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EDITORS NOTE

Dear AAWR Community,

I am truly honored to serve as the 2024 AAWR Secretary and to be able to follow in the footsteps of the accomplished women who have previously held this position.

At the heart of our organization are our members, the lifeblood that fuels our initiatives. It is important that we cultivate an environment where radiologists and radiation oncologists are eager to join, making AAWR the society of choice. We should continue playing a role in inspiring young women to view radiology and radiation oncology as an exciting and promising career path.

I want to acknowledge the dedicated work of our committee chairs, members, and the highly engaged members in training. The accomplishments we have achieved together are truly remarkable.

I want to conclude with one of my favorite quotes from Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman in the United States to earn a medical degree; "For what is done or learned by one class of women becomes, by virtue of their common womanhood, the property of all women".

I'm looking forward to being a part of AAWR Board and working collaboratively to further our collective goals.



Jean Kunjummen, DO
AAWR Secretary

- ♦ Associate Professor, Radiology and Imaging Sciences, Emory University
- ♦ Director, Breast Imaging Center, Emory University
- ♦ Associate Director, Breast Imaging Fellowship Program, Emory University

Presidents Address

Hello Valued Members!

As your new president, welcome to the latest issue of AAWR's focus newsletter! We are glad you support the AAWR with membership and the talents you give to us. We are committed to providing information and resources to our members to advance women in radiology and radiation oncology at all stages of their careers and in all practice types.

We are dedicated to the empowerment of women in radiology and radiation oncology in the U.S. and internationally. Allies are welcome to join AAWR and enjoy our programming too. Please also reach out with ideas and questions.

We aim to educate, support and empower women in radiology and radiation and advocate for issues of particular importance to women. We have and are developing collaborations with other radiology and radiation oncology organizations and provide programming online and at many national meetings (e.g. ACR, ASTRO, RSNA, SPR etc.). Look for programming at these meetings and reach out to us with other opportunities to collaborate on issues relevant to women in the field at other local or national meetings. Ideas for webinars or other programming are also always welcome.

Our committees are getting organized for the 2024 program year and we will be calling for volunteers to help in these efforts. We would be nothing without our volunteers and we appreciate the time you spare to work on initiatives and attend our events.

Plan to join us online, on a committee or at one of our many educational and advocacy opportunities in 2024!



Candice Johnstone, MD MPH FAWR FACR

MPH FAWR FACR

President, AAWR

Professor, Radiation Oncology, Medical College of Wisconsin

Medical Director, Radiation Oncology, Froedtert West Bend Hospital

2024 UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 29
@
12 PM

Medality Partnership: Screening Mammography Saves Lives Webinar

AAWR and MRI Online are excited to bring you this live lecture with Dr. Elizabeth Kagan Arleo.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

APRIL
2-5
(Tues-Fri)

AUR 72nd Annual Meeting - Association of University Radiologist

The Learning Healthcare System
Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, Massachusetts

APRIL
13-17
(Sat-Wed)

ACR - American College of Radiology

Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington D. C.

MAY
5-9
(Sun-Thurs)

ARRS 2024

Boston Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

2023 Presidents Award Winner**Anne Darrow, MD, MA**

Dr. Anne Darrow is a Diagnostic Radiology Resident John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County in the Chicago area and will complete her fellowship in Breast Imaging at the University of Chicago in 2024-

25. She became involved with AAWR after attending a Speed Mentoring event at RSNA that she found to be incredibly inspiring. She took on organizing subsequent Speed Mentoring events for AAWR and joined the Board of Directors as a Member in Training Committee Co-Chair in 2023. Dr. Darrow also serves as the President of the Resident & Fellows Section of the Illinois Radiological Society & the Chicago Radiological Society. She is on diversity committees for the American College of Radiology and the Society of Breast Imaging. She has presented at numerous local events as well as at national and international conferences on the topics of health equity and radiology education.

Dr. Darrow earned a BA in Anthropology at the University of California at Berkeley and an MA in Education at the University of Southern California. She managed health & wellness programs for middle and high school students for a decade before returning to medical school. Dr. Darrow earned her MD at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She was the co-founder of a Diversity in Radiology interest group and contributed to radiology curriculum design during medical school. She is passionate about medical education, promoting health equity and working with underserved groups, especially the LGBTQ+ and Hispanic/Latinx communities. Dr. Darrow lives in Evanston, IL with her spouse and 2 children.

AAWR Service:

Member-At-Large, Member In Training, Board of Directors
Co-chair MIT Committee

2023 Women in Neuroradiology Leadership Award (ASNR)**Nikdokht (Niky) Farid, MD**

Niky Farid is a Professor of Neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Farid received her B.S. from the University of California, Los Angeles (summa

cum laude) and her M.D. from the University of California, San Diego where she also completed her radiology residency and neuroradiology fellowship. A major focus of Dr. Farid's career has been the use of advanced MR diffusion and perfusion techniques to improve diagnosis, prognostication, and assessment of treatment response in patients with primary and metastatic brain tumors. Dr. Farid is passionate about teaching and mentoring, with a focus on guiding and empowering young women pursuing a career in radiology. As the founding member of the UC-wide AAWR Chapter, she seeks to create a network of mutual support, collaboration, and mentorship and to provide a forum for discussion of issues unique to women in radiology.

AAWR Service:

Secretary, Board of Directors
Membership Committee - Chapter Subcommittee

The Katherine A. Shaffer Award for the RLI Leadership Summit**Aparna Singhal, MD**

Aparna Singhal, M.D. completed her medical school training from Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi, India where she received several awards. She then joined

UCLA Department of Radiology as a post-doctoral research scholar where she worked in the fields of MR Spectroscopy and MR Angiography. She served as Chief Resident in radiology residency at Bridgeport, CT and after Neuroradiology fellowship at UAB, joined as faculty in the neuroradiology section. At UAB, Dr. Singhal has previously

served in leadership roles as the Neuroradiology Fellowship Program Director and the Section Chief. As section chief, she successfully implemented educational, mentoring, research and quality improvement initiatives and increased her team's interdisciplinary collaboration.

Dr. Singhal is certified by the American Board of Radiology with also a certification of added qualification in Neuroradiology. Dr. Singhal is actively involved in various departmental and national committees and is a clinical educator with several book chapters, publications, exhibits and presentations to her credit. She has led the Brain curriculum subcommittee for the ASNR fellowship curriculum for several years. She is also a passionate advocate for women in medicine and pioneered the organization of an inaugural session dedicated to women in neuroradiology at ASNR 2022. She is also involved in activities with the AAWR, WIMS and AMWA

AAWR Service:

Co-Chair Website Committee

Member-in-Training Award for Outstanding RSNA Presentations



Bersu Ozcan, MD

Bersu Ozcan is a Research Fellow at the Breast Imaging Division at the University of Texas Southwestern

Medical Center. During her medical education, Dr. Ozcan was involved in pre-clinical laboratory research and performed visiting internship rotations at Georgetown and Harvard Universities. She presented multiple studies at national and international conferences. She has received several research awards, including the 2023 RSNA Trainee Research Award and the 2022 AAWR Outstanding RSNA Presentation.

Dr. Ozcan is actively leading research in breast imaging, focusing on nodal metastases, neoadjuvant therapy response, AI implementation, breast cancer disparities, and cost-effectiveness. She also collaborated in two prospective clinical trials aiming to predict neoadjuvant therapy response in breast cancer patients using optoacoustic imaging and contrast-enhanced ultrasound.

AAWR Service:

MIT Committee

ARLEO Advocacy Award



Anna Lee, MD

Dr. Anna Lee is an Assistant Professor in the Head and Neck Section of the Department of

Radiation Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She completed her residency at SUNY Downstate Medical Center followed by a proton therapy fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Her research interests include examining outcomes in the re-irradiation setting, comparative effectiveness research with large databases and issues regarding gender equity in academic medicine.

She has been a member of AAWR since 2012 and served as the co-chair of the member-in-training committee from 2018-2020. She is a founding member of the Society for Women in Radiation Oncology (SWRO), which was formed during a time when there were limited resources for women in radiation oncology with trainees reporting their lived experiences specifically with respect to lack of support during pregnancy/motherhood, feelings of isolation, harassment and mentorship needs. Along with her colleagues, she has been involved in projects leading to publications that have brought attention regarding needs of trainees to professional societies and organizations.

AAWR Service:

Membership Committee

2023 Eleanor Montague Distinguished Resident Award in Radiation Oncology



Sara Beltrán Ponce, MD

Dr. Beltrán Ponce is a Wisconsin native and attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison where she received her undergraduate degree in biology and psychology. Before attending medical school, she

spent several months doing public health work in rural Cambodia before completing an AmeriCorps service year teaching math and English to middle school students. These experiences solidified interests in global and public health that continue to inspire her work to date. Upon completion of these programs, she went on to attend medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin where she graduated with honors in community engagement before staying at Medical College of Wisconsin for residency, where she is currently chief resident.

As a resident, Dr. Beltrán Ponce has pursued research in patient-reported outcomes, health disparities, and global oncology with a passion for improving long-term quality of life and equity of care for all patients. In addition, she has strong interests in physician wellness and time management, leading to the creation of a podcast titled "Time Titans" which aims to provide practical strategies for physicians to become more efficient with their day. She has served as a peer-mentor, advocate, and researcher in gender equity and parental leave policies for trainees and draws from her own experience of having two children

in training. She serves as chair of the Society for Women in Radiation Oncology and leads the family planning working group for the American Society for Radiation Oncology's Women's Committee. She looks forward to a career focused on wellness and equity for patients and clinicians alike.

2023 Lucy Frank Squire Distinguished Resident Award in Diagnostic Radiology



Yu-Hui Huang, MD, MS

Formally trained in Biomedical Visualization and Clinical Anaplastology, Yu-Hui Huang, MD, MS is a current Chief Radiology Resident at the University of Minnesota, where she utilizes

3D printing to assist with clinical care for human and veterinary patients. Dr. Huang is also an adjunct faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago Graduate Biomedical Visualization Program, where she teaches 3D Printing with Data Segmentation for Medicine. She seeks to combine art, medicine and technology, specifically medical imaging and 3D printing, to improve patient care and outcome.

Member-In-Training Award for Outstanding Presentations in Diagnostic Radiology/Radiation Oncology



Jie Jane Chen, MD

Dr. Jie Jane Chen received her medical degree with cum laude honors from Harvard Medical School, prior to joining the Radiation Oncology residency program at University of California,

San Francisco (UCSF), where she currently serves as chief resident. Dr. Chen's research interests include integrating palliative radiotherapy and specialty palliative care, applying novel computational approaches to identify patients' symptoms, and optimizing communication, education, and social support for patients and families with diverse needs. Her research using natural language processing to identify symptoms preceding diagnosis of and palliative radiotherapy for bone metastases illuminated disparities at multiple points in the care pathway. For her research and advocacy, she received the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Award.

Dr. Chen is passionate about medical education and building inclusive communities for patients and learners. At UCSF, she chairs the Radiation Oncology Education Committee, serves as a resident member of

the Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy, and teaches medical students in the School of Medicine Bridges Curriculum. On a national level, she serves on the Radiation Oncology Education Collaborative Study Group (ROECG) Executive Board, where she contributes to developing innovative radiation oncology curricula and shaping the educational culture within radiation oncology. Her educational initiatives have included spearheading an international investigation of radiation oncologists' practices and preferences for delivering patient education, as well as designing and assessing a curriculum on breast radiotherapy, skin care, and toxicity management for interdisciplinary and interprofessional learners within the UCSF Breast Cancer Center.

AAWR Service:
MIT Committee

2023 Alice Ettinger Distinguished Achievement Award



Geraldine McGinty, MD

Dr. McGinty did her medical training in Ireland at the National University and then came to the USA for residency at the University of Pittsburgh where she was Chief Resident. Her fellowship was in

Women's Imaging at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 2000, she completed an MBA at Columbia University. She is an internationally recognized expert in imaging economics. In May 2018 she was elected as the Chair of the ACR's Board of Chancellors, the first woman to hold this office. In 2014 she joined the faculty at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City after 11 years in private practice and in 2021 she was appointed as Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. Since 2017 she has taught in the combined Weill Cornell Medicine and Cornell SC Johnson School of Business EMBA MS in Healthcare Leadership. She is a member of the boards of NextGen Healthcare (NXGN) and 4D Medical (4DX) as well as her alma mater, the University of Galway.

Her published work has focused on payment models for imaging, most recently a bundled payment for breast cancer screening. Recently she has focused on the impact of Artificial Intelligence on Medical Imaging and has spoken at the Turing Institute and to the WHO Focus Group on AI in Healthcare on this topic. In 2015 she was voted Radiology's Most Effective Educator by the readers of Aunt Minnie, a radiology news site with more than 140,000 members. She holds inclusion as a foundational value and has been recognized for her work in advancing the careers of women including with the Jessica M and Natan Bibliowicz Award for Excellence in Mentoring Women Faculty at Weill Cornell. In 2019 she endowed a scholarship at the University of Galway to support a female physician in pursuing an MBA.

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Award



Reshma Jagsi, MD, D.Phil

Reshma Jagsi is the Lawrence Davis Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Emory University. Author of over 400 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including multiple high-

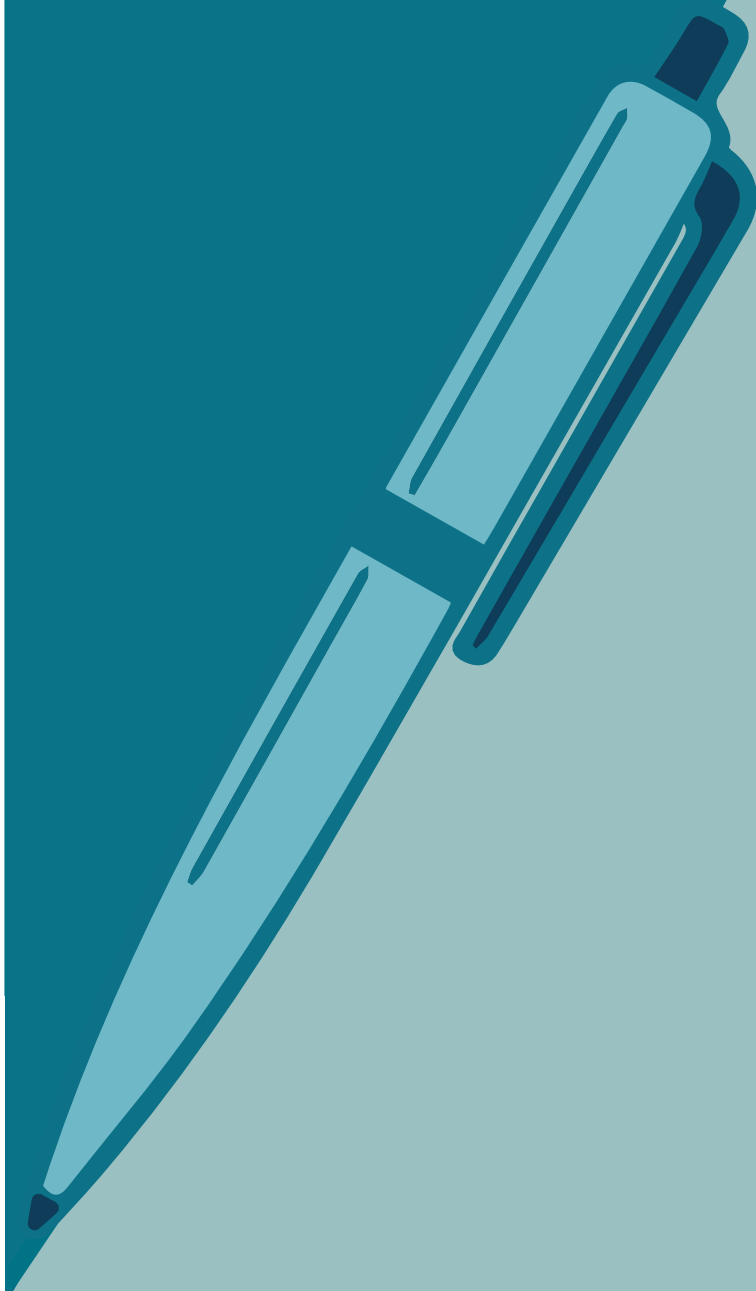
impact studies in journals such as the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, and JAMA, her research to promote gender equity has been funded by U54 and R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health as well as large independent grants from philanthropic foundations. She has mentored dozens of others in research investigating women's under-representation in senior positions in academic medicine and the mechanisms that must be targeted to promote equity.

Active in organized medicine, she has served on the Steering Committee of the AAMC's Group on Women in Medicine in Science and now serves on the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine and ACR's Commission on Women and Diversity. Her contributions have been recognized with her election to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and Association of American Physicians, the Leadership Award of the AAMC's Group on Women in Medicine and Science, LEAD Oncology's Woman of the Year Award, AMWA's Woman in Science Award, and AMSA's Women Leaders Award. She is a fellow of the AAAS, ASCO, ASTRO, AAWR, and the Hastings Center.

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Have an article or research publication you would like featured in our next Focus Newsletter? Let us know!

Submit your article by emailing Jean Kunjummen, Newsletter Chair, at jean.kunjummen@emory.edu



KUDOS

Dana Smetherman, MD, MPH, MBA, FACR
@DSmethermanMD

Will be appointed ACR CEO effective July 1

Caroline Robson, MB ChB
@callyrobs

Inducted as a Fellow of ASPNR

Christine "Cooky" Menias, MD
@cookyscan1

Recognized and awarded as the first back-to-back winner of Most Effective Radiology Educator in the history of the Minnies

Kate Hanneman, MD, MPH, FRCPC
@KateHanneman

Appointed Chair of the RSNA annual meeting program planning committee

Geraldine McGinty, MD, MBA, FACR
@DrMcGinty

Awarded the Radiology ACR Gold Medal which recognizes her contributions to the field of radiology and service to the ACR

Jenny Bencardino, MD
@jennybencardino

Awarded Medal of the International Skeletal Society 2023

Susan Palasis, MD
@SusanPalasis

Inducted as a Fellow of ASPNR

Mary Edwards Brown, MD

Inducted as a Fellow of ASPNR

Erin Schwartz, MD, FACR
@ErinSchwartzMD

Inducted as a Fellow of ASPNR

Jill Hunter, MD

Inducted as a Fellow of ASPNR

KUDOS

Tina Young Poussaint, MD, FACR
@TYPoussaintMD

Inducted as a Fellow of ASPNR

Christine Glastonbury, MD
@CMGGlastonbury

Appointed president-elect of the ASHNR

Monica M. Matsumoto, MD
@MonicaMatsumoto

Won second place in "Leaders on the Horizon"
Residents' Program.

HELP US AMPLIFY
THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF RAD WOMEN

#AAWRKUDOS

We want to amplify the accomplishments of our members and we need your help! If you or someone you know has a triumph to share, let us know by using the hashtag #AAWRKudos and/or tagging @AAWR_org on X.

Thank you for continuing to uplift and celebrate #radwomen across the nation!

Welcome New Members

Nicole Abedrabbo
Ehsan Alipour
Sahar Alizada
Rend Alkhalili
Mina Alvi
Isabella Amador
Annika Anderson
Aliya Atcha
Laura Avery
Morgan Baranek
Meghna Basavaraju
Mahi Basra
Gracie Baum
Teresa Benvenuti
Corliann Blyn
Korena Boyd
Jetta Brady
Rebekah Brawley
Anu Brixey
Rebecca Bryan
Amanda Burke
Aaron Campeas
Janine Chan
Paniz Charkhchi
Jennifer Chiang
Florence Chiang
Kate Clancy
Lisa Cochran
Peyton Cramer
Danielle Daiger
Sara Darwish
Kayla Davis
Cecilia Davis-Hayes
Suzanna Del Rio
Lisa Deptula

Johanna Dobard
Siri Doddi
Katherine Eacobacci
Faranak Ebrahimian sadabad
Stephanie El Omeiri
Sarah Fathy
Rebecca Fine
Raquel Garcia
Jessica Gemmell
Hadiya Haq
Alina Hasanain
Hannah Heskin
Mai-Lan Ho
Swathi Holla
Melina Hosseiny
Nikoleté Hurrinus
Meghan Jairam
Sai Dhanush Reddy Jeggari
Ernesto Joubran
Lauren Jutras
Aadya Kaushik
hadiseh Kavandi
Kiana Keller
Alena Khalil
Fereshteh Khorshidi
Parisa Khoshpouri
Elise Kiszla
Shruti Kolli
Brittney Koruthu
Toni Kuhns
Anna Kulkarni
Ayca Kutlu
Kayla LaRue
Michelle Lee
Katherine Liu

Rowan Lovich
Annika Lundberg
Katherine Manning
Julia Marino
Isabela Martins
Nimmi Mathews
Yuliya Mazo
Aliah McCalla
Ahamed Milhan
Alicia Miller
Shilpa Mohanan
Mahati Mokkarala
Margaret Mowry
Sara Mozayan
Sarah Mulaparthi
Monica Nable
Ragi Nayak
Lina Nguyen
Xuan Nguyen
Jolanta Norelli
Paula Novelli
Agata Nowelli
Molly Oroho
Joseph Owen
Christina-Regine Owens-Charles
Kushal Patel
Ashini Patel
Dharti Patel
Kavita Patel
Avani Pathak
Emily Scattergood
Sierra Scott
Alexandria Sobczak
Nelly Stepanov

Welcome New Members

Katherine Pierce
Alexa Pisciotti
Juliana Pitzer
Atefe Pooyan
Ellyn Prusinowski
Frosilda Pushani
Wendy Qiu
Sanjana Ratakonda
Mehrsa Razavi
Blaire Rikard
Delmarie Rivera Rodriguez
Elizabeth Romantz
Nikki Rousslang
Zoe Rudloff
Katrina Russell
Caleb Ruth
Niyousha Sadeghpour
Manal Saif
Hifza Sakhi
Alankrit Shatadal
Sarah Siddiqui
Katarzyna Sienkiewicz
Claudia Silver
Leah Simon
Rajshree Singh
Olga Sliwicka
Morgan Smeltzer
Rajvi Thakkar
Jenna Tinnell
Lianna Tran
Smrithi Valsaraj
Nadya Vinsdata
Charis Wang
Marcellina Wiertek
Angela Williams

Christina Williams
Unique Willis-Norris
Steven Watson
Elena White
Mary Woodruff
Kristen Wright
Sahrain Zahoor
Marina Zakhary
Atefeh Zeinoddini
Jasmine Zhao
Wenhui Zhou
Cynthia Ziwawo

Committees & Chairs

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:



This Committee shall advocate for issues important to AAWR members such as paid family/medical leave and reproductive rights. Working groups will work towards improved website resources, high impact member survey and considerations for

policy resolutions at the ACR. Committee members should include representation of diagnostic radiologists, interventional radiologists, and radiation oncologists as well as members in training.

Committee Chair:

Kirti Magudia, MD, PhD
Duke University Medical Center

AWARDS COMMITTEE:



This Committee shall be responsible for soliciting nominations for Awards, and for recommending to the Executive Committee the awardees for these honors. The Awards Committee shall also include a Fellowship Subcommittee, which shall be responsible for

reviewing applications for FFAWR (Fellowship, AAWR) and rendering decisions. Members of the Fellowship Subcommittee must also be FFAWR and must include (but is not limited to) a diagnostic radiologist, an interventional radiologist, and a radiation oncologist.

Committee Chair:

Amy Patel, MD
Liberty Hospital, Alliance Radiology, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

ALLYSHIP COMMITTEE:



*New AAWR Committee is currently being established. Description coming soon!

Committee Chair:

Vivek Kalia, MD.
Scottish Rite for Children Hospital

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:



Appointed by the President or the Executive Committee, shall recommend proposed changes of the bylaws at the Executive Committee meeting of the Association at the annual meeting. The Vice-President and the President-Elect shall be members, and the Vice-President shall chair

the Committee. In addition, the President shall serve with voting privileges as an ex officio member of the Committee.

Committee Chair:

Meredith Englander, MD, FSIR, FACR
Albany Medical College

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:



The Committee shall carry out such functions regarding maintaining and increasing membership and other related duties as may be delegated by the Executive Committee.

Committee Chair:

Meredith Englander, MD, FSIR, FACR
Albany Medical College

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COMMUNICATIONS:



The Communications committee shall be involved in those activities of the Association that increase awareness of the Association, including the Association newsletter.

Committee Chair:

Jean Kunjummen, DO
Emory University

Newsletter Subcommittee:



Co-Chair:

Mai-Lan Ho, MD, MPH
Professor of Radiology University of Missouri



Co-Chair:

Claudia Kirsch MD, FACR, FASFNR
Yale Department of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging

Social Media Subcommittee:



Co-Chair:

Chelsea Schmit



Co-Chair:

Jean Kunjummen, DO
Emory University

MIT COMMITTEE (MEMBERS IN TRAINING):

The AAWR Members-In-Training committee, composed of medical students, residents and fellows, focuses on the mentorship, leadership and advancement of emale trainees. The group is composed of subcommittees including medical student outreach, membership recruitment, speed mentoring and webinar development, who work on several projects and events throughout the year including a speed mentoring event at RSNA.



Co-Chair:

Anne Darrow, MD, MA
St. Francis Hospital & Cook County Hospital



Co-Chair:

Jennifer Chiang, MD
Stanford Medicine

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:



Co-Chair:

Harshna Vadvala, MD
Associate Professor of Radiology
Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida



Co-Chair:

Aparna Singhal, MD

Committees & Chairs

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:



Consisting of members appointed by the President or the Executive Committee, shall plan the program for meetings, organize social functions and arrange for publicity.

Committee Chair:

Candice Johnstone MD, MPH, FAAWR, FACR
Medical College of Wisconsin



Co-Chair:

Meridith Englander MD, FSIR,
FACR - Albany Medical College



Co-Chair:

Catherine J. Everett MD MBA FACR
Coastal Radiology LLC