



Missouri River Valley (MRV) Chapter of the AAPM

Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

History:

IN THE SPRING OF 1971, 6 to 8 medical physicists met in a small room in the radiation oncology department of the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. There were two from Washington University in St Louis, at least one from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, and a few from the Kansas City area. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a chapter of the AAPM. Those present recognized the need to promote recognition of medical physics locally within the academic and scientific communities, and to support those practicing clinical physics, primarily in the rural areas of the region. However, the immediate goal was to obtain formal recognition by the AAPM as a regional chapter and to offer to host the 1974 annual AAPM meeting in Kansas City. A committee was selected to formulate a constitution and bylaws and to apply to the national organization for recognition as a *bona fide* chapter. At that initial gathering it was decided that Ernest (Curly) Jones of Omaha would be the Chapter's first president and Arnold Feldman of Washington University would be the Chapter's representative to the Board of Directors. Late in 1971 the Missouri River Valley Chapter, to cover the primarily rural area of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska, was recognized by the AAPM as a regional Chapter. In 1974 the Chapter hosted the annual meeting in Kansas City. (Written by Palmer Steward, PhD, FAAPM)

Recent Chapter Officers:

2017 Officers				
President Mutian Zhang, PhD	President Elect Sridhar Yaddanapudi, PhD	Past President Dongxu Wang, PhD	Secretary/Treasurer Aba Mensah-Brown, PhD	Chapter Representative Blake Dirksen, MS
2016 Officers				
President Dongxu Wang, PhD	President Elect Mutian Zhang, PhD	Past President Omar Wooten, PhD	Secretary/Treasurer Lindsey Fox, MS	Chapter Representative Earl Nixon, MS
2015 Officers				
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2014 Officers				
President Dan Hyer, PhD	President Elect Omar Wooten, PhD	Past President Rojano Kashani, PhD	Secretary/Treasurer Sean Matyas, MS	Chapter Representative Earl Nixon, MS
2013 Officers				
President Rojano Kashani, PhD	President Elect Dan Hyer, PhD	Past President Mark Wiesmeyer, PhD	Secretary/Treasurer Blake Dirksen, MS	Chapter Representative Susan Richardson, PhD

Recent Events:

Each year the MRV Chapter of the AAPM hosts two meetings and one Mock Oral Exam.

<p>Details Date: 4.28-4.29.2017 Location: Kansas City, MO Venue: Westin Kansas City at Crown Center</p>	<p>2017 Spring Meeting</p>	<p>Details Date: 10.18.2014 Location: St Louis, MO Venue: Hyatt Regency at The Arch</p>	<p>2014 Fall Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Election Results President Elect: Dongxu Wang, PhD Secretary/Treasurer: Lindsey Fox, MS Young Investigator Symposium First place: Zhiyan Xiao Second Place: Xing Li Third Place: Edgar Gelover-Reyes</p>
<p>Details Date: 10.15.2016 Location: St Louis, MO Venue: DoubleTree St Louis Union Station</p>	<p>2016 Fall Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Election Results President Elect: Sridhar Yaddanapudi Secretary/Treasurer: Nana Aba Mensah-Brown Young Investigator Symposium 1st Place Winner: Jeffrey Snyder 2nd Place Winner: Rongtao Ma 3rd Place Winner: Shi Liu</p>	<p>2014 Spring Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Mock oral exam 17 examiners and 17 examinees participated in this years mock oral exam! Attendees We had 66 attendees at this meeting, one of the largest in MRV history!</p>
<p>Details Date: 04.30.2016 Location: Kansas City, MO Venue: InterContinental Kansas City Country Club Plaza</p>	<p>2016 Spring Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Election Results Board Representative: Blake Dirksen, MS Mock oral exam 10 examinees participated in this years mock oral exam!</p>	<p>2013 Fall Meeting - Joint ISTR0/AAPM meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Election Results President Elect: Omar Wooten, PhD Secretary/Treasurer: Sean Matyas, MS Board Representative: Earl Nixon, MS</p>
<p>Details Date: 10.03.2015 Location: Omaha, NE Venue: Hilton Omaha</p>	<p>2015 Fall Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Election Results President Elect: Mutian Zhang, PhD</p>	<p>2013 Spring Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Mock oral exam 7 examiners and 7 examinees participated in this years mock oral exam!</p>
<p>Details Date: 03.08.2015 Location: St Louis, MO Venue: Hyatt Regency at The Arch</p>	<p>2015 Spring Business Meeting at the AAPM National Spring Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Mock oral exam 10 examiners and 10 examinees participated in this years mock oral exam!</p>	<p>2012 Fall Meeting</p>	<p>Highlights Young Investigator Symposium First place: Rachel Hansel Second Place: Hamlin Wan Third Place: Vivian Rodriguez Election Results President Elect: Dan Hyer, PhD Secretary/Treasurer: Blake Dirksen, MS</p>

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