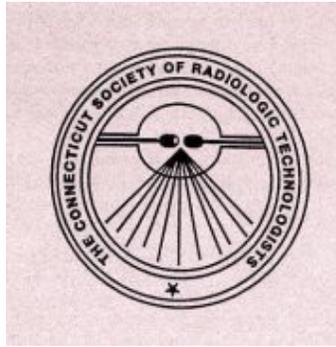


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President's Message

Dear fellow imaging professional, I hope you are having a wonderful summer and will be joining us on both Friday night, September 26th to celebrate our state society's 75th (Diamond) Anniversary and on Saturday September 27th for the Annual Conference held at Quinnipiac University's North Haven Campus.

This year the board has built an Affiliate Development Plan which enabled the ASRT to provide assistance in our efforts to increase the value the state society can provide to you, the imaging professional. Areas in this plan that the state society value are: monitoring legislative activity, expanding our student and volunteer involvement, providing educational offerings, increasing membership, and building and maintaining the societies infrastructure.

I hope you are following us on Facebook, have joined our group on LinkedIn, and have bookmarked our website, www.csrt.us.

If you are a CSRT member and are interested in becoming more involved you can contact any board member at the 75th celebration or the annual conference, or visit our website where you can find our email addresses, or send us a message on facebook.

2014 CSRT Annual Conference and 75th Diamond Anniversary

Join us Friday Sept 26th for our Anniversary Celebration! Dr. Phillip Ballinger renowned International Speaker and Author of "The Merrill's Atlas" will take you on a journey through the history and evolution of imaging as seen through his eyes (1.5 CEUs) followed by a celebratory reception.

We are trying to contact and get as many past CSRT presidents and officers to this celebration as possible so they can share in this milestone.

Then on Saturday at the Annual Conference rack up 7 CEU's and attend the CSRT business meeting where we will discuss our accomplishments from 2014 and our plans for next year.

2014 CSRT College Bowl

This years College Bowl was held at the University of Hartford on April 8th. The programs that participated this year were: University of Hartford, Middlesex Community College, Hartford Hospital, and Stamford Hospital. The competition was close and all teams demonstrated their knowledge of the 5 subject areas. Hartford Hospital came in 1st place, Middlesex Community College 2nd and Stamford Hospital 3rd. Thanks to Jay Derksen for being moderator, Allyson Forster for creating the PowerPoints, the educators who provided college bowl questions, and Dan DeMaio and Lucy Richard for their efforts in coordinating and hosting the Bowl.

2014 Legislative Update

The legislative committee, led by Diane Kosenko and Bill Hennessy, worked with the ASRT and CSRT member Kathy Womelsdorf to successfully amend a state bill that guarantees paid sick time for health care professionals who work a minimum number of hours per week. Originally, this bill did not include radiologic technologists! Introduced in February 2014, Connecticut State House Bill 5269 creates parity between sick leave benefits and other employer-provided benefits. Diane, Bill and Kathy worked with the CSRT and ASRT and lawmakers in Connecticut's General Assembly to include radiologic technologists for this sick time benefit. This measure goes into effect on January 1, 2015!

2014 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting

Dan and I were the Connecticut Delegates at the 2014 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting. Some highlights from this meeting that I would like to share are:

Bill Brennan, the new president of the ASRT, launched an initiative to provide financial assistance to the State Affiliate societies. The ASRT expressed frustration in their efforts of monitoring and making changes to national policy in order to raise the profession and felt they could be more effective through supporting the state affiliates in their advocacy efforts. The ASRT will be providing the state affiliate society \$1 for every ASRT member in the state starting October 2014.

The ARRT will be adding a requirement of 16 structured educational hours to the eligibility requirements for taking the CT or MRI registry effective January 1, 2016.

Sarah Velasquez a senior student from the University of Hartford, attended the meeting through the ASRT student leadership program and it was my honor to act as her mentor.

The ASRT crafted a statement regarding the proper use of the cropping / masking post-processing software feature in digital radiography and another statement explicitly stating ***it is outside of our scope of practice to use post-processing methods to create what looks like an additional exposure*** (like creating an L5/S1 cone-down from your full lumbar spine lateral exposure). Some of this is common sense to us all since the centering for these two images are different but as technology advances it is good to see the ASRT creating statements regarding proper usage.