44th Annual Meeting Preview: Join the AAMD in California for #AAMD2019
By Patty Sponseller, CMD, and Melissa Nolet, CMD
2019 Annual Conference Committee Co-Chairs

On behalf of the 2019 Annual Conference Committee (ACC) and the AAMD Board of Directors, we are excited to invite you to attend the 44th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, June 16 - 20, 2019 with pre-conference workshops June 15, at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. Please visit the meeting website for complete details.

The 2019 ACC has been working hard to put together an educational program to help dosimetrists advance to the top of their profession and earn more than 35 continuing education credits while also having the opportunity to network with over 500 fellow dosimetrists and see the latest radiation oncology products in our exhibit hall. The MDCB CE credits are not only applicable to CMDs but also to radiation therapists and radiologic technologists through ARRT as a category A credit. In addition, we are offering CAMPEP credits for medical physicists.

We invite you to participate in our pre-conference workshops on Saturday, which includes a Radiation Oncology Documentation and Coding Workshop led by experts from Revenue Cycle. This is an in-depth, four-hour workshop that will provide tools to help you and your facility better understand the complexity of our ever-changing billing and coding system. Varian will also offer advanced Eclipse training on Saturday.

Again this year, we are excited to offer a two-hour Contouring General Session with a real-time interactive feature. So if you want to participate, bring your laptop and your favorite mouse! Also, we will have an expert speak on the revised Scope of Practice with special time allotted for questions. In addition, we are ramping up the case studies this year with more opportunities to learn from our peers.

After a full day of education on Sunday, join us for the Welcome Reception to network and relax with good food and great company. This event will take place in the exhibit hall, where you will have time to visit with our corporate partners and possibly win some prizes! Back again this year will be one full day of Concurrent Sessions, Image Registration and Treatment Planning System (TPS) Workshops. TPS workshops provide a great opportunity to learn a different planning system. These are FREE workshops (with a full meeting registration), but space is limited, so register early to guarantee your spot for the TPS of your choice. See the Agenda page on the AAMD meeting website for more details.

You can still share your knowledge at the meeting by submitting a poster abstract up until Friday, March 1. Register now for the 44th Annual Meeting!

Come stay with us at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. You will be just a stone’s throw away from Disneyland for which the hotel offers convenient shuttle service. Also visit the historic Packing District and shops for specialty food and drink in the restored Sunkist Citrus-Packing House, now a bustling market. In addition, the conference is nestled near museums, sports venues, beaches and an aquarium.

We look forward to seeing you for “California Dreaming…Surfing the Wavelength of Excellence!”
Dear Members,

As I write this, it’s the dead of winter, and the thought of digging out from more snow is making me look forward to the future. The AAMD is doing the same, and that was a big part of our discussion at our recent Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting. We are continuing to work on our Strategic Plan and are working on several projects to navigate our way into the future:

• We are continuing to work much more closely with our sister societies. We recently held a joint Board of Directors call with the MDCB, and we’re putting the finishing touches on plans for a joint meeting (to be held at our upcoming Annual Meeting in Anaheim) between us, the MDCB and JRCERT to discuss issues such as changes in MDCB exam eligibility, the numbers and quality of education for new dosimetry school graduates, and future trends in the dosimetry workforce and how best to anticipate and meet future needs.

• We continue to evaluate our educational offerings to our members, both in person and on-line. Recent changes made to our regional meeting planning process are allowing us to plan upcoming regional meetings more efficiently and with better consideration of potential locations that mesh well with our annual meeting locations.

• We are in the process of updating our Scope of Practice and Practice Standards to ensure that both accurately reflect the role that medical dosimetrists play in the workplace.

With all of the focus on future projects, the Board also wanted to look more broadly into the future and attempt to assess upcoming changes, challenges and threats to our profession. Topics such as artificial intelligence, the aging of the medical dosimetry workforce, our relationships with our health care peers, to name just a few, were all discussed. To meet the need for future thinking, we will soon be forming a task group to discuss and address these issues, and the future of medical dosimetry in general. Please watch your email in the very near future for more details on how we will be asking our members for input and how you can become involved.

Speaking of the near future, we are happy to present two opportunities for members to come together to learn, share and grow:

• AAMD Spring 2019 Regional Meeting in Charlotte, NC, taking place April 5 - 6
• AAMD 44th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA, taking place June 16 - 20

Please check out our website for full details on how to register for these events.

Happy Winter!
Respectfully submitted,
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AAMD President

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AAMD 2019 Election - Vote for Our Leadership
By Adam Brown, CMD, and Catherine Gagne, CMD
Nominations and Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs

Election 2019 is right around the corner, and the AAMD has great enthusiasm for the upcoming year. We are thrilled to have some great nominees willing to serve to help lead our society. The positions up for election in 2019 are:

- President-Elect
- Regional Director
- Member-at-Large
- Region I Representative
- Region II Representative

All Full CMD Members will be asked to vote on the position of President-Elect. The regional representatives will only be voted on by the members in their respective regions. This year’s election will use a third-party company, Survey and Ballot Systems, to handle the election process. The election will start in April, so watch for an e-mail inviting you to vote.

To help with your ballot decisions, get to know the candidates by reading their personal statements.

**President-Elect**
Lori Kasuske

*Position Statement:* I am honored to accept the nomination for AAMD President Elect. I have been a volunteer with the AAMD since 2009 and on the Board of Directors as a Member at Large since 2014. My experience on the Board of Directors has given me an inside look how the AAMD works as a team to be proactive in meeting the needs of medical dosimetrists and the healthcare community. I am excited to continue working for our members and the medical dosimetry profession by supporting the AAMD’s vision: Empowering medical dosimetrists and treatment planners to improve the quality of life of our patients and their families. After all, this is why we all do what we do. As AAMD President-Elect, I will continue to listen to your concerns and suggestions, and I will work hard to ensure the AAMD supports your needs as a medical dosimetrist.

**Regional Director**
Kristi Smith

*Position Statement:* The AAMD is the primary resource for medical dosimetrists and treatment planners throughout the world. As a volunteer since 2012 and a Member-at-large on the Board of Directors since 2017, I firmly believe in the forward thinking of this great organization to empower dosimetrists in professional growth. If elected as your Regional Director, I will work extremely hard and use my experience from helping plan the Annual Meetings for 5 years to help provide more continuing education opportunities for our members and promote this wonderful organization that has given me so much.

**Member-at-Large**
Keiani Exilus

*Position Statement:* With an organization as important as the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists, it should have more of a voice in the medical dosimetry field. Besides continuing education courses, it has the ability to advocate for the medical dosimetry profession within the healthcare industry. Social media platforms can be utilized more in connecting radiation oncology professionals. This will have a major impact on treatment planning worldwide. It will also provide awareness to what we do on a daily basis. The AAMD has the ability to advance our profession, create awareness and display our value to the community. Using every tool available to promote this organization will lead to an amazing future.

**Mark Littell**

*Position Statement:* If elected, it is my goal to uphold the values and tasks the AAMD has outlined in the new Mission Statement. As I represent the membership in my current role of Communications Committee Co-Chair and in the future as Member-at-Large, it is my intention to work towards promoting and protecting our profession globally. Since I was a student, I have utilized and understand the many resources the AAMD offers to grow and learn as a dosimetrist, network, find employment and serve on various committees. I am eager to continue to make financially responsible decisions for the AAMD membership based on feedback I hear from dosimetrists I interact with at meetings and in outreach with the radiation oncology community. My history of bringing together AAMD committees to work together to accomplish goals has and will continue to allow once small ideas from any member to become a reality for the membership.

**Ryan Moroose**

*Position Statement:* My name is Ryan Moroose and I would like to be considered for the AAMD Member-At-Large position. I am a hard-working, genuine, and conscientious individual. On a daily basis, I aim to provide high quality patient care, efficiently and effectively in my department. With my years of management experience, I believe I have what it takes to help lead, promote, and educate others about our profession. I want to give back to the field of Medical Dosimetry, what the field has been so gracious to give me. If appointed, I intend to put all my efforts into striving to help fulfill what’s best for the Medical Dosimetry profession, as well as, for the AAMD members.

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Adenike (Niki) Olanrewaju

**Position Statement:** In my 12 years as a Dosimetrist, I have seen our profession evolve tremendously. We have grown both in size and from a technological standpoint. During these years, I’ve also observed how the AAMD organization has worked faithfully to keep the standards and ethics of our profession to a level of pristine professionalism. Now, it is our responsibility as Medical Dosimetrist to further echo these principles and to uphold a baseline rooted in such standard of excellence. This is my reason for wanting to be considered for the Member-at-Large position. My goal, if appointed, is to contribute and serve the AAMD organization. It is time to give back to a profession that has changed the lives of so many including patients and their family members. Furthermore, I will like to share my experience with fellow colleagues and encourage them to participate.

Matthew Susen

**Position Statement:** The AAMD needs strong leadership to support our profession and encourage contributions from dosimetrists everywhere. I’ve met several dosimetrists whom do not actively participate with any professional societies, which inhibits our ability to expand new ideas. To overcome this barrier, the association members must participate to make a difference and inspire our colleagues to share the wealth of knowledge out there. I advocate for continuing education which holistically adds value to our association and drives advancement of our profession. The dosimetry network created through regional and national meetings provides the opportunity for professional development from the individual level to the mass level. As the Member-at-Large, I will continually review existing efforts and identify new opportunities that are designed to help move the association and profession forward. At the same time, I will strive to meet the needs of the current members as my top priority to serve fellow dosimetrists.

Matt Tobler

**Position Statement:** Dosimetrists face an ever changing professional environment. It’s important for us to continue proactively addressing the issues presented us as technology and our role within the radiotherapy community continue to evolve.

Region I Representative
[Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Utah, British Columbia (Canada)]

Ezequiel (Zeke) Ramirez

**Position Statement:** My goal is to continue to provide mentorship to students as well as my fellow colleagues and to continue to work with other members within our community to push boundaries that will lead to positive changes in our profession. I firmly believe that being involved in the development of new techniques and refining conventional ones is key to our professional development and I intend on contributing in any way possible.

Region II Representative
[Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Wyoming, Alberta (Canada), Manitoba (Canada), Saskatchewan (Canada)]

Gail VanDerbeck

**Position Statement:** Medical dosimetrists are lifelong learners dedicated and committed to the advancement of our profession. Over time clinical experiences enhance our success as dosimetrists, educators and organized professionals. We turn to the AAMD for continuous, aggressive professional development. An organization hopes to thrive with volunteers and an ambitious approach to understanding clinical and professional trends, member needs, and organizational strengths. The AAMD is committed to continue quality learning and the resulting personal and professional growth are traditions deeply imbedded in their organizational history. We became members of the AAMD with expectations to benefit, be inspired and stay motivated. I am familiar with the commitment of working on a board as a team member and realize the necessity of contribution. For this reason, I choose to become engaged, serve and actively search for new and enhancing opportunities for individual growth for myself and AAMD members while being a part of the AAMD tradition.
At the request of the AAMD Board of Directors, a task group was formed in 2018 to review and update the AAMD Practice Standards for the Medical Dosimetrist and the Scope of Practice of a Medical Dosimetrist. These professional documents were last updated in 2012 – 2013.

The task group consists of 11 members, with representatives from the AAMD Board, AAMD Formal Education Committee, AAPM Subcommittee on the Training and Practice of Medical Dosimetry, ASTRO, MDCB, and four at-large CMDs.

Some of the areas that these revised professional documents will address are the definition of the Qualified Medical Dosimetrist (QMD), professional competency, the QMD’s role in segmentation, fusion, image registration and deformable image registration.

Following a public comment period this spring, the revisions and updates to both the Practice Standards for the Medical Dosimetrist and the Scope of Practice of a Medical Dosimetrist will be presented at the 2019 AAMD Annual Meeting this June. This presentation will include a 30-minute question / answer session following the presentation.

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Report on the Review and Updates to the Practice Standards and Scope of Practice

By Paula Berner, CMD
Task Group Chair

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Race into the Future of Medical Dosimetry!

AAMD Spring 2019 Regional Meeting
April 5 - 6, 2019
Hyatt House Center City, Charlotte, NC

Registration is OPEN for the AAMD Spring 2019 Regional Meeting. This 2-day event will offer 14 MDCB/ARRT CE credits (anticipated). See the full meeting program on the AAMD website. Topics will include billing and coding, contouring, protons, QA and safety, SBRT and planning tips and tricks. Also, you’ll have a chance to meet with AAMD corporate partners including: Varian, MIM Software, RaySearch, Revenue Cycle, CDR Systems and Oncology Data Systems. Develop your skills, network with your peers, visit with vendors and have some fun exploring all that Charlotte has to offer!

Full meeting registration is $275 for AAMD Members and $325 for Non-Members before March 14, 2019. Register NOW!

Hotel Reservations: The AAMD room rate at the Hyatt House Center City in downtown Charlotte, NC is $149 per night plus tax. Hotel reservations can be made online by clicking here.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRAWING:

Annual Meeting Registration: Randy Tibbetts
Member-Plus Upgrade: Randi Weaver
Member-Plus Upgrade: Bryan Mitchell

The AAMD truly appreciated and would like to say “THANK YOU” to all members who participated in the early membership renewal and are pleased with the success of this campaign to have so many members renew before December 31.

Now that you have renewed your membership, it is time to TAKE ACTION AND GET INVOLVED.

The AAMD Membership Committee wants you to raise your voice and make your membership count, so in the coming weeks you will be invited to participate in a member survey. Remember that your input has the potential to make a difference in the organization that continues to shape the future of our profession, and now is the time to make that personal commitment. Together we can create change and raise our collective voices.

New Year, New CEC...Continuing to Bring Education to AAMD Members

By Lee Culp, CMD, and Jessica Stanulus, CMD
Continuing Education Committee Co-Chairs

The Continuing Education Committee (CEC) has been working hard this past year to provide members numerous learning and Continuing Education credit opportunities. Be on the lookout on the AAMD website for new webinars as we will be updating the library regularly.

If you have any topics that you would really like to see more of, or that are unique or different, please let Cornelia Gallow, AAMD Director of Education, know so we can attempt to build the library with more content relevant to you! You can contact her at CGallow@medicaldosimetry.org.

If you, or anyone you know, have ever thought about presenting but the thought of speaking in front of a live audience isn’t your thing, a recorded webinar is a great alternative! It’s a wonderful chance to share valuable information with your field, your peers and those eagerly wanting to learn your knowledge - giving us all the opportunity to grow together. Please consider contacting the CEC if you’d like to learn more about presenting.

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Need Help with Educational Expenses?

The time is now to apply for a scholarship from the AAMD Education and Research Foundation! The deadline for 2019 scholarship applications is March 15. Visit the Foundation website for more information.
Updates from the Formal Education Committee
By Mahsa Dehghanpour, EdD, CMD, and Jamie Baker, PhD, CMD

2019 Educators’ Workshop and Students Gathering Events
A friendly reminder from the Formal Education Committee (FEC) about the upcoming Student Gathering and Educators’ Workshop during the AAMD 44th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA.

Medical dosimetry students are welcome to participate in the annual Student Gathering, which will commence on Monday morning, June 17. Students will hear from a representative from the Medical Dosimetrist Certification Board (MDCB) and have an opportunity to ask questions. Medical dosimetrist and an HR professional will also share their tips for board preparation, interviewing strategies and resume construction with students. Medical dosimetry students can earn bragging rights by competing in the lively Student Bowl, and finally, students can sign up for mentoring opportunities with practicing dosimetrist for resume review and insight into the job search process.

Medical dosimetry educators are encouraged to attend the Educators’ Workshop the afternoon of Tuesday, June 18 to hear updates from JRCERT, MDCB and AAMD. There will be opportunities to obtain continuing education credits as well as an open forum to discuss matters related to medical dosimetry education.

Educators’ and Students’ Updates
The AAMD Formal Education Committee (FEC) completed the final version of the Medical Dosimetry Curriculum guide. This document is submitted to AAPM, JRCERT and MDCB for their endorsement.

JRCERT is asking for public comments on the revisions of the Standards of Accreditation of Educational Programs for Medical Dosimetry. It is available on the JRCERT website. Educators are encouraged to review this document and submit their comments to JRCERT. The new standards will become effective on January 1, 2021.

The FEC is seeking a new co-chair to start in August 2019. Educators are encouraged to apply for this great opportunity by contacting the current FEC co-chairs. The elected person will be trained by the current co-chairs to prepare for their role in 2019.

Educators are encouraged to inform their students about the AAMD student Facebook group and contribute to the information about the profession that benefits all students through this group.

AAMD Supports Students’ Research Activity
Medical dosimetry students are encouraged to participate in the 2019 AAMD Student Writing Competition. The submission deadlines for the research abstract and manuscript are April 15 and May 1, 2019, respectively. Papers pertaining to treatment planning, tips & tricks, quality assurance, case study, technical innovation, localization, and positioning are being solicited and cash prizes are awarded to winners! Competition winners will be announced during the AAMD 44th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. Click here for more information and submission guidelines.

Call for Poster Abstracts for the 44th Annual Meeting
The AAMD invites all members to submit posters to be presented at this year’s Annual Meeting. The purpose of the poster presentations is to share information that fellow attendees can use in their clinics including practical treatment planning, tips & tricks, safety culture, case studies, adaptive planning, retreatment, and any topics of general interest. Submissions from students are particularly encouraged and demonstrate an interest in lifelong learning and professional development. The poster presentations are non-competitive, peer-reviewed process. The deadline for poster abstracts is March 1, 2019. If accepted, digital posters need to be submitted by April 26, 2019 and reviews will be completed by May 17, 2019. Click here for more information and submission guidelines.
How Does the AAMD DO That???

(This is Part 2 in a Series about AAMD Committees and Volunteers)

By Dana Prestridge-Cole, CMD
Communications Committee Member

Have you ever wondered how things happen within the AAMD? Things like: How are all the meetings organized? Who compiles the material for our continuing education? How does our Journal get put together? Who monitors our group social media pages and coordinates communications? How do we find ways to recruit and keep our membership and volunteers? Perhaps you think the majority of functions are performed by people who are employed by the organization. I know that was my basic impression when I first joined AAMD years ago. Or maybe you don’t think much about it at all? Whatever the case may be, I’d like the honor of enlightening you. And if I’m really lucky, perhaps I can inspire you to consider joining me in becoming one of the many who make things happen in the AAMD—a VOLUNTEER. Yes, a great deal of the wheels turning within our organization work for free! And we love doing it. Would you consider joining us? The following Committee Co-Chair interviews will provide insights into a few more AAMD committees and their projects.

For the Annual Conference Committee, I reached out to Co-Chair Patty Sponseller, CMD. Patty is Senior Co-Chair of the 2019 Annual Conference Committee (ACC). She says: “The ACC was formed in 2002 to oversee the AAMD Annual Meeting. The ACC organizes and plans the annual meeting along with the AAMD Board of Directors, executive director, education director, member services manager, contracted meeting planner and other volunteer medical dosimetrists who make up the rest of the committee. The committee also assists Regional Representatives with AAMD regional meetings.” As ACC Co-Chair, she expects to spend at least 40 hours a month on ACC duties. Currently, the ACC is in the planning process for the 44th Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. One of the first pieces when planning the annual meeting is to select presenters to build the meeting program. Once speakers are selected then the rest of the meeting schedule comes together with workshops and symposiums. Patty started as a volunteer with the ACC in 2014 when the annual meeting was held in Seattle. She was the local representative. At that meeting, she met other committee members as well as Stacey Wilson, executive director of the AAMD. Patty says: “I liked all the committee members who I met and thought that I would like to be more involved in the annual meeting process. I now play a much larger role in the meeting planning process. My experience as a volunteer with the ACC has led me to much personal growth and confidence. In addition to these personal gains, my new role as Senior Co-Chair will help me develop and strengthen new skill sets that I may have not developed without this experience.”

Melissa Nolet, CMD, is the Junior Co-Chair for the ACC. She says that “on the ACC, members get hands-on experience with the preparation and execution of the Annual Conference. As a member we help recruit potential speakers, review abstracts and select the speakers for the meeting. We get to dip into the creative side of the brain to decide on a theme per the location of the meeting. Members also organize the agenda and coordinate workshops, vendors, ‘lunch and learns’, new member meetings, etc. All the while looking for ways to improve and do better than the year before!” And they just picked a theme for the upcoming 44th Annual Meeting: California Dreaming—Surfing the Wavelength of Excellence. Melissa states: “We work with Formal Education Committee (FEC) to better serve students’ needs and provide them with the resources to be successful. At the Austin meeting, we launched a Mentor/Mentee program with the FEC. We also highly encourage volunteerism from the grass root level which is mutually beneficial to ACC and the student volunteers. We also work with the Communications Committee to help get the word out regarding our abstract and poster submission deadlines and ramping up excitement for the meeting. Continuing Education Committee (CEC) assists ACC with the review and organization of educational sessions and workshops offered at the annual meeting. Student Writing Competition Committee presents awards to their winners at the Annual Meeting. In conjunction with the committees, we work closely with the AAMD Board of Directors, AAMD staff and contracted professional meeting staff. We have an opportunity to network with numerous professional vendors and associates that enrich our field. I could list them all but it would overwhelm the page. So many great vendors provide our members with access and training to their cutting edge technology.”

When asked about her experience as a volunteer, Melissa says: “The AAMD is a tremendous resource that is truly here to serve ALL dosimetrists around the world. From career opportunities, salary surveys, continuing education all this the purpose to secure the future of dosimetry. By assessing its output—it is almost baffling that it is largely run by volunteers! To serve on this committee has been overwhelmingly more of a benefit to me than what I have ever given to it. Professional leadership development is a skill that is easily applicable to a radiation oncology environment. It’s priceless. This committee is a great in many ways. It allows one to really learn a lot—from what goes into planning a meeting, how to make a schedule, reviewing abstracts and choosing what is appropriate content, and learning to speak in front of a large group of people. ACC brings individuals from across the nation together to accomplish

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For the Communications Committee, I reached out to Co-Chair Mark Littell, CMD. Mark has served on the committee for four years and has been a Co-Chair for the past three years. He says: “The Communications Committee facilitates the communication of information related to our field and profession to the membership as well as to outside organizations. The committee manages all social media forums to promote the profession. Many annual and one-time projects are tasked by the committee, including promotion of the Annual Meeting, National Medical Dosimetrist’s Day and student specific forums. Volunteers of this committee attend a conference call one hour per month and spend 1-2 hours per month following up on tasks and group projects. The Communications Committee is busier with projects in summer months that coincide with AAMD events. The committee collaborates with many committees and acts as a service to other committees to convey information to the membership, students, and radiation oncology community. Since I began volunteering five years ago, I have seen how many resources the AAMD provides which I can utilize in the workplace and profession. Being a volunteer has exposed me to many people in the field and has facilitated both professional and personal connections in the field. If you are interested in volunteering, make the jump and you will see that all volunteers are similar to yourself; busy people who have a passion for medical dosimetry.”

Interested in volunteering for the AAMD? Learn more and apply via the website.

Rick Scherer, CMD, is the Past Co-Chair for the ACC. He says that the ACC plans, develops and makes sure everything runs smoothly at the annual meeting. “We recruit and communicate with speakers, review abstracts, make the schedules and schedule volunteers. We meet monthly via the phone for about an hour to discuss the meeting. There are times when we have to review abstracts on our time and have them done by a certain time. I don’t think it’s anything that is too time consuming though. We are definitely busiest in the month leading up to the meeting which is usually in June. We are also busy when we start to review abstracts, which is right around Thanksgiving. We work closely with the Continuing Education Committee, the Formal Education Committee, and the MDCB to ensure that each session receives proper credit.” Rick also stated: “I greatly appreciate all the time and effort each committee gives to the AAMD. These are all volunteer positions and most of us are full time medical dosimetrists who do a lot of work on our own time. I have learned so much from other dosimetrists in this field, everything from planning skills to leadership. I have also made some lifelong friends in the process.”

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By Felicia Lembesis, CAE
Executive Director, MDCB

Learning Plan Review Schedule for 2019
To assist CMDs in maintaining their learning plans, in 2019, the MDCB will be reviewing learning plans based on the following schedule:

• Year 5 of Cycle: Monthly review for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2019.
• Year 4 of Cycle: January, April, July and October for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2020.
• Year 3 of Cycle: February, May, August and November for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2021.
• Year 2 of Cycle: March, June, September and December for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2022.
• Year 1 of Cycle: March, June, September and December for CMDs with 5-year cycle ending in 2023.

When updating your learning plan, please remember the top five reasons that Learning Plan activities are not approved:

• The documentation is not in an acceptable unalterable format, i.e. pdf, tiff, bmp, jpg.
• The activity was not completed during the current five-year cycle.
• Your name is not on the documentation.
• The MDCB activity number and activity name is not on the documentation or the activity number does not correspond to the activity number downloaded to your Learning Plan.
• The date the activity was completed is not within the start and end dates indicated. To determine an activity start and end date, click on the blue box to the left of the activity to determine the approval period.

CMDs are reminded:

• AAMD activities are automatically transferred to learning plans.
• To calendar credential renewal.
• To whitelist info@mdcb.org
• Save the CE Center, https://mdcb.learningbuilder.com, to your web browser favorites.

International Candidacy
The MDCB Directors recently announced the elimination of the international candidacy route to exam eligibility beginning in 2022. The reason for the decision was the low number of international applications submitted. Of those applications submitted, fewer still were able to meet the requirements.