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AAWR Events

HOST AN AAWR MEET-UP

AAWR at ASTRO Annual Meeting

September 26–30, Boston, MA

AAWR at SABI Annual Meeting

October 11–14, Savannah, GA

AAWR MIT WEBINAR

Advancing AI Research in Radiology: Current Opportunities, Practical Challenges, and Emerging Frontiers

October 29, 2026 8PM ET

AAWR AT RSNA

Celebration Dinner

November 29, 2026 7PM CT

President's Luncheon

November 30, 2026 12–1:30PM CT

Speed Mentoring

December 1, 2026 10:00–11:30AM CT

Higginbotham Luncheon

December 1, 2026 12–1:30PM CT

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President's Address



**Catherine Everett, MD,
MBA, FACR**

President, AAWR

Good morning from Ocracoke Island.

Ocracoke, the southernmost point of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, is accessible only by boat or small plane. The island includes thirteen miles of uninhabited oceanfront, all owned by the National Park Service, and is home to about eight hundred permanent residents who live in a small village on the Pamlico Sound side. In 1718, British naval forces under Lieutenant Robert Maynard beheaded the infamous pirate Blackbeard here.

Now a short update on AAWR. Your board has worked extremely hard to implement our member benefit program this year. My thanks to each of them.

AAWR had successful networking events at the ACR annual meeting, ASNR, SPR and SBI. We have identified over thirty potential Society meetings for such events. Upcoming are ASTRO, SABI, ASER, SCARD and others. If you are interested in joining or hosting, please contact AAWR at info@AAWR.org. Thanks to Dr Aparna Singhal for organizing.

The pilot Coaching program under Drs Lori Deitt and Aneesa Majid was a remarkable success. Participants in the initial cohort raved about the experience. The leaders have reviewed, edited, and accepted a new class for this year.

AAWR will have hosted a total of 6 webinars this year, including topics of interest to members at all stages of their careers. These will be available for review by members on the website. Thanks to Dr Mai-Lan Ho and the MIT committee.

The AAWR Circles program is in full swing under the direction of Drs Desi Schiess and Niki Farid. Circles are designed for more local interaction among our members to promote belonging and a sense of community. We have had many enthusiastic enquiries about forming additional Circles and are excited to offer this enhanced benefit.



The National Visiting Lectureship Program under the direction of Dr Priscilla Slanetz has a total of twenty institutions participating in the year. Each institution sponsors an invited AAWR member speaker for a topic of choice to present to the residents or as a Grand Rounds. The program is designed to give early and mid-career members the opportunity to speak, virtually or in person, at another national institution. The institutions are encouraged to name the lecture in honor of a renowned woman radiologist from the institution.

Our bylaws update is complete and will be presented to board at the November meeting. The Organization design update has been simplified, as we now have access to the Policy and Procedure Manual from 2017, thanks to sleuth work done by the new management company, Affinity Strategies. Thanks to those of you who volunteered for this. We will keep your names for another project.

Lastly, I would like to report on an amazing opportunity many of our members took advantage of this past May. Dr Cindy Chew of the Scottish Radiology Society and our past president Dr Meridith Englander organized a delightful program held in Stirling, Scotland focused on networking, education, and community of AAWR and international radiologists. Each attendee had the opportunity to give a lecture, either formal or informal, and discussion was robust. Each of us came away energized, refreshed, and excited to contribute to our profession. AAWR is committed to facilitating more of these unique opportunities for our members.

In closing, I must pay tribute to the one and only, Dolly Parton.

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." 

Host an AAWR Meet-Up at ASTRO & SABI Meetings

As part of AAWR's effort to increase opportunities for member-to-member connections, AAWR wants to encourage members who are attending ASTRO to connect at an informal meet-up during the ASTRO Annual Meeting and the SABI Annual Meeting.

The ASTRO Annual Meeting is happening September 26-30 in Boston and the **SABI Annual Meeting is happening October 11-14 in Savannah.**

AAWR does not currently have a liaison for either society. Through our [Intersociety Liaisons Program](#), members create an AAWR presence at specialty society meetings by hosting small, informal gatherings for other members who are attending. Past meet-ups have included a lunch, a happy hour, and a few coffee gatherings.

AAWR provides funding of up to \$500 per event and will promote your meet-up to the full membership on your behalf. You do not need to have organized anything for AAWR before.

If you are attending either meeting and would like to host an informal meet up, please complete the [meet-up request form](#).

Responses are due:

- Friday, September 18, 2026 for ASTRO
- Friday, September 25, 2026 for SABI.



Welcome, New Members!

Rana Abrishamkar
Anika Agrawal
Amanda Aguilera
Afsana Ahmed
Anuoluwapo Ajao
Ayesha Ajmal
Huda Al jadiry
Shaliny Ambroise
Mharlove Andre
Sharon Arnez-Cordova
Christina Asare
Amna Aslam

Tamara Azar
Janet Back
Mina Balen
Mikayla Bartelt
Josianne Becker
Maihder Bezu
Julie Buckley
Shany Cardenas Valdivia
Juliana Cazzaniga
Sona Chikarmane
Karis Clotz
Katherine Copely

Gabrielle Cua
Mary Beth Cunnane
Kim Dannull
Dayana Davoudi
Anika Dutta
Casey Duvall
Leila Erbay
Desiree Eshraghi
Nasim Eshraghi
Solimar Esteves Vega
Monica Forbes-Amrhein
Meg Francis

Welcome, New Members!

Suha Ghoul
Liliane Gibbs
Karla Gonzalez
Mona Lisa Hammoud
Isabela Hernandez
Kamil Hester
Nusheen Immen
Yukshi Jain
Kimberly Kallianos
Rini Kaneria
Ganesh Karthik
Parveer Kaur
Madeline Kelly
Habiba Khan
Mercedeh Khazaieli
Sylee Kiran
Kate klein
Aleksandra Krokmal
Seavmeiyin Kun
Iris Kwak
Lucy Lane
Alexa Lavergne
Jiyon Lee
Lauren Lee
Leah Leidy
Dipti Lenhart
Dorothy Liu
Jennifer Livschitz
Brianna Lockwood
Cara Lombard
Vivian Lu
Angelica Maldonado Ramirez
Linda Malone
Miranda Martinez-Hussain
Feba Mathew

Meghan McCarthy-Reyes
Anna McKenney
Madilyn McLain
Riya Mehta
Peyman Mirghaderi
Aakriti Mishra
Kanchan Misra
Tammy Moey
Sarah Mohajeri Moghaddam
Isabella Moreno Arango
Andrew Moriarity
Fadila Moulai-Khatir
Fatima Mubarak
Tara Najafi
Karla Navarro
Katherine Ngan
Phylcia Odume
Audrey Ojinnaka
Adaeze Onah
Carlotta Onnis
Anne Onyali
Adiana Orama Otero
Rona Orentlicher Fine
Jacqueline Ortiz Boucher
Linda Oster
Mariam Ouzidane
Sriya Parchuri
Jen (Soobin) Park
Susie Park
Allison Peng
Melisa Portela De La Luz
Niharika Praveen
Julia Purcell
Aayushi Rai
Pavithra Ramanathan

krystal Ramos Barrera
Trinity Rico
Divya Sahajwalla
Meghana Sana
Rebecca Scalabrino
Kelsey Seidel
Rebecca Seidel
Jennifer Shearer
Madison Sheppard
Melissa Lou Silva
Angelica Soto
Kate Szczesniak
Rachel Taylor
Nanda Thimmappa
Ruth Thomas
Melanie Tieman
Ai Phuong Tong
Yaping Tu
Sierra Tucker
Tecora Turner
Mikaela Ulmer
Ella Valleroy
Diana Veiga-Canuto
Isabella Villaverde
Amaara Wahid
Jennifer Wang
daisy ward
Alexa Warren
Stephanie Warrior
Alexandra White
Georgia White
Dain Yi
Anna Zheng
Amy Zhou