

Radiation Therapists of Wisconsin Business Meeting
Saturday November 4th, 2017
Milwaukee, WI

Called to order at 12:15 by Steve Feirn, President

Executive Board Reports:

Secretary's Report: none

Treasurer's report: attached to the end of the minutes

Area Reports:

North West Update:

Sacred Heart is proud to announce the Prevea Regional Cancer Center at Sacred Heart Hospital name change and new med onc/rad onc construction project. Additionally, radiation oncology is scheduled to replace one of their accelerators spring of 2018.

Riverview cancer center also has changed names: Aspirus UW-Cancer Center @ Riverview Hospital. They are affiliated with the Carbone Cancer Center out of Madison.

Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital's sale to the Marshfield Clinic was completed on June 30 and is now known as the Marshfield Medical Center.

Ministry St. Michael's and Ministry St. Clare's had name changes in September, now known as Ascension instead of Ministry.

Marshfield Medical Center/Ascension St. Michael's RONC and MONC/Ascension St. Clare's MONC and James Beck Cancer Center MONC in conjunction with the Affinity Region MONC depts. upgraded to MOSAIQ 2.64 mid-September. James Beck Cancer Center and Affinity Region RONC will be upgrading their ARIA and Ascension St. Michael's RONC will be moving from MOSAIQ to ARIA and from pinnacle to eclipse.

Ascension WI has kicked off its Cerner One Chart project in July and groups have been meeting with hopeful implementation in October –December 2018 for Northern and Eastern Region. This will be the first time Cerner has created an Oncology module....Ascension WI will be the standard for all of Ascension Oncology departments across the nation.

North East Update:

Appleton Medical Center Updates: We implemented our RPM platform this summer- gating and DIBH. We use gating and DIBH in addition to our OSMS system (aka- align Rt) which we have had since March 2016. We added an additional FTE to our therapist group. We now have 11 therapists. Within the therapist team, since March 2016, we welcomed or will be welcoming 5 new babies. We welcomed a new manager in April 2017, Kim Schwab, we are very excited to have her! One of our Dosimetrists and one of our Physicists will be retiring in January. We will miss them greatly but it will be exciting to welcome a new Dosimetrist and Physicist to our team in the coming months. Our HDR numbers continue to grow. Our machine combination is: 2 TrueBeams, 1 Cyberknife and 1 HDR unit.

Central WI Cancer Program/St. Agnes – Fon du Lac: Installed Ceiling Hoyer lift in CT Sim, Implemented IV Contrast procedure in CT Sim, SSM Health is in process of buying Agnesian Health Care (Will most likely be finalized Jan 1, 2018)

Vince Lombardi Cancer Care – Two Rivers: Two Rivers: Go Live with new Truebeam 11/13

Bellin Health Cancer Center Green Bay and Marinette: New Center was built this Summer in Marinette
Bay Area Cancer Center- Marinette: Old center moving to new hospital around Summer 2018

Southwest Region Updates

Gundersen Lutheran-La Crosse: Recently hired Sophie Lamey and Taylor Sullivan as therapists, who are both UWL 2017 graduates. Hoping to upgrade one of their linacs in the near future

UW Madison: The Ride 2017- Over 1,200 bike riders participated in the event and all the funds raised stay within the UW system for research and to improve cancer care. Save the date for next year on September 23, 2018. Upgrading ViewRay MRI machine from cobalt to a linac Cathy McMahon recently celebrated her 30 year anniversary working at the UW.

Turville Bay-Madison: Serving as a clinical site for the Grand Valley State University Medical Dosimetry Program. Dana Paulus has transitioned into this new role. Hired two new therapists: Jeremy Muedt and Stephanie V.

St. Clare Hospital- Baraboo: They are reviewing and assessing current protocols and policies in preparation for the Joint Commission visit which is expected to take place soon.

Southeast Region Updates

Froedtert & MCW: Our MR Linac Unity is fully functional and we will begin scanning research patients in the next two months. At the end of November we will be installing a SOMATOM Drive CT Sim from Siemens. We have been utilizing our new ICON technology for frameless, mask-based Gamma Knife fractionated patients. The Froedtert Drexel Town Center will be opening Mid January – it will be a Froedtert & MCW Outpatient center with Medical and Radiation Oncology – Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory. We have hired RTT and dosimetry staff for the center already but there may be opportunities as the center opens and gets underway.

Columbia St. Mary's: We have a retiring physician and dosimetrist. CSM is now affiliated with the UW-La Crosse Master's of Dosimetry program

UW-LaCrosse Program updates

Class of 2018 (Carly): we started our internships this summer. Things are going really well. Everyone is excited to be in clinicals.

Class of 2019 (Taylor): The RT club has been busy with volunteering and fundraising events such as Stepping Out in Pink, campus close-ups working with future students, the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, and making blankets for patients receiving treatments at Gunderson.

UW-L Program updates (Melissa Weege):

Thank you to RTOW for their support of radiation therapy education, the student achievement award and essay competition. Also huge thanks to those who provide opportunities for students to observe prior to application, complete externships or provide clinical instruction on a regular basis.

Program updates

- 100% pass rate on exam and 100% job placement within 2 months
- The program under the direction of Amanda Carpenter has implemented an online student tracking system for time keeping, competencies and affective evaluations. It is going well and nice to be paperless.
- Class of 2017 member, Taylor Sullivan was selected to attend the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program and House of Delegates meeting in June of 2017 in Orlando, FL.
- The program is going through their next accreditation review. The self-study report has been submitted and the site visit will occur in the Spring of 2018.
- Please join the UWL Radiation Therapy FB page if you have not already. You will find regional job openings and program news there.
- Happy NRTW to everyone next week!

Melissa gave a quick CQR update and refresher. The class of 2011 will be the first group required to participate. Information was shared in the ARRT booklet that was sent out this fall and more information will continue to come out to folks.

Voting:

Open Board Positions:

President-elect: Kim Steen nominated, passed

Treasurer: Sarah Seefeld nominated to continue, passed

Northwest rep: Mindy Kren and Kelly Lautenschlager nominated, members present (no absentee ballots submitted) from NW region voted, Kelly Lautenschlager elected.

By-laws: By-law change to further specify qualifications for student membership tabled for discussion until the next meeting.

Proposal: **Student members** shall be those students who are enrolled in an approved Radiation Therapist or Dosimetry training **undergraduate** program. **Those members furthering education past his/her initial degree will fall into active or inactive member status.** Eligibility for this category shall extend during the entire course of study, terminating upon the next scheduled membership renewal date following graduation. Student members shall receive all privileges of members with the exception of holding office other than Student Representative to the Board.

Concerns/discussion: Dosimetry students are not working and it would be helpful to offer a reduced membership rate and registration fees. There are enough funds available in the account that more discounted members should not be an issue. One of the primary functions of RTOW is education and restricting student membership criteria could hinder involvement from some groups/

Other Items:

ASRT updates: the ASRT has an app available that you can use to upload your CE certificates. Reminder to check with the ASRT for corporate discounts that you may be eligible for.

Starting January 1 2018, RTOW will no longer accept checks for payment. Payment needs to be made through PayPal. If your employer pays your dues and registration fees via check, please contact Sarah Seefeld to make arrangements for payments.

Steve Feirn (President) Completed the ASRT online leadership academy and at the completion of the program attended a meeting in Orlando, FL. He gave a summary to the group. For more information about the Leadership Academy or the meeting in Orlando, please contact Steve.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

2017 Treasurer's Report (Fall RTOW Meeting)

March 1st – Sept 30th

Beginning Bank Balance March 1st **\$21,481.27**

Expenditures

Government Fees \$54.00

Postage \$2.80

Student Award \$33.63

Student Essay Contest-2017 \$325.00

Board Reimbursement \$1343.56

Honorariums \$600.00

Meeting Expenses \$1682.00

Total \$4,040.99

Income

Honorariums (donated) \$300.00

Meeting Registration \$3555.98

Total \$3, 855.98

Balance Sept 30th

\$20,296.26