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American Board of Radiology names Valerie P. Jackson, MD, as executive director

The American Board of Radiology (ABR) Board of Trustees has unanimously approved Valerie P. Jackson, MD, as its next executive director, effective July 1, 2014. She will succeed Gary J. Becker, MD, who will retire June 30, 2014.

Dr. Jackson is the Eugene C. Klatter professor of radiology and chair of the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. An expert in the field of breast imaging, she has been active in clinical work, research, and teaching regarding mammography, breast sonography, and interventional procedures of the breast. Dr. Jackson is also active in radiology resident education and previously served as residency program director for the Indiana University Department of Radiology.

“The ABR is excited to have someone with the expertise of Dr. Jackson in the role of the new ABR executive director,” said ABR Board President James P. Borgstede, MD. “We also thank Dr. Becker for his work over eight years.”

Dr. Jackson served as an ABR trustee from 2001 to 2010. During that time, she was active on numerous board committees, including Bylaws, Diagnostic Radiology (DR), Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology Enhanced Clinical Training (DIRECT) Certification Pathway, Interventional Radiology Primary Certification, Nominating, Orientation, Volunteerism, and Maintenance of Certification DR Breast Self-Assessment Modules. She has also been the Initial Certification Liaison for the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Residency Review Committee, a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties Strategy Team, an Oral DR Breast examiner for many years, and a DR Image Asset Coordinator. She has been a director for the American Board of Radiology Foundation (ABRF) since 2011 and has served as chair of the Leibel Lecture Committee, the ABRF Oversight Task Force, and the ABRF Bylaws Committee.

In addition to her considerable volunteer efforts for the ABR, Dr. Jackson has been active in a number of national organizations. She has been a member of the American College of Radiology (ACR) Breast Task Force, chaired the ACR Commission on Education, and was a member of the ACR Board of Chancellors. She was president of the ACR in 2002-2003. She was elected to the Society of Breast Imaging (SBI) in 1986, became a fellow of the SBI in 1991, and served as president of the SBI from 1991 to 1993.

A member of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) since 1982, Dr. Jackson served as chair of the Refresher Course Committee from 2009 to 2012, chair of the Breast Imaging Subcommittee of the Scientific Program Committee from 2003 to 2006, and member of the *RSNA News* Editorial Board from 2005 to 2008. She was the RSNA's First Vice-President from 2008 to 2009 and is a member of the RSNA Centennial Committee. Dr. Jackson also has been active on many committees of the RSNA Research & Education (R&E) Foundation and has served on the R&E Foundation Board of Trustees since 2009.

Dr. Jackson also has worked in numerous special service positions with committees within her institution, statewide, nationally, and globally and has been a faculty advisor to dozens of medical students. She has been a reviewer for numerous radiologic journals, including *Radiology*, the *American Journal of Roentgenology*, *Academic Radiology*, and *Journal of the American College of Radiology*. She also served as an associate editor for the journal *Radiology*.

Dr. Jackson is the author of approximately 100 peer-reviewed articles and 20 books and book chapters with an emphasis on breast imaging and radiologic education. She has served as principal investigator on numerous funded grants, including several focused on radiologic education. She is a sought-after lecturer and educator who has made more than 300 scientific and educational presentations at meetings worldwide.

The recipient of numerous honors throughout her career, Dr. Jackson is a fellow of the American College of Radiology and has received the gold medals of the Indiana Radiological Society, SBI, and ACR. The Valerie P. Jackson Education Fellowship also recognizes her work with ACR.

"Dr. Jackson is a perfect choice for the ABR executive director position," said Gary J. Becker, MD, current executive director. "Having known her for more than 35 years, I can say with utmost confidence that she possesses the attributes and experience that will help her work successfully with the Board of Trustees to serve patients, the public, and the medical profession. She is renowned for her expertise in breast imaging and highly regarded as an educator and accomplished department chair. As I prepare to step down, I am comforted to know that I am leaving the board in Dr. Jackson's capable hands."

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