

Dear ACR Councilor,

Planning for the ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC) to be held May 17 – 21 at the Hilton Washington has been completed. The theme for this year’s meeting is “The Future of Radiology.” The AMCLC Meeting Registration and Housing brochure has been recently sent to each of you under separate cover. You may also visit the meeting web page at www.acr.org/08meeting to receive up-to-date information on the meeting.

Meeting Highlights

Meeting highlights will include the Presidential Address by Barry D. Pressman, M.D., FACR, and the Moreton Lecture on the future role of technology on the field of radiology to be delivered by Eliot Siegel, MD. Lunch speakers will include Bruce J. Hillman, MD, FACR who will speak on the effects of corporatization in medicine, and Peter Carmel, MD, Member, AMA Board of Trustees who will look at the future relationship between the AMA and radiology profession. The pre-meeting educational program will include a categorical course on Saturday entitled “Imaging with the Experts.” Also on Saturday, attendees will also have the opportunity to register for a tour of the new ACR Education Center. Information concerning this event is also available on the meeting web page.

The meeting will include the ACR Convocation (Sunday evening), the RADPAC Gala (Tuesday evening), and visits to Capitol Hill (Wednesday). The meeting will also feature an interactive Economics session featuring Frank Lexa, MD, John Patti, MD and several members of the ACR Commission on Economics.

The official business of the meeting will be conducted on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Resolutions will be introduced and debated beginning Monday morning and carry through until early Monday afternoon. The Reference Committee reports will be delivered to all participants early Tuesday morning with Council debate scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Special Meetings

If you are a Councilor or Alternate Councilor and are preparing to attend the meeting for the first time, please plan to go the ACR New Councilor and Alternate Councilor Breakfast on Sunday morning, May 18. New Fellows should attend the New Fellows Breakfast that will also be held on Sunday morning. Chapter leaders should plan to attend the Chapter Forum to be held on Saturday afternoon. Breakfast will be provided for all attendees on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Lunch will be provided to attendees on Monday and Tuesday.

Credentialing for All Councilors

The Credentials desk will be open as follows:

- Saturday, May 17 2:30 – 4:30 PM
- Sunday, May 18 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- Monday, May 19 7:00 – 10:30 AM; 1:00 – 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 20 12:30 – 1:45 PM

All Councilors must receive their credentials from the Credentials Desk in order to vote and participate in Council activities.

Preparations in Advance of the Meeting

All ACR member participants are encouraged to review resolutions prior to attending the meeting. A CD-Rom of all resolutions will be sent in early March. The contents will include resolutions and materials to assist you with your pre-meeting preparations. From March 3 – March 28 the ACR will receive on-line comments at www.acr.org/ReviewGuidelines for the proposed practice guidelines and technical standards. Please review these materials and submit comments in advance of the meeting. These comments will be considered by the Reference Committees. An Elections Manual will also be provided to you in advance of the meeting. This manual will highlight those members identified by the Nominating Committee for various positions in the College. Those vying in competitive elections will be afforded an opportunity to make a speech to the Council on Sunday afternoon as well as meet with Councilors immediately following the Presidential Address on Sunday afternoon.

Your Feedback is Important to Us

The College is your organization and this is your meeting. We hope to continue to provide a meeting that is informative, important to the future direction of our profession and entertaining. Your feedback on ways that we can improve is always appreciated. Please contact Brad Short at bshort@acr.org or Jen Fisher at jfisher@acr.org to let us know your thoughts.

We look forward to meeting with each of you in May!

Sincerely,



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