



Liaison Report: AAMD Annual Meeting 2018

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Dear Steve and committee members:

On June 16-18, I attended the AAMD Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. My trip included a speaking session on Sunday afternoon (*Improving treatment safety and quality through real-time Surface Guided Radiation Therapy*) and a meeting with the Board of Directors on Monday morning.

My discussion with the Board brought up two topics that particularly need consideration by the AAPM:

1. Named scholarship with increase in funding
 - a. Each year, the AAPM earmarks \$1,000 as a scholarship fund for the AAMD Education Foundation: there is interest on both sides to have a *named* scholarship from the AAPM in support of student/training activities for the AAMD community.
 - b. Currently, because the \$1,000 scholarship – though greatly appreciated – does not cover the entire cost for a student to attend a professional meeting or training session, these funds are channeled into the Gunilla Bentel Scholarship.
 - c. A proposal is made to increase the funding from the AAPM to \$5,000/year under a title such as AAPM Education Scholarship (name to be determined).
 - d. The AAMD BOD is interested in having the AAPM liaison award this scholarship in person each year at the annual meeting of the AAMD.



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2. AAPM endorsement of the AAMD Scope of Practice for medical dosimetrists
 - a. In late 2017, the AAMD and MDCB issued an official statement in response to the ASRT “Medical Dosimetry Practice Standards” which they jointly view as outdated and insufficient with respect to current medical dosimetry practice and educational standards.
 - b. The joint statement is found at <https://www.medicaldosimetry.org/about/scope-of-practice/>.
 - c. Upon completion of the revised their own Scope of Practice (sometime later this year; last revision 2012), the AAMD and MDCB will submit the document to both AAPM and ASTRO for comments and suggestions.
 - d. The AAMD and MDCB aim for a Scope of Practice for medical dosimetry that is officially endorsed by both the AAPM and ASTRO.

I appreciate the support of the AAPM as liaison to the AAMD. I view this as an important effort in maintaining excellent cooperation between the professional societies, and I look forward to serving in this capacity for at least the rest of 2018.

Best Regards,

Dan