

Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

In less than 10 weeks we will be getting back together for the 2009 Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC). We hope that you will take every opportunity to visit our web page (www.acr.org/amclc09) as we prepare for the meeting. We will soon have all the resolution information on the site to assist you in preparing for the event. Please note the **Important Dates** section identified in this newsletter to ensure you do not miss any deadlines.

ACR AMCLC RESOLUTIONS

The deadline for receipt of resolutions has passed. There are a total of 36 resolutions slated for this year's meeting. The bylaws resolutions and ten-year extension of policy resolutions have multiple components. Most of the resolutions pertain to practice guidelines and technical standards. If you were unable to introduce an important resolution before the February 2 deadline but feel there is an emergent issue that needs addressing you may consider submission of a late resolution. Any late resolutions received after February 2, but at least seventy-two (72) hours before the opening Council session, will be reviewed by the Council Steering Committee prior to the opening Council session. The Council Steering Committee requires sponsors of late resolutions to provide information on the emergent nature of the resolution. If necessary, a proponent of a late resolution will be invited to meet with the Council Steering Committee and provide rationale for the emergent nature of the late resolution.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The ACR Council Steering Committee, working with ACR Legal staff, has developed a new conflict of interest statement **that will be required** of all Councilors and Alternate Councilors participating in this year's annual meeting. **You can avoid long lines at the Credentials Desk** by completing your ACR Councilor Conflict of Interest Form on-line (www.acr.org/amclc09/COIStatement).

TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS 2009

• **USB Drives**

This year, we are encouraging members to bring their laptops to the AMCLC. We will provide all Councilors and Alternate Councilors **with a portable USB drive** that will not only include all the information you are used to getting in the 10-pound agenda book, but will also contain some additional materials not included in the printed book. This additional content will include excellent ACR resources to assist you and your chapter, as well as information about College programs and benefits. ***You will have the option of selecting your preference of receiving a copy of the printed agenda book OR a USB drive on your registration form.***

• **Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards Revisions**

We understand that many of you have traditionally used the agenda book to assist you with marking up the proposed practice guidelines and technical standards you wish to amend in the open reference committee sessions on Monday during the annual meeting. We directed staff to utilize technology to allow you to access these practice guidelines and technical standards both on-site and on-line in order to edit, print and submit revised changes to the reference committees through a new electronic commenting tool, or in writing

with on our customary forms. ***Please note that all amendments submitted to the reference committee on-site must be heard in the reference committee session to be considered by the reference committee. Thus, while you may be able to access, edit and submit your proposed changes to the reference committee electronically, you must still testify in person in order for your suggested changes to be considered by the reference committee.***

- ***Special AMCLC 09 Web Portal***

To further ensure access to robust information and knowledge sharing, the ACR has established a new AMCLC 2009 Web portal. The public face of this portal (www.acr.org/amclc09) will be available on the main ACR website and provide a one-stop shop for exciting information on AMCLC'09. A private section of the portal, the AMCLC'09 Knowledge Center, will be available during the course of the meeting to all conference attendees. Features such as document sharing, discussion boards, and tools for communicating with conference attendees are designed to improve productivity and enrich the conference experience.

- ***Better Wired***

At this year's AMCLC you will have extended cell phone use as well as Wi-Fi access in the registration area. Like last year, the official AMCLC Web portal will be available in the ballroom. The web portal will provide resources for your use both before and during the meeting.

- ***Electronic Registration***

This year you will have the option of registering for the meeting and hotel on-line or through the traditional printed brochure. You may access the registration form on-line now at www.acr.org/amclc09reg and submit the completed form via fax, mail or our on-line option. ***Please note that the registration deadline is April 3 and the hotel deadline is April 10.***

- ***Computer Print Station***

The meeting will also provide 4 computer kiosks for attendees to access e-mail and print information.

- ***Technology Staffing at the Meeting***

ACR will provide Management Information Systems (MIS) staff at the meeting to assist you with some of the new technology enhancements.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ***SATURDAY – May 2, 2009***

This year's meeting will include an outstanding CME session on Saturday entitled, "Musculoskeletal MR." The session will begin at 8:00am on May 2 and will provide 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. The all-star faculty will include: Mark D. Murphey, M.D., Armed Forces Institute of Pathology; Arthur A. DeSmet, M.D., FACR, University of Wisconsin; William B. Morrison, M.D., Thomas Jefferson University Hospital; and David A. Rubin, M.D., Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology.

- ***SUNDAY – May 3, 2009***

Sunday's session will kick off with several important reports from ACR leadership on the activities and direction of the College and profession. We will then hear from prospective leaders of the College who will

make their candidate presentations as they vie for several open seats including the College Nominating Committee, Council Steering Committee, ACR Board of Chancellors, ACR Vice-Speaker, and ACR Resident and Fellow Section Representatives to attend the Intersociety Conference held this summer. Sunday will culminate in two distinguished traditions. *Arl Van Moore, Jr., M.D., FACR* will give the President's Address on Sunday afternoon. The College will then bestow its highest honors (gold medals, honorary fellowships and ACR fellowships) at its annual convocation. The President's Reception for New Fellows will follow the convocation. You won't want to miss this outstanding event.

• **MONDAY – May 4, 2009**

Elections will be held on Monday morning. Monday morning is also dedicated to the annual Robert D. Moreton Lecture featuring *Elias Zerhouni, M.D., former Director of NIH*. Monday morning and early afternoon are dedicated to open hearings before the reference committees. All proposed practice guidelines and technical standards as well as any proposed policy resolutions are open for consideration. ***Back by popular demand will be open microphone sessions. The first of two planned sessions will occur Monday during lunch.*** We will deviate from past tradition and have a working lunch for attendees as we discuss some of the most prominent issues in radiology today. Monday afternoon is devoted to a central focus of the AMCLC—preparing for our Capitol Hill visits that will take place on Wednesday.

• **TUESDAY – May 5, 2009**

Tuesday morning will be devoted to our interactive Economics session. This informative session will provide the latest on public and private financing of radiology and how you can maximize both yours and your group's economic potential. ***Paul Chang, M.D. will be our featured luncheon speaker.*** Tuesday afternoon, the Council will be in session to consider the reference committee reports. The second planned open microphone session will occur immediately after the consideration of the reference committee reports. Tuesday night will feature the ever-popular RADPAC Gala. Make plans to attend this session and most importantly give to this critically important cause. ***Please RSVP for this event on your AMCLC Registration Form.***

• **WEDNESDAY – May 6, 2009**

Members are encouraged to take part in the Capitol Hill visits as we bring radiology's voice to Capitol Hill. With a new president and new Congress taking over in late January, it is essential that we engage our members of Congress and their staff's on the priorities for radiology and our patients.

IMPORTANT DATES

• ***Resident and Fellow Section Identification - Past Due—February 1, 2009***

The College needs each chapter to identify its sponsored resident or fellow representatives and provide that information to ACR staff **immediately**. This information can be submitted via fax (703-262-9319) or e-mail (chapters@acr.org). Information on sponsoring residents is available on-line at www.acr.org/SponsorMITs.

• ***Meeting Registration Now Available On-line!! Deadline – April 3, 2009***

On-line registration is now available! However, if you prefer, you may also print out and mail/fax in meeting forms which are available on-line at www.acr.org/amclc09reg. A copy of the AMCLC brochures should have been mailed to you. If you have not received a copy of the registration form, please contact Jen

Fisher at the ACR at jfisher@acr.org or 800-227-5463 ext. 4386. Remember to visit www.acr.org/amclc09 for current AMCLC updates and information. Please note—the deadline for registration for AMCLC attendees is **Friday, April 3, 2009**. Should you register for the pre-conference categorical course and have to cancel an existing registration, please notify ACR in writing prior to April 3 to receive a full refund, less administrative charges.

• **Hotel Reservation Deadline – April 10, 2009**

Again, those attending the AMCLC will be able to secure hotel accommodations at the Hilton Washington Hotel. The ACR has reserved sleeping rooms for meeting attendees at an established group rate. However, rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The ACR cannot guarantee that rooms will be available after the reservation deadline of **Friday, April 10, 2009**. Reservations made after that time will be accepted by the hotel on a space-available basis and may not be at the ACR group rate. For more information regarding housing and travel information, please visit www.acr.org/amclc09/travel.

QUESTIONS

Any questions you have about the meeting should be sent to Jen Fisher 800-227-5463 ext. 4386 or Brad Short 800-227-5463 ext. 4975. Questions regarding Chapter Officers, Councilors, Alternate Councilors or the Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) should be directed to Fran Cordero at 800-227-5463 ext. 4496 or Trina Zeberlein at 800-227-5463 ext 4998.

We look forward to a very exciting next few months as we put the finishing touches on what we believe will be an exciting AMCLC 2009!

Sincerely,



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