Report of the Resident and Fellow Committee

The Resident and Fellow Committee is charged to:

- Advise the RSNA Board of Directors on the need for and effectiveness of RSNA programs for members-in-training;
- Identify, develop and promote relevant programming for RSNA members-in-training at the RSNA Annual Meeting and Scientific Assembly, through liaison relationships with the Scientific Program Committee, Refresher Course Committee, Education Exhibits Committee, the Radiology Informatics Committee, and other committees as appropriate;
- Nominate interested members-in-training for consideration by the RSNA Board for appointment to RSNA committees;
- Provide input on resident/fellow resources on RSNA.org;
- Provide input on resources for residents attending the annual meeting (lodging, restaurants, transportation, viewing the exhibits, etc.);
- Provide input on social networking tools utilized by RSNA;
- Convene groups of trainees to discuss issues of common concern;
- Promote and encourage RSNA membership;
- Author relevant articles for RSNA publications/blogs;
- Provide input on career development resources.

The RFC Committee met during RSNA 2010 and again in June of 2011, and identified two areas for program development to enhance professional development of radiological residents to be implemented in 2011.

The first is development of a program track for residents at the annual meeting to assist trainees in appreciating the different types of jobs available within the field of radiology; understanding the general processes involved in looking for jobs, analyzing offers and selecting one that best fits career objectives; and understanding how to best present themselves as they seek employment positions. The program is titled “Planning for Success After Residency” and will be held on Wednesday afternoon during the RSNA 2011 meeting.

Committee members also worked with RSNA staff to develop a resource for residents searching for fellowships. The program entitled “RSNA Fellowship Connect” on RSNA.org will include information on fellowships gathered from program directors and coordinators around the United States. Residents will be able to search by subspecialty and location to learn about fellowship opportunities, and institutions will be able to log-in, update and provide links to additional information as appropriate. The site will be demonstrated at the next committee meeting held during RSNA 2011.

In the coming year, the committee will continue its efforts to identify and implement programs to foster the professional development of radiological residents.

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