



Dear DIAMOND Members,

It has been over a year since The DIAMOND Users Group (DIAMOND) was formed for the benefits of Centricity PACS-IW users. It has been an exciting time to be involved with the formation of DIAMOND and the subsequent two national meetings held in conjunction with SIIM tradeshow. My goal, as DIAMOND Chairperson has been to improve on each of our meetings so all members, from PACS Administrators to Radiologists, gets full benefit from being involved in DIAMOND. We have seen the fruits of our involvement as we continue to see Centricity PACS-IW improve with features and functionality with each release.

To ensure The DIAMOND Users Group continues growing, we need to engage new leadership that can bring new ideas and renewed energy to DIAMOND. Therefore, I am reaching out to the DIAMOND member base in search for nominations for Chair Elect. These individuals will work closely with the current executive committee to plan the DIAMOND User Group RSNA '08 business luncheon as well as the next SIIM meeting to be held June 3rd 2009. The Chair Elect will assume the positions of DIAMOND Chair on July 1st, 2009 and serve a two year term. At that time, I will step down from the Chairperson position and assume the position of Immediate Past Chair.

If you know of anyone who is passionate about the Centricity PACS-IW product and has an interest in a leadership position with The DIAMOND User Group, please nominate them by sending an email to diamond@siimweb.org. Please include a short narrative of the role the individual currently works in, as well as why they would be a good candidate for this important position.

Deadline for submission is September 15th, 2008. Once we have the nominations, we will email an election ballot to all current DIAMOND User Group members. **Ballots will be due by October 1st, 2008.** This will allow for the new Chair Elect to make plans to prepare for and attend the RSNA Business Luncheon held at noon on the Tuesday of RSNA '08.



The brief descriptions of the duties for Chairperson Elect as well as the Chairperson are as follows:

Chairperson-Elect:

In the absence of the Chairperson, perform all responsibilities of the Chair. Assume any responsibilities delegated by the Chair. The Chairperson-Elect automatically becomes Chairperson on July 1 following his/her term as Chairperson-Elect.

Chairperson:

- Overall responsibility for the continued functioning of DIAMOND.
- Plan and preside at all meetings of the DIAMOND and its officers.
- Exercise general supervision over the activities of DIAMOND.
- Maintain communications with DIAMOND members, GE Healthcare, and other product user groups.

Please email nominations to the DIAMOND office at DIAMOND@siimweb.org by September 15th, 2008. I continue to look forward to my involvement in DIAMOND as Immediate Past Chairperson following the end of my current term as Chairperson.

Regards,

John Griffith, CRA, CIIP
Chairperson - DIAMOND