



Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology

Summary of April 2016 Board Meeting

Greetings from the JRCERT:

Welcome to spring! The JRCERT recently held its Spring Board of Directors meeting here in Chicago. As usual, the meeting was quite busy. We would like to highlight here some of the key elements of the meeting.

From January 1, 2016 to date, the Board has taken action on approximately 111 programs; following is a breakdown:

	Radiography	Radiation Therapy	Magnetic Resonance	Medical Dosimetry
Initial Accreditation	2	-	-	2
8 Years	35	1	1	1
5 Years	3	1	-	-
3 Years	4	-	-	-
2 Years	1	-	-	-
Probation	3	-	-	-
Involuntary Withdrawal	1	-	-	-

The Directors also took action on 12 interim reports. The remaining accreditation actions were progress reports and substantive changes.

Board changes

The new Executive Committee was established as follows:

- Chair - Laura S. Aaron, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT
- First Vice Chair - Stephanie Eatmon, Ed.D., R.T.(R)(T), FASRT
- Second Vice Chair - Tricia D. Leggett, D.H.Ed., R.T.(R)(QM)
- Secretary/Treasurer - Laura Borghardt, M.S., CMD

At the conclusion of the April 2016 meeting, two Directors completed their maximum terms: Darcy Wolfman, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer, and Susan Hatfield, Ph.D., the Board’s public member. The dedication and commitment of these two individuals to the organization has been invaluable. On behalf of the JRCERT Board and staff, I would like to sincerely thank Darcy Wolfman and Susan Hatfield for their tremendous service in support of programmatic accreditation and extend our wishes for continued success.

Beverly Felder, M.P.A. was elected as Public Director and was installed at the conclusion of the April 2016 meeting. Ms. Felder replaced Susan Hatfield, Ph.D. whose term was fulfilled at the April 2016 meeting. Ms. Felder has recently retired from her position as Health Professions Retention Specialist at Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL.

Jason W. Stephenson, M.D. was elected from nominees provided to the JRCERT by the American College of Radiology (ACR) and was installed as Director at the conclusion of the April 2016 meeting. Dr. Stephenson replaced Darcy J. Wolfman, M.D. whose term was fulfilled at the April 2016 meeting. Dr. Stephenson is

currently Assistant Professor, Associate Residency Program Director, and Director of Medical Student Education at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health - Madison.

Director Laura Borghardt, M.S., CMD, nominated by the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists, was reappointed to an additional three-year term.

Director Jason Scott, M.B.A., R.T.(R)(MR), CRA, FAHRA, nominated by the Association for Medical Imaging Management (AHRA), has elected to not seek a second term in 2017. The JRCERT will seek nominations from AHRA this summer.

The Board voted to extend the term of Director Laura S. Aaron, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT, nominated by the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS), to an additional year; her term will expire April 2018.

Other Comments

The new Accreditation Management System went live in March 2016; for the most part, feedback has been positive.

The Board approved an additional accrediting agency, Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ), as an acceptable accreditor of clinical settings utilized by our programs.

The Board adopted a position statement on the JRCERT Standards regarding mammography clinical rotations. Please be sure to review detailed information in the April 2016 *Pulse* newsletter which includes the position statement and a template that can be utilized by programs to publically disclose its policy on clinical mammography rotations.

The Board approved a staff recommendation to eliminate the time-consuming process of deactivating/reactivating clinical education setting status based on continually changing student rotation schedules. This will reduce program administrative time and allow programs more time to focus on achieving their goals. Programs with clinical settings currently identified as “Deactivated” will therefore need to perform a one-time update of these settings or disaffiliate them.

PLEASE NOTE: The one time clean up of “Deactivated” clinical settings must be completed by no later than June 1, 2016. Programs should review the instructions for the one-time update in the April 2016 *Pulse* newsletter.

Also, the Board approved several changes to JRCERT policies, including the following:

Policy 11.400 – Requirements for Sponsors of Accredited Programs

As identified in Policy 11.409-Procedure 11.409A, the JRCERT continues to require programs to submit a request and rationale for an increase in program capacity and require JRCERT approval prior to implementation. The Board did, however, approve changes to Policy 11.409 as follows:

11.409B advises programs with a Probationary Accreditation or Administrative Probationary Accreditation status that an increase in program/clinical capacity cannot be requested.

11.409C advises programs whose sponsoring institution is on Probation or Show Cause by their institutional accreditor that an increase in program/clinical capacity cannot be requested.

Clarifications on situations in which programs may not request increases in program/clinical capacity.

Policy 11.600 – Site Visit of the Program

11.603A assigns site visitors for each scheduled program evaluation:

- i. considers the number of clinical settings in determining the number of site visitors.
- ii. requires a minimum of two (2) site visitors for each team, for programs with less than thirty (30) clinical settings.
- iii. requires a minimum of three (3) site visitors for each team for programs with thirty (30) or more clinical settings or more than seventy-five (75) students enrolled in the program.

Size of student enrollments requiring a 3-member site visit team reduced from 100 to 75.

Complete JRCERT policies are available on the JRCERT Web site, www.jrcert.org under the *Governance* tab.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Best regards,

Leslie