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Due to weather conditions in Dallas my flight was canceled and I was unable to attend the opening educational sessions of the ASRT Governance meeting. I did arrive in time for the 1st seating of the House of Delegates.

1st seating of the House of Delegates



There were 147 credential delegates, 96 affiliate and 51 chapter delegates.

ASRT President, Linda Holden, M.S., R.T.(R)(QM) RDMS, FASRT touched on the following topics in her report:

- ◆ New CEO, Sal Martino, Ed.D., R.T.(R), FASRT, CAE
- ◆ Forensic Task Force in the United Kingdom where Ms. Holden looked at the forensic curriculum guidelines, the nature of forensic, evaluation for radiography model here in the U.S. and announced that incoming president Diane Mayo would present a white paper concerning this next year.
- ◆ She discussed the Professional Development Skills Assessment on the ASRT web site. This program will be online for ASRT members to assess their skills and to look at areas of possible improvement.
- ◆ As for membership growth they have stayed on task and budget for the 130,000 + members.
- ◆ Other areas the ASRT off ice continues to work on are:
 - Community involvement
 - Legislative advocacy
 - Industry relationships
- ◆ Ms. Holden also reported the officer election results:
 - President Elect – Jim Temme, M.P.A., R.T.(R)(QM), FASRT
 - Vice President – Dawn McNeil, B.S.,R.T.(R)(M), RDMS
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Victoria “Tori” Maxey, R.T.(R)

ASRT past president Cathie Parsons, B.S., R.T.(R)(M)(QM) FASRT reported the following concerning the Education and Research Foundation:

- ◆ More than 300 students and professionals were awarded 1.4 million in scholarships.
- ◆ The foundation has revenue of \$1.23 million.
- ◆ There is now a speaker's bureau with Canada and the United Kingdom.
- ◆ A virtual symposium on research will be launched this fall with:
 - Abstracts
 - Poster exhibits
 - Webinars

This will be modeled after the National Museum of Science web site.

- ◆ The Foundation has a "China Abroad Study" fashioned after a similar program from Weber State.

Additional House business included the nominations for speaker and vice speaker;

Speaker

Donna Long, M.S.M., R.T.(R)
(M)(QM), FASRT

Vice Speaker

Bill May, M.Ed., R.T.(R), FASRT
Sandra Hayden, B.S., R.T.(T)
Paula Young, B.S., R.T.(R)(M)

The ASRT Advocacy Awards were announced. The individual award was given to David Hill, R.T. (R), RDMS from Magnolia, DE and the state award was given to Ohio.

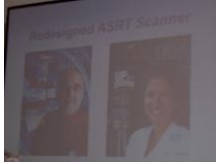
There were no late motions presented at the end of the 1st seating of the House of Delegates.

ASRT Open Forum

CEO Sal Martiono reported the following:

- ◆ The ASRT had a profit margin of \$514,932.00
- ◆ Loses in investments due to the Stock Market decline
- ◆ Scaled back in marketing
- ◆ 132,000 members with 2.5% increase in membership per year
- ◆ Key recruitment area's are:
 - CT
 - Mammography
 - Students
 - New RT's
- ◆ New member benefits include:
 - 50 (+) new CE products
 - 20% discount @ shoes.com
 - 10% discount on uniforms
 - 20% discount on text books
 - vacation rewards

◆ New revamped Scanner



- ◆ RA licensure in 26 states
- ◆ According to the 2008 Staffing survey we are reaching a balance between supply and demand
- ◆ It was encouraged that technologist go to www.imagegently.org and download educational materials and imaging record cards that parents can use to keep up with studies performed on their children. It was also encouraged that ALL technologist take the “image gently pledge” posted on the web site.
 - ❖ North Carolina will have a lecture pertaining to the topic of “image gently” at their annual conference by Dr. Donald Frush. I am hoping to disseminate information concerning this web site at that meeting.
- ◆ ODIA – Online Digital Imaging Academy, developed for the ARRT by the ASRT Foundation is a course of 11 modules that is free to all members.
- ◆ MIPPA – Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act. Passed in July 08 require accreditation requirements for reimbursement of CT, MR, NM and PET for Medicare patients. This does not include X-ray, Fluoro and Ultrasound. It is VERY important that we contact our Senator’s and Representatives to support the CARE bill.
- ◆ ASRT will offer CE courses at the 2009 RSNA, Dec. 2-3. I did request that the ASRT board report to the 2010 HOD a break down of attendance, managers Vs grass roots RT’s.
- ◆ The Board of Director’s asks the House of Delegates to make a decision concerning campaigning rules. Prior to the national elections a state the violated campaign rules. This issue was discussed under motion C-09.33 Amendment of Position Statement “Campaign Guidelines.”

Radiography Chapter Meeting

Linda Rizzo, B.S., R.T.(R), Chairman
Thomas King, B.S.R.S., R.T.(R), Vice Chair

Board member present:
President Elect - Diane Mayo, R.T.(R)(CT)

ASRT Staff:
Myke Kudlas

ARRT Board of Trustee member:
Dr. Jordan Renner

Issues that came before the chapter:

- ◆ Mandatory CR/DR continuing education: a consensus votes was taken, 37 voted “strongly recommend” and 17 voted to “mandate” specific CE requirements in CR/DR. The chapter chair was directed to approach the ARRT board at the open forum concerning this issue.
- ◆ ARRT LXMO certifying exam: there was no consensus concerning this discussion. This topic was discussed during the House of Delegates:
 - C-09.43 – Limited X-Ray Machine Operator Education, the new position statement was adopted to read: It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that the educational requirements for limited x-ray machine operators meet the ASRT Limited X-ray Machine Operator Curriculum and examinees successfully pass the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) limited scope of practice exam.
 - C-09.48 – State Licensure Examinations by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the new position statement was adopted to read: It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that state agencies should contract with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) to administer state licensure examinations.
- ◆ Both of these position statements would be helpful if North Carolina were to ever get licensure.

ARRT Open Forum

I did not attend the ARRT update due to a meeting conflict of the Fellows Committee. Please see the report from Melissa Jackowski, Ed.D.,R.T.(R)(M).

Fellows Elevation Ceremony and Life Member Award:

At the honors evening North Carolina Life member Polly Story R.T. (R) FASRT receive Life membership in the ASRT. Including Polly there are only 18 life members. Polly now makes the second North Carolina member to receive this honor.



Just one of the many accomplishments concerning Polly’s career, as stated in the honors programs was, “In 1973, as ASRT President Polly appointed a committee to revise the “Essentials” to the competency-based educational standards used today.” It was an honor to be present during Polly’s recognition. North Carolina was well represented.

Sharon Wartenbee, R.T.(R)(BD), CDT was elevated to Fellow. Sharon is from South Shore, South Dakota and a long time active member of the ASRT.

2nd Seating of the House of Delegates

There were 150 credentialed delegates, 98 affiliate and 52 chapter delegates.

Once amended the bylaw revision was approved 150 yes 0 no.

Bylaws

North Carolina submitted four (4) motions affecting the bylaws.

1. Article III, Membership, Section 5, Censure, Reprimand and Removal, G. be amended to read: Removal of a member shall be by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors.
House vote: 105 yes 41 no
2. Article V, House of Delegates, Section 4, Meetings, C, line 23: strike the word "ASRT" due to redundancy.
House vote: 132 yes 15 no
3. Article V, House of Delegates, Section 9, Censure, Reprimand and Removal, H., be amended to read: Removal of a delegate shall be by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors.
House vote: 130 yes 17 no
4. Article V, House of Delegates, Section 9, F., be amended to read: Censure or Reprimand of a House of Delegates member would be by a committee of five (5) members from the House of Delegates composed of the speaker of the House and four (4) delegates appointed by the speaker.
House vote: 35 yes 114 no

This motion was submitted prior to the House of Delegates by the NCSRT Inc. Board of Directors. It was not recommended by the bylaw committee for adoption. The House of Delegates defeated it.

The NCSRT Inc. bylaw committee will be instructed to review the newly adopted bylaws and make recommendations to the membership where changes may be needed.

Please see a complete revision of the bylaws on the ASRT web site,
<https://www.asrt.org/content/news/pressroom/pr2009/asrtdelega090618.aspx>

Motions

To see a complete list of all 78 adopted motions please see the ASRT web site:
<https://www.asrt.org/content/news/pressroom/pr2009/asrtdelega090618.aspx>

The following motions were pulled from the consent agenda and were adopted, amended or defeated as follows. (please see voting chart for voting record):

- C- 09.01 “Promote the Advanced Credentials ‘CRA’”
Pulled by author
- C- 09.02 “ASRT Recognition of Certificate Program Graduates”
defeated
- C- 09.06 Sunset of Position Statement “Continuing Education for the Radiologic Technologist”
WILL REMAIN AS WRITTEN
- C- 09.10 Sunset of Position Statement “Breast Sonography” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that breast sonography is within the scope of practice for mammographers and sonographers with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit.
- C- 09.11 Sunset of Position Statement “Definition of Limited X-ray Machine Operator” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that a limited x-ray machine operator is an individual other than a radiologic technologist who performs static diagnostic x-ray procedures on selected anatomical sites. Limited x-ray machine operator is the term that replaces other terms including, but not limited to, radiologic technician, x-ray technician and limited permittee.
- C- 09.16 Sunset of Position Statement “Monitoring Patient Exposure During Utilization of Digital Radiography Systems” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that health care facilities using digital radiography systems should monitor patient exposure. Exposure indicator data should be included in the Digital Imaging communications in Medicine (DICOM) header for images sent to picture archiving and communication systems (PACS) or in the patient demographics field for images printed to film, and in either case should be part of the permanent patient record. The exposure indicator should not be altered to modify image appearance and should accurately record the exposure or exposure factors used in producing the image. Health care facilities should collect patient exposure range distributions and reject analyses as part of the quality assurance program. This exposure data should be reviewed routinely by the health care facility.

- C- 09.17 Sunset of Position Statement “Multiloading of Film Cassettes” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
New title: Opposition to Multiloading of Film Cassettes
 The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) is opposed to the multiloading of film cassettes to produce a copy of a radiograph. This practice is inconsistent with the “as low as reasonably achievable” (ALARA) principle.
- C- 09.21 Sunset of Position Statement “Regulatory Compliance Associated with Contrast Media and Other Pharmaceuticals” **WILL BE SUNSET**
- C- 09.22 Sunset of Position Statement “Removal of Devices for Invasive Radiologic Procedures” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that the removal of devices for invasive radiologic procedures is within the scope of practice for radiologic technologists with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit.
- C- 09.25 Sunset of Position Statement “Vascular Access” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that accessing existing peripheral or central vascular implanted devices or external access lines to administer contrast media, radiopharmaceuticals and medications or maintaining line patency is within the scope of practice for radiologic technologists with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit.
- C- 09.26 Sunset of Position Statement “Verbal and/or Telephone Orders” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that it is within the scope of practice of radiologic technologists to receive, relay and document verbal, facsimile, electronic and/or telephone orders in the patient’s chart where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit.
- C- 09.27 Sunset of Position Statement “Wearing Radiation Monitoring Devices” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that radiation workers wear a personal monitoring device outside of the apron at the level of the thyroid to approximate the maximum dose to the head and neck. In specific cases such as pregnancy, high-dose fluoroscopy or high-dose rate brachytherapy, a second monitor may be indicated. The monitor should be worn at the waist under protective apparel, if appropriate. Each radiologic technologist should maintain consistency of location in wearing of the personal monitoring device.

- C- 09.33 Amendment of Position Statement “Campaign Guidelines” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that ASRT members running for national office or chapter delegate positions shall limit their campaign activities to ASRT-published candidate position statements to ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all candidates.
- I submitted a motion to send this position statement back to Commission. I felt there was too much indecision as to how to handle this. The motion was 2nd by Allen Croat, B.S., R.T.(R)(CT), FASRT from South Dakota. The House chose not to send it back, 59 yes 90 no the amendment was accepted as written.
- C- 09.36 Amendment of Position Statement “Conjoint Evaluation of Educational Programs” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that, in states where state agencies approve radiologic science educational programs, evaluation of such programs be conducted jointly by the state agency and the applicable Joint Review Committee(s) or equivalent.
- C- 09.40 Amendment of Position Statement “Entry Level of Education for Radiographers” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that the associate degree is the entry level for radiographers.
- C- 09.43 Amendment of Position Statement “Limited X-Ray Machine Operator Education” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
New title: Limited X-Ray Machine Operator Education and Examination
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that the educational requirements for limited x-ray machine operators meet the ASRT Limited X-ray Machine Operator Curriculum and examinees successfully pass the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) limited scope of practice exam.
- C- 09.57 Amendment of Position Statement “Investigation and Utilization of Collective Bargaining Units” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
New title: Collective Bargaining Units
 It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that the Society not serve as a collective bargaining unit.

- C- 09.66 Amendment of Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Diagnostic and Interventional Radiography” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
New title: Qualifications for Performing Medical Radiography
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that only radiologic technologists certified in radiography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or equivalent perform all medical radiography procedures.
- C- 09.71 Amendment of Position Statement “Qualification for Performing Sonography” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that only radiologic technologists certified in sonography by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) or the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or equivalent perform all sonography procedures.
- C- 09.72 Amendment of Position Statement “Qualifications of Personnel Utilizing Hybrid Image Equipment in Performing Fusion Imaging Examinations” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
New Title: Personnel Qualifications for Image Acquisition With Hybrid Imaging Equipment in Fusion Mode
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that radiologic technologist performing multiple modality fusion imaging be certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB), American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) or equivalent and be educationally prepared and clinically competent in all components of the specific fusion procedures.
- C- 09.78 Amendment of Position Statement “Computed Tomography Exams on Pediatric Patients” **WILL REMAIN AS AMENDED**
New title: Computed Tomography (CT) Procedures on Pediatric Patients
It is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that computed tomography (CT) procedures performed on children employ the “as low as reasonably achievable” (ALARA) principle.

Of the motions submitted, the NCSRT Inc. Board of Director's had questions concerning:

- C- 09.02 "ASRT Recognition of Certificate Program Graduates" – The Commission recommended non adoption of the motion: if passed this motion would be in conflict with the current position statement's both passed in 2007, Entry Level of Education for Radiographers and Radiation Therapists. The motion was defeated.
- C- 09.48 Amendment and Retitling of Position Statement "State Licensure Examinations by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists" After speaking with Jerry Reid of the ARRT it was decided not to challenge this amendment. The motion was amended as written and passed by the House.
- C- 09.54 Amendment of Position Statement "Evaluation Medical Images for Technical Adequacy" After speaking with Jerry Reid of the ARRT it was decided not to challenge this amendment. The motion was amended as written and passed by the House.
- C- 09.70 Amendment of Position Statement "Qualifications for Performing Radiation Therapy Procedures" After speaking with the Steering Committee Chair, Sandra Hayden, B.S., R.T.(T), it was decided not to challenge this amendment. The motion was amended as written and passed by the House.

Donna Long, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT was elected as the new speaker of the House along with Sandra Hayden, B.S., R.T.(T) as vice speaker.

As one of the North Carolina affiliate delegates I am proud to say I came home again



with the traveling "mic" award for the second year in a row.