

Mary Martel, PhD
President AAPM

Dear Mary,

Please accept this letter as our report as the two AAPM delegates to the AIMBE Council of Societies. Both Drs. William Hendee and Gary Fullerton attended the annual AIMBE meeting on February 28, 2007 at the Westin Grand Hotel in Washington DC. The major activities of the Council over the past year involved two major programs: 1. Revision of the By-Laws of the Council authored by Dr. Anne Meyer, Co-Chair and 2. an annual program to provide input to key congressional committees concerning topics of interest to bioengineering.

Anne Meyer, AIMBE COS Co-chair, presented the recently completed revision of the by-laws which was approved by a majority of the Council. The revised document is available on the AIMBE home page. It was noted that the membership of the Council of Societies has contracted to 15 societies with closer attention to payment of dues and participation in AIMBE activities. This change was considered to have long-term positive impact for the remaining participants.

Jason Rivkin, AIMBE Staff for COS, gave a summary of the interactions between 30 Council members, US Congress members, US senators and various congressional staff person during an AIMBE sponsored bioengineering day on Capitol Hill. It was emphasized that input to staff personnel is especially important as these individuals are frequently responsible for drafting legislative documents. It is at early stages of the development of new laws that input is most valuable. All societies were encouraged to send members to participate in this event for the coming year.

Gary Fullerton, AAPM Delegate, requested time on the AIMBE COS agenda to present the following action item from AAPM:

Action Item: “The AAPM proposes that the AIMBE Council of Societies more actively participate in the organization and execution of the BIROW V meeting in fall 2007 in cooperation with medical imaging societies using methodologies developed over the past five years by the BIROW Program Committee as the starting point for a newly expanded project.”

In support of this proposal the following presentations were made:

1. History of BIROW – L. Partain, G. Fullerton
2. Input of NIBIB – J. Haller
3. Methods & White Paper – W. Hendee
4. AAPM Operational Support – A. Keyser, L. Fairbent

The action item was unanimously approved with two abstentions.

The new Chair of the AIMBE Council of Societies, Anne Meyer, agreed to work with the organizers of BIROW in obtaining input from the 15 member societies of the Council.

In summary, the AAPM participation in AIMBE appears to remain on track with expanded opportunities towards achieving the professional and scientific goals of the AAPM membership through increased collaborations.

Sincerely Yours,

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