



RACC Annual Review: 2009

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The Radiology Administration Certification Commission (RACC) held monthly commission meetings during 2009, one of which was a face to face meeting during the AHRA Annual Meeting. During these meetings, we planned the year's activities, reviewed and revised policies, heard and responded to suggestions and appeals from CRAs, reviewed CRA examination results, and in general conducted the activities necessary to assure that the CRA certification and program continue to grow and be relevant in the healthcare community.

Below I will attempt to highlight some of the activities and actions of the commission during the preceding year.

- Monthly articles were written by commissioners and published in the monthly CRA newsletter and *Link*.
- Several updates and changes were made to the Policies and Procedures manual to assure it was up to date.
- The commission continued to work with Carole South-Winter as she prepares her doctoral thesis on factors effecting success passing the CRA examination.
- As a result of the initial efforts of one of our CRAs, those individuals passing the CRA examination were granted full reciprocity by the American Academy of Medical Administrators (AAMA) towards their advanced certification.
- We established a CRA renewal fee deferral of 1 year for CRAs whose employment status was affected by the slow economy

and who requested the deferral.

- A position of AHRA Board Liaison was created. Terry Dowd, CRA was appointed to this position by the AHRA Board of Directors. She will participate in all RACC meetings and activities.
- Nominations were solicited and an election for new commissioners was held. Rick Perez, CRA and Jacqui Rose, CRA were elected to serve 3 year terms.
- A CRA Exam Task Force was appointed to perform the periodic review and rewrite of the CRA examination. This will be the most extensive review since the test was first administered in 2002.

I believe that 2009 was a very productive year for the RACC and for the CRA program, and I believe that 2010 will be even a better year. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact any of your RACC commissioners. Their contact information is available on our Web site at www.crainfo.org. On a personal note, I would like to thank all CRAs for the privilege of serving as an RACC commissioner for the last 6 years. The experience has been both rewarding and humbling. It has been an honor to work with my fellow commissioners and you, the CRAs. I see great things in the future for the CRA program, the profession and for you, my fellow radiology administrators.