary Scanlon to the ACR 2018 Intersociety Summer Conference. Stephanie Taylor also attended from AUR staff. Sending 2 representatives was piloted and it was decided to go back to sending only 1 APDR member rep per year, in addition to a staff leader.

8. Richard Ruchman has finalized the APDR program for the 2019 meeting including creating a novel approach of using flipped classroom for the annual ACGME update (i.e., short videos will be released before the meeting to help give more time for discussion in person). Many previously-well-attended sessions will be renewed, including the Open Mic session, RRC update, ABR update and the Teaching Certificate Program.
9. This will be the last year that the APDR will fund the (APDR) Past Presidents Dinner. Beginning in 2020, past presidents will pay their own bill at this function.
10. The APDR BOD has reached out to SCARD to advocate for PDs such that they receive not only their fully-allotted administrative time but also appropriate (comparable to other members of their department) academic time. SCARD has told us that they will form a group to look at this. At this time, we do not have a resolution.
11. The APDR BOD has decided to limit the number of past presidents invited to our meetings (other than those with other business reasons to be there) to the most recent 5 years.
12. Starting at AUR 2019, the APDR BOD will split its meeting time into (1) a larger group (with invitees) followed by (2) private meeting time. To the best of any of our knowledge, this will be the first time that the group will meet by itself in person.
13. Continuing from 2018, started by Lori Deitte, the APDR BOD format included a pre-meeting teleconference series of brief oral reports, written reports, robust consent agenda and more discussion time in person at AUR.
14. The APDR BOD has worked extensively with the AOTF, led by Darel Heitkamp and David Sarkany, a group started in 2017-2018 and focused on (1) best practices and (2) position papers of the APDR.
15. Traditionally, the APDR BOD has a representative on the ACR's AIRP Advisory Committee. I was asked to Chair this committee so I asked that Richard Ruchman also join the group. This group advises AIRP leadership and the ACR (on the topic of the AIRP).
16. Leonie Gordon was our representative to the ACGME OPDA PD Competencies Summit. APDR was invited to join a post-summit working group and Leonie was chosen to be our representative in this regard as well.

17. Caroline Carrico led an effort to utilize a national standardized letter of recommendation for the purposes of Radiology residency applications. Caroline asked for APDR's support, which we gave.
18. Again this year, the APDR supported the celebration of an International Day of Radiology.
19. The APDR solicited nominees and then made a recommendation to the ACGME for an open trainee position on the Radiology RRC.
20. Tara Catanzano led an effort from the Common Program Requirements (CPRs) Committee to gather and curate resources for APDR members centered on the CPRs. The resultant materials are currently being vetted.
21. The APDR has been invited by the ACGME to support the Program Director Safety and Quality Educators Network. We agreed to this.
22. Richard Ruchman proposed the development of a standardized digital online diagnostic radiology resident core curriculum lecture series. We approved this initiative, which is ongoing.
23. Ernie Wiggins led an effort gathering, curating and producing early career materials (including a timeline for PDs). This is currently online.
24. APDR is considering a relationship with RAD-AID focused on global health education.
25. Anna Rozenshtein led an effort to produce a stance/position regarding the NRMP/USMLE consideration of changing Step scores to "pass/fail" only (i.e., no number score reporting). We voted to oppose this change in the absence of any other similar (i.e., objective, standardized, for comparison) metric to replace it.
26. APDR was invited by the HVPAA to partner on a national residency QI project, to which we agreed.
27. For the first time in years, APDR will have a small dues increase. This is to address increases in costs over the years with an attempt to keep our budget balanced. We have also sought out ways to decrease our costs.

28. The APDR has been asked to help identify individuals to be considered as co-Chair for the AAPM/RSNA physics modules. We plan to request nominations from our membership.

29. We have also been approached by SNMMI to (1) put a PPT file related to NM training on our website, (2) put a link on our website to their website and (3) attend a retreat that will overlap with AUR 2019. We are interested in pursuing (1) and (2) but are yet undecided on (3).