

LETTER FROM THE SPEAKER AND VICE SPEAKER

To All ACR Councilors and Alternate Councilors http://amclc.acr.org

May 6, 2011

Dear ACR Councilor/Alternate Councilor:

The meeting is upon us. As I conclude my term as leader of the Council and Dr. Fleishon ends his term as Vice Speaker, and I conclude ten years on the CSC, and after months of preparations, we look forward to seeing you in Washington, DC next week as you take part in what we believe will be an informative and highly-participatory meeting. Please come to the meeting planning to be engaged. Take advantage of the outstanding networking opportunities as you meet radiology's leaders from across the country. Please plan to attend and participate in the open-microphone session(s) on Monday at lunch and possibly on Tuesday afternoon. We promise that these will be stimulating and provocative, and unique opportunities to weigh-in on issues of critical importance to you and the profession. This is YOUR College and we want to hear what you are doing, how you are adapting, and what is on your mind. Your voice makes our College stronger.

On Monday and Tuesday, the Council will consider over 60 practice guideline and technical standards, policy and bylaws resolutions. In order to ensure a fair and expeditious hearing of these matters, the ACR utilizes parliamentary procedure (The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, 4th Edition by Alice Sturgis). Do not be intimidated by the process. Please review the <u>Standing Rules</u> and <u>Scenario Cards</u> prior to the meeting. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to come to the New Councilor/Alternate Councilor Breakfast (open this year to anyone who also needs a refresher) on Sunday morning in the International Ballroom West.

On Wednesday, we will take our message to Capitol Hill. I encourage all of you to attend this critically important function as we collectively bring radiology's message to our lawmakers and their staffs.

Finally, I have asked the Council Steering Committee (CSC) members to take advantage of this meeting and meet their liaisons from the chapters and medical specialty societies. This outreach has become a more important ongoing function of your CSC. Please try to find your CSC liaison during the meeting. While they are very busy, this is an ideal time to put a name with a face. I am providing you a link to the CSC Contact page (found also on the home page of the meeting site) so you know who to look for: http://amclc.acr.org/ContactCSC.aspx.

As always, I encourage you to visit the ACR Annual Meeting and Chapter Leadership Conference (AMCLC) official web site at http://amclc.acr.org to learn more about 2011 AMCLC.

As you begin to pack your bags for Washington, DC, we decided to provide you with a <u>Top Ten List of Things</u> <u>to Prepare</u> for the meeting (see below). I wish all of you safe travels to and from Washington, DC and hope that we have a chance to speak at the meeting.

Number 10: The AMCLC: It's Electric. . . Don't forget to bring your laptop, tablet computer (e.g. i-Pad) and/or smart phone to the meeting. Also, don't forget to download your AMCLC 2.0 application for your smart phone.

Number 9: Download Central: Don't forget to visit <u>Download Central</u> on the AMCLC Web site and download the Agenda Materials to your laptop. This helps us provide a back-up system in case of web access issues.

Number 8: Council Orientation Breakfast...It's not just for New Councilors and Alternate Councilors Anymore. Need a refresher? Come to the breakfast Sunday morning at 7:00am in the International Ballroom West.

Number 7: **RADPAC Gala is Gone--** But in its place are the RADPAC Reception (open to all attendees) and the RADPAC Thank You Dinner available to donors of RADPAC that met the \$1,000 donation (or pledge)



threshold for 2011 as of April 29. The Thank You dinner will include entertainment featuring internationally acclaimed singer of opera, operetta, musicals and cabaret, Ute Gfrerer-Wald. Tickets are required.

Number 6: Open Reference Committee Hearings Going Electric Too! This year begins a new option for the open reference committee hearings. In addition to submitting your hand written comments, you may also submit comments electronically from the AMCLC Web site. All handwritten or electronically submitted comments must be testified to during the hearing. This option will be available on the web site starting on Saturday, May 14.

Number 5: What to Wear? The AMCLC is a business-casual meeting. For men, this includes slacks, polo-type shirts, blazers or sweaters. For women, slacks, skirts, polo-type shirts, blouses, blazers or sweaters and comfortable shoes are appropriate. For Sunday's Convocation and Wednesday's Capitol Hill visits business attire is appropriate.

Number 4: Not Registered Yet? No Hotel Room? Now What? Stop by the Registration Booth for on-site registration to take advantage of all that the ACR AMCLC has to offer. You may also inquire at the ACR Booth if you are having problems with accommodations.

Number 3: And the Winner is... <u>ACR Elections</u> will take place Monday morning, May 16 from 7:00am until 10:30am. Run-off elections, if necessary, will occur from 1:30 to 3:30pm on Monday afternoon. Candidate speeches for competitive offices will occur on Sunday afternoon and be followed by a Meet the Candidates Forum. Election Manuals are on-line to help familiarize you with our future leaders. Only credentialed Councilors may vote in the election. Have questions? Stop by the Credentials booth.

Number 2: Gavel to Gavel Coverage! Make sure to participate in <u>Capitol Hill Day on Wednesday</u>, May 18. Following breakfast at the hotel on Wednesday, the ACRA will provide bus shuttles from the Hilton to Capitol Hill so you can meet with your legislators and/or their staff. Not signed up yet? No problem, see ACRA staff at the Government Relations Booth during the meeting. ACRA's congressional strategy room will be at the Capitol Hill Club. This venue allows you to meet with ACRA staff before and after congressional appointments and hold debriefings on your meetings. Lunches will be provided.

Number 1: Read through the resolutions. Familiarize yourself with the issues. Discuss them with your colleagues. Think about how you might vote what you would like to say, and if unsure, what you would like to hear that would help you in your decision. Notice that there are numerous resolutions that deal with policy, rather than guidelines. This, I hope, moves us further along the necessary path of empowerment of the Council to have an enhanced role in the future of our specialty.

Number 1a: Additional Questions? No worries. We are ready to field them either before or during the meeting.

Pre-Meeting Questions: Call 800-227-5463 ext. 4386 or ext. 4975

On-site Questions:

IT-Related Questions: Go to the Onsite Technical Support Desk Located in the

Registration Area—(also look for staff in Yellow "IT" shirts) Go to the Credentials Desk Located in the Registration Area

Hotel/Registration Questions: Go to the Registration Desk

RADPAC Questions: Go to the RADPAC Booth

Capitol Hill Questions: Go to the Government Relations Booth

Credentials Questions:



Membership Questions: Go to the Membership Booth

Miscellaneous Questions: Go to Registration Desk or call the ACR on-site staff office at

800-227-5463 ext. 4836 or ext. 4975

The ACR is Working for You!

Be sure to visit the ACR booth while at the meeting to learn about exciting new programs. Plus, ACR staff can fill you in on:

- Dose Index Registry
- ACR Education Center Mini-Fellowships, and
- e-Learning opportunities

Booth Hours: Sunday, May 15th, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. or Monday, May 16th & Tuesday, May 17th, 7 a.m.–5 p.m.

Upcoming Deadlines and Action Items:

Enter for a Chance to Win an Apple iPod® Touch! Stop by the ACR PRED Booth at the 2011 AMCLC Simply enter or update your information in either the Practice of Radiology Environment Database (PRED) or My Profile. These tools help the ACR provide membership benefits specifically targeted to your needs.

Everyone who stops by the PRED booth to enter or update their information will receive a free gift and a chance to win a free Apple iPod® Touch.

Dates to Remember!!!

UPDATES TO THE AMCLC PORTAL – ONGOING
DON'T FORGET TO VISIT DOWNLOAD CENTRAL TO DOWNLOAD MATERIALS ONTO YOUR DESKTOP!!!

May 9, 2011 Substitutions for absent councilors to be reported in advance of the meeting

With sincere and deep gratitude for the privilege of serving you,

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

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