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| **Reported by (Name):** | **Jacqueline E. Zoberi** |
| **Organization:** | American Board of Radiology |
| **Position Title:** | **Initial Certification Advisory Committee** |
| **Activity:** | **AAPM liaison as Chair of ETC** |
| **Meeting Dates:** | **Annual meeting of IC is desired by the ABR but the date/time is still TBD. However, members of EC, ETC, and STSC did request to have a T-con on June 11, 2020 to discuss postponement of certification exams due to COVID. Below is my summary of this meeting** |
| **Meeting Location:** | **Virtual meeting (Goto Meeting)** |
| **Payment $:** | **N/A** |
| **Reasons for Attending or not Attending** | **Originally attended as a member of ETC, but also as a member of IC** |
| **Issues from Previous Meetings or Year:** | **See report submitted 11/7/19** |
| **General Description of Activities of the Organization and/or Meeting:** | **This was a meeting initiated by J. Prisciandaro Chair of EC and K. McConnell as a member of IC (and past chair of STSC) in response to the postponement of IC exams due to COVID. They requested to meet with D. Frey and other lead members of ABR. In addition Jay Burmeister as VC of EC and member of IC, J. Zoberi as Chair of ETC and member of IC, and H. Al-Hallaq as VC of ETC were in attendance. In the meeting, the ABR presented the issues it is facing, and the AAPM asked targeted questions about the anticipated plans moving forward. The meeting was fruitful as it gave those from AAPM a better understanding of the issues ABR is facing in providing an exam that maintains the integrity of past exams and at the same time maintains the health and safety of all involved. A “fact-sheet” is being generated by said AAPM members for review by ABR and subsequent release to the AAPM membership. The ABR states that it is likely they will host two Part 3 virtual exam(s) in 2021, but will need time to work towards this solution.** |
| **Issues for AAPM:** | **To continue an open dialogue with ABR regarding changes to the ABR exam format from in-person to virtual exams, to be a voice for the examinees as well as examiners, and to promote transparency of ABR’s efforts to the membership. One potential solution brought up afterwards by AAPM members who attended this meeting was to use the IC as a way to address the above. For example, perhaps it’s time to re-examine the membership of IC and confirm whether lead members of EC can also be included in the IC to help with the above, and also have the IC meet more formally on a more frequent basis. Currently it meets only once a year at AAPM. Another idea proposed by AAPM members to the ABR was for the ABR/AAPM to have a virtual town hall type meeting providing information to the stakeholders and allowing for Q&A—something similar to the meeting on June 11.** |
| **Budget Request ($):** | **N/A** |