

Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

The ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC) is now less than 2 weeks away! The following information is provided to help your last minute preparations for the meeting.

Meeting Highlights

- **SATURDAY (May 17)**
 - Categorical Course: Imaging with the Experts (details below)
 - ACR Chapter Leaders' Workshop
- **SUNDAY (May 18)**
 - Speaker Convenes Council
 - ACR Leadership Reports
 - Candidate Presentations
 - Presidential Address by Barry D. Pressman, M.D., FACR
 - ACR Convocation (Awarding of ACR Fellowships, ACR Honorary Fellowships, Gold Medals)
 - Presidential Reception for New Fellows
- **MONDAY (May 19)**
 - ACR Elections
 - Timely Reports on ACR Activities
 - Moreton Lecture by Eliot Siegel, M.D. entitled "Preparing for Radiology in 2015: An Imaging Informatics Perspective"
 - Lunch Presentation by Bruce J. Hillman, M.D. entitled "The Madness of Money"
 - Open Reference Committee Discussion
 - Preparation for Capitol Hill Visits
- **TUESDAY (May 20)**
 - In Memorium, Chapter Awards, William T. Thorwarth, Jr., M.D. Award
 - Economics Session Including Presentation by Frank Lexa, M.D., MBA, entitled "Future Economic Trends in Radiology and Presentations by ACR Economics Team"
 - Lunch Presentation by Peter Carmel, AMA Board of Trustees, entitled "AMA Advocacy in the Middle of the Election Year"
 - Presentation and Consideration of ACR Reference Committee Reports
 - ACR Open Microphone Session "The Future of the General Radiologist"
 - RADPAC Gala (details below)
- **WEDNESDAY (May 21)**
 - Capitol Hill Visits

I Have Not Registered for the Meeting or Reserved a Hotel Room

If you have not registered for the meeting, do not fret. You may register up until **Friday, May 9**. Councilors, officers and other attendees may access registration materials at www.acr.org/amclc08. Reservations at the Hilton Washington will be more difficult. Please call 202-483-3000 or 888-324-4586, or visit online at www.washington.hilton.com to check availability and rates. The group code is **ACR**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Tours for the new ACR Education Center have been canceled.

Technology Changes for 2008 and Beyond

The CSC, under the leadership of Drs. Kushner, Kaye, Chin and Wald, are in the process of developing an implementing a four-year plan to make technological improvements to the AMCLC. This year, on Monday and Tuesday, we are implementing WiFi access to the ACR Web site in the ballroom. The ballroom will be equipped with ample power strips on Monday and Tuesday to accommodate personal laptops during the Council sessions. The ballroom level will also be “cell phone friendly”. Please make sure to silence your phone while the Council is in session. Starting this year, the reference committee reports will be downloaded to the ACR site on Monday evening to maximize time for participant consideration.

The audience response system which was implemented two years ago for floor voting will also be used during the Economics Session. Next year, the Council Steering Committee is considering the use of jump drives for all participants in an effort to phase out the voluminous Council Agenda Book. The group is also considering several other ideas for improvements. If you have further suggestions for the group, please make sure to include them in the evaluation sent to you via e-mail after the meeting.

RADPAC Gala to Feature Congressman Pallone, Bill Press and Morton Kondracke

The RADPAC Gala reception and dinner to be held the evening of **Tuesday, May 20** will feature House Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. and a spirited look at this year in politics from syndicated political talk show host and columnist Bill Press and Executive Editor of Roll Call and Fox News Commentator Morton Kondracke.

Over 300 Attendees Signed Up to Go to Capitol Hill

Over 300 attendees have signed up to go to Capitol Hill on **Wednesday, May 21**. If you have not yet registered for the RADPAC Gala or signed up to meet with your legislators, please stop by the ACR GR/RADPAC Booth found in the registration area.

Categorical Course: Imaging with the Experts Course

This year’s pre-meeting educational session is “Imaging with the Experts.” This all-day program on **Saturday, May 17** features eleven expert faculty members in their respective fields. More information on this session is contained in the registration brochure that can be accessed online at www.acr.org/amclc08.

Agenda Book CD-ROMs and Access to Resolutions

By now, you should have received your agenda materials and resolutions on CD-Rom. The resolutions are also available on the ACR Web site at www.acr.org/amclc08 under the tab “Council and Resolution Information.” The final agenda and all resolutions will also be available in the ACR Agenda Book to be distributed onsite at the ACR Registration Booth.

New Councilors/Alternate Councilors

All New councilors and alternate councilors should have received a separate mailing which included the resolutions CD-ROM, the 2008 ACR Digest of Council Actions, a copy of the 2008 Procedures of the Council and the 2008 New Councilor Handbook. If you have not received these items, please contact Jen Fisher at 800-227-5463 ext. 4386 or jfisher@acr.org. All new councilors and new alternate councilors are welcome to attend the New Councilor/Alternate Councilor Breakfast on **Sunday, May 18** at 7:00am in the Jefferson East Room.

Election Information

The 2008 ACR Election Manuals have been mailed. Candidates for contested elections will make presentations on the afternoon of **Sunday, May 18**. You will also have an opportunity to “Meet the Candidates” immediately

following the Presidential Address by Barry D. Pressman, M.D. on Sunday afternoon. The polls will be opened on **Monday, May 19** from 7:00am to 10:30am.

Deadline for Changing Councilor Representation

The deadline for substituting alternate councilors for councilors is **May 12, 2008**. The substitution must be submitted in writing on an official Credentials Committee Councilor Substitution Authorization Form found at: www.acr.org/substitutionform. After May 12, substitutions will be processed on site by the Credentials Committee.

Young Physician Alternate Councilors Urged

Last year the Council passed a resolution allowing each chapter the opportunity to appoint one additional “young physician” alternate councilor. By selecting a young physician (defined as 40 years of age or younger or within eight years after completion of residency or fellowship) to serve in this capacity, the chapter would in turn receive a \$1000 stipend to supplement subsequent expenses. We strongly encourage all chapters to take this opportunity to engage this important demographic group.

AMCLC Attire

Please note that attire for most functions at the ACR AMCLC is business casual. If you plan to meet with your legislators on Wednesday (May 21) you should dress in business attire.

What Do You Think?

The College is your organization and this is your meeting. We hope to continue to provide a meeting that is informative and 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,



David C. Kushner, MD, FACR
Speaker, ACR Council



Alan D. Kaye, MD, FACR
Vice Speaker, ACR Council

Important Dates to Remember!!!

Deadline for Substitution of ACR Councilors	May 12, 2008
Deadline for Submission of Late Resolutions	May 15, 2008