# WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE VIRGINIA CHAPTER, ACR?

#### **ADVOCACY**

- Be the first to Know! "Member Alerts" with important, up-to-the-minute information on issues related to insurance regulations, radiation inspections of health care facilities, medical malpractice, physician self-referral and certificate of need, scope of practice and medical licensure.
- *Get involved!* Opportunities to give input on important health issues and to serve on community and statewide boards and committees.
- Make a difference! The Chapter has been instrumental in passing legislation such as Radiologist Assistant legislation. The Chapter has been able to use Virginia RADPAC funds to build relationships with members of the Virginia legislature which enables us to have a voice as matters of concern to radiologists and physicians in general come before the legislature.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

Lend your expertise! Opportunities to serve on various committees of interest or on the Board. Virginia Chapter Councilors and Alternate Councilors have an opportunity to express the needs and interests of local members.

#### **NETWORKING**

- Meet other like-minded folks in your state!
   Network with other diagnostic radiologists, radiation oncologists and medical physicists.
- Make sure Virginia voices are heard! Chapter participation and representation at the National level.
- *Make connections!* Meet the national and state leaders in person and ask them your questions.
- Become involved with research! The Chapter has members that serve on the Medicare Carrier Advisory Committee which makes sure that federal policy is implemented with radiology's input properly at the state level.

#### **EDUCATION**

- *CME Available!* The Chapter has an annual CME conference every year in with CME credits offered (August 8-9 at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia)
- *RLI Scholarship Opportunities!* Up to \$3,000 in scholarships are available annually to support recipient participation in a number of Radiology Leadership Institute (RLI) programs
- Get the latest information! Member alerts, our website and Chapter newsletters contain updates from the national and local organizations.

### PATHWAY TO ACR FELLOWSHIP

**Become an ACR Fellow.** Your state chapter provides opportunities for leadership and involvement and gives members an opportunity for recognition as an ACR Fellow. Five of your colleagues will be inducted as fellows this year!

## RESIDENT & FELLOW SECTION (RFS)

- The Virginia Chapter of the American College of Radiology has made many contributions to our residents. Each year we sponsor residents from each of the Academic schools to attend the ACR National Meeting in May and the VC-ACR Annual Meeting in August.
- The RFS hosts a VERY SUCCESSFUL Rapid Fire Review Course in the spring in Richmond with faculty and residents from across the state represented.



## TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Go on line at www.acr.org or call the ACR Membership Services Department at 1-800-347-7748 or membership@acr.org

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