

# An RBMA Minute with Dr. Mark Bernardy, ACR Director

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Dr. Mark Bernardy

▶ **Where do you currently work?**

I have a solo private practice, plus I work in teleradiology part-time, and I work part-time at Am Scan Radiology Associates, an imaging center in East Atlanta.

▶ **What is your title and duties?**

I am the interpreting physician.

▶ **How long have you held the position?**

For two years now.

▶ **Why did you pick this field?**

I find the technology of radiology fascinating, and the challenge of diagnosis is like the greatest puzzle game ever.

▶ **What do you like best about your current position?**

The flexible hours and part-time work enables me to pursue other interests.

▶ **What has been the biggest challenge in your career?**

Keeping up with the tremendous advances in medicine.

▶ **If you have a difficult time working through a problem at your job who do you turn to for advice?**

Trusted colleagues: either MD's or business associates.

▶ **Where did you grow up?**

I was born in Spokane, Washington, and lived there until I was 12-years-old. Then we moved to Portland, Oregon, where I lived through my graduation from medical school.

▶ **If you could re-experience one thing in your life, what would it be?**

I think I'd like to do college again. It was a blast.

▶ **Where did you receive your degrees from?**

I received my Bachelor of Science in biochemistry/biophysics from Oregon State University, my MD from Oregon Health Sciences University, and did my radiology residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

▶ **Who or what were your major influences?**

My mother (an OB nurse), my father (who worked for Upjohn), and working in Alaska as a Teamster on the pipeline(I learned I didn't want to do that for the rest of my life!)

▶ **When did you work on the Alaskan pipeline and what did you do?**

I worked there for two summers (in 1975 and 1976) as a Teamster in Anchorage at a food warehouse that had the pipeline contract, along with being the largest food distributor in Alaska. My uncle and cousin were in the administration of the Teamsters there. It was excellent money for a summer job.

▶ **What rule would you say you live your life by?**

The Golden rule: do unto others...

▶ **When and why did you choose to get involved with RBMA?**

I was asked to represent the ACR to the RBMA and thought I could offer my organizational experience and continue to learn more about the business of radiology from those who do it everyday.

▶ **What do you value as an RBMA member?**

Through the vision and dedication of the board members and staff I have had the pleasure to work with, along with their warmth in welcoming me.

▶ **What is your vision for RBMA?**

To be the preeminent resource for information, education, and data in the radiology business world.

▶ **What do you do with your free time?**

I spend time with family, gardening, playing golf, and travel.

▶ **Tell us about your family.**

Karen and I have been married 25 years this May. It's a pleasure to spend that much time with your best friend. My son Max is a sophomore at Stanford and my daughter Eryn is a freshman at Georgia Tech.

▶ **If you could be anywhere in the world, where would you be?**

On a national park vacation with my family.

▶ **Anything else you'd like to share?**

I look forward to working with the RBMA board and lending my voice to make this organization even better.