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Newsline



Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists

Summer 2019

President's Message

Report from the 2019 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting

- Colleen Miller, CSRT President & ASRT Delegate

It was my honor to travel to Orlando, FL in June with Nora Uricchio, Dan DeMaio, and students Ryan Appold and Anna Gabriel to represent Connecticut at the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting. We were welcomed, along with the other state delegates, with the traditional state-pin exchange and a vendor Expo Hall. The initial House of Delegates Meeting began Friday morning (June 21) and it was wonderful to be present at an event where every member can be a delegate, every delegate is welcome to participate/speak, and every discussion point is taken with consideration. Statistics were presented that included audience attendees (650), delegate representation (156), Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) attendees (93), RT's in the country (335,000) and ASRT members (155,000). ASRT President Melissa Jackowski, Ph.D., discussed her presidential initiatives which included the establishment of research grant tiers, an upcoming online leadership academy, a summary of the many ongoing advocacy efforts (NV, TX, Risk Task Force), and awards were given to the most active chapters and also to the "grass roots" advocacy winner. ASRT CEO, Dr. Sal Martino presented updates on the FlexPlan, Roadmaps, MARCA, grants, etc. The ARRT presented updates on CQR, ethics violation reporting, etc. JRCERT presented updates on the current programs across



the country, the CHEA changes potentially affecting radiology schools, and that the 50th anniversary of JRCERT will be in November in Chicago and EVERYONE is welcome to join.

Saturday began with an open forum discussion on the proposed changes to the Practice Standards document. It was previously 13 separate documents of 22 standards totaling 441 pages! The ASRT committee which included Connecticut's own Dan DeMaio, spent a year consolidating it and everyone should be grateful for their detailed work. The delegates offered constructive criticism to the newest draft relating to its organization, diversity/identification, and thoroughness. The Bylaws Committee and Commission Hearing offered a brief summary on the items to be voted on at the next meeting. Saturday afternoon offered small sessions where the individual chapters can meet and compare information with members across the country. Our

team attended several of the chapter meetings held throughout the afternoon:

- The Radiography meeting announced that a practice analysis will be performed this Fall. Discussion on national job placement appears positive and there was discussion on how to appropriately pay multi-modality techs. Oregon had a suggestion of requiring 90% of their time working in a specialty modality and

10% in general radiography to not lose basic skills and to earn a higher multi-rate. Maine discussed that chiropractors were filing for limited licenses, so we need to watch our local legislature to prevent encroachment. A motion to rescind a position statement on the need for technique charts was discussed and was noted to be possibly aimed at the wrong audience. It was suggested that this motion be sent back to the ASRT House for further discussion. Lastly, there was much discussions on the lack of accountability analysis (repeat rates, appropriate dose, markers, post-cropping) and that techs need to be reminded to hold themselves ethically proud and to help their peers have standards if managers are not closely evaluating our images.

- The Education meeting discussed the recent AAPM statement that discouraged the use of gonadal shielding during pelvic radiography. Great points were made by delegates about how the core values of shielding originate from school and that students will reinforce techs to shield at clinical sites. Clarification was made that the AAPM statement was intended for "gonadal" coverage and not to be a blanket-statement for NO coverage EVER. Suggestions were made for state societies to send reminders to local members to "remember your core value training and cardinal principles and continue practicing time/distance/SHIELDING until a valid agency gives researched proof, otherwise (One article does not change our standards)."

- The Radiation Therapy Chapter meeting discussed the changes in the practice standards. The one combined document will align the standards across the different modalities. The chapter chairs encouraged members to run for dosimetry and radiation therapy delegates. A new ASRT curriculum for radiation therapy is now available. The majority of the discussion was about the new standards from the American College of Radiology (ACR) recommending 1 FTE for therapists per 78 pts annually. This is lower than the previously recommended standards. The concern with the lower number may allow for the hiring of fewer therapist per machine. This will need to be monitored and recommendations will need to be made to stress the importance of maintaining a minimum of 2 therapists per machine. The ASRT has representatives on the Radiation Oncology Safety Stakeholders Initiative. This grassroots efforts group made up of physicians, physicists, dosimetrists, therapists and vendors advocates safety standards for the profession. These concerns will be addressed at their meetings as well. The goal for the ASRT workplace safety group is to publish an article by next year stressing the importance of safety including the best practice of a minimum of two therapists per machine.
- The Registered Radiologist Assistant meeting discussed that even with modifications to legislature it was noted that ARRT content specifications are still relevant. In 2021 there will be a practice analysis to compare. Practice standards had no discussion, but there was mention of HR1970/S1544 requesting "needle" allowance. RAD-AID to Liberia was possible via grant donations. The VA approved the hiring of RA's and this is a huge step nationally to set the tone. 700 RA's are employed across the country from the just 7 RA programs available (One is at Quinnipiac

University!). Discussion also circled around PA's getting first priority for hire but then quitting and taking the skills learned with them as a quick-train cheat, while RA's are more loyal to training and retention for hire.

The second seating of the HOD on Sunday again included 156 voting delegates. The bylaws had no items for discussion, so we progressed to the voting of the consent calendar items. In big news, the HOD voted to accept a combined Practice Standards, eliminating the need for 13 separate documents. Two ASRT position statements were updated with more accurate language. A motion to rescind the position statement on exposure technique charts was voted down. New elections for HOD leadership were then voted on and Joe Whitton was elected as HOD Speaker and Dan DeMaio elected as HOD Vice Speaker to the ASRT board. ***Congratulations to both of these CSRT members!*** Later on Sunday evening, the officer installation, ceremony and military presentation were beautifully done.

In between these ASRT business moments we managed to squeeze in plenty of sun, Disney time, and made many new friendships. This experience was wonderful and it is inspiring to see the country work together proudly to solve issues and enhance relationships with affiliates - all building a strong connection to this field. The ASRT is truly an icon for unity through diversity. The first step for you to have this opportunity is to get involved with the Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists. Keep your membership active, check our website/Facebook/Instagram accounts for updates, come to a monthly meeting and join a committee. ASRT will host their Centennial Governance Meeting next year in New Mexico!

For information about next year's ***Centennial*** ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance & House of Delegates meeting in Albuquerque, NM, scheduled for June 24-28, 2020, visit:
www.ASRT.org

Please contact your 2019 ASRT Delegates – Nora Uricchio and/or Colleen Miller – if you have questions on any of the items listed above or would like more info about the 2019 ASRT House of Delegates meeting.

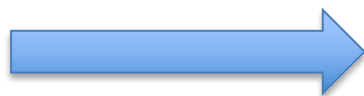
Consider running for a Board position and nominate yourself (or a peer) by contacting one of our Nominations Committee Co-Chairs: Colleen.Miller@hhchealth.org or NUricchio@mcc.comnet.edu. This is a great way to take an active role in your profession. Elections for President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be held during the business meeting of this year's Annual Conference on September 28.

You can do it – join us!!



Thinking about running for CSRT office?

Here are some important details to consider:



- According to our Bylaws, all officers of the CSRT:**
1. Shall be voting members of the CSRT and the ASRT for two years immediately preceding nomination.
 2. Shall be credentialed by the ARRT or equivalent.
 3. Shall have served as an officer or chair of a standing committee in the CSRT.
 4. Shall have the time and availability necessary to represent the CSRT.

The Student Commons

The ASRT Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) offers students the opportunity to attend (cost free!) the Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting to learn more about the ASRT and to network with radiologic science professionals. This year, two students from Connecticut traveled to Orlando, FL along with our delegates to experience this fantastic annual event. Both students provided their reflections of this great opportunity:

Anna Gabriel, Radiation Therapy Program,
Manchester Community College

I first learned about the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP) from a student who participated in the program the year before. I kept thinking to myself how great an opportunity something like this could be, starting with building my resume to my future career in the radiologic profession. It was truly humbling and such an honor to learn that I was one of two students, selected from Connecticut, to attend the ASRT Educational Symposium and House of Delegates Meeting. I was extremely excited about this upcoming conference and so nervous at the same time. I had some ideas of what to expect but I had no idea just how much I would learn and take away from this experience.

To kick off the House of Delegates meeting, the students from the leadership development program participated in an opening flag ceremony. During the ceremony, a flag from every state was held by a student to represent all of the ASRT's chapters, affiliates, delegates, and members from all over the country. This swiftly led into the beginning of the first delegate meeting with introductions of board members and adoption of the agenda. It was very interesting and moving to hear all these different stories and perspectives as to how these board members ended up where they are today in the profession and organization.

One of my favorite lectures during the educational symposium was titled "Is Leadership Your Super Power?" During this lecture, we learned six key characteristics that make a good leader. These six characteristics include: integrity, selflessness, excellence, humility, perseverance, and courage. The speaker asked the audience to write down one example you have shown of each of these characteristics that make a good leader and then to share these

experiences/examples with individuals sitting around you. At first I didn't think I would come up with anything, but the more I really thought about my personal experiences and skills, I was able to come up with one example for each of these characteristics that encompass leadership qualities. It was great to hear from others some of the experiences they have had or had to deal with that show remarkable leadership skills. The speaker really emphasized the importance of these qualities and how they can have lasting and important effects on our patients and career.

I think the biggest take away from my personal experience as a student attending this conference is to participate and be actively involved. What most people do not realize is that organizations like the ASRT and the CSRT constantly fight for the radiologic profession to make it the best it can be. Students, like myself, are the future of every modality in this field and it is our responsibility to show just as much, if not more, heart and determination to this profession that I saw so much of in just four short days within the ASRT community. I am ever so grateful to the ASRT and the SLDP for this opportunity and can't wait to take part in something like this again.



The Student Commons (cont.)

Ryan Appold, Radiography Program
Middlesex Community College

“Ryan, being a member of the Student Leadership Development Program is going to change the rest of your life!” Honestly when my SLDP assigned mentor Christopher Steelman told me that, I didn’t honestly think it was possible for this event I was about to attend to be life changing. Boy, was I wrong! As soon as I arrived at the Rosen Centre and started meeting my fellow student SLDP members I knew this was going to be something to remember.

During the Educational Symposium I attended 3 lectures. My favorite was, “CT in Veterinary Medicine: A Comparative Overview” by Thomas M. Hanson, D.V.M., M.S., R.T.(R)(CT). I found it interesting to learn how they used CT on animals, ranging from the household pet to exotic zoo animals. It was interesting learning how the body planes are different in animals and how dose wasn’t a huge concern due to the limited life spans of certain animals.

One of my favorite moments from my time was the Pin Exchange. I had so much fun exchanging pins with

students and professionals from across the country. Each person I met was so welcoming and willing to tell their own stories about how they came into the profession.

Being able to attend the House of Delegates and the Chapter Meetings really opened my eyes to how so many people care about the future of Radiologic Technology. A moment of pride was watching as Dan DeMaio, someone I have had the privilege getting to know and to work with, got elected to the position of Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates.

When I look back on my time at the ASRT Educational Symposium and House of Delegates I will remember all the great lectures I heard and the discussions on how to make our profession better. But, I will mostly remember the people: the people who volunteer countless hours of their time to ensure our profession maintains the high standards we as a society expect to have.



*Excellent work
Anna & Ryan!!*



Spotlight On.....The CSRT Annual Conference



**77TH
ANNUAL**

2019 CSRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**ARRT CQR
REQUIREMENTS**

**DEEP BRAIN
STIMULATION**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DENNIS BOWMAN
DIGITAL & FLUOROSCOPIC RADIATION PROTECTION**

**SEPTEMBER
28, 2019**

**GERSHON FOX
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TECHNOLOGIST \$125
SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25**

**AT THE DOOR \$150
SEPT. 28**

STUDENT \$45

NONMEMBERS \$200

REGISTRATION @ **7:30AM**

LECTURES FROM
8AM- 5PM

BREAKFAST & LUNCH
PROVIDED

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FREE PARKING
(MORGAN STREET GARAGE)

**7 CEU
CREDITS
ASRT APPROVED**

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WWW.CSRT.US

CSRT Annual Conference – September 28, 2019

We have a great line-up of speakers who will be presenting cutting-edge lectures in a very special location: the historic and beautiful Gershon Fox Ballroom in downtown Hartford!!!

	MAIN BALLROOM	MEZZANINE
7:30-8:00AM	REGISTRATION / BREAKFAST	
8:00-8:10AM	WELCOME FROM CSRT PRESIDENT COLLEEN MILLER	
8:20-9:10AM	DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION SHARON TOKARZ	
9:20-10:10AM	ARRT CONTINUING QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS PAUL LARSON	CONTRAST ALLERGIES AND REACTIONS KELLI BALDWIN
10:20-11:10AM	DIGITAL & FLUOROSCOPIC RADIATION PROTECTION 1 DENNIS BOWMAN	BREAST THERAPY JOSEPH COLASANTO
11:20-12:20PM	LUNCH / BUSINESS MEETING	
12:30-1:20PM	DIGITAL & FLUOROSCOPIC RADIATION PROTECTION 2 DENNIS BOWMAN	BREAST US DENISE YOST
1:30-2:20PM	DO YOU KNOW YOUR CALCIUM SCORE? KRISTEN BEAUPRE	THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST IN TODAY'S CARDIAC CATH LAB CHRISTOPHER STEELMAN
2:30-3:00PM	SNACK / RAFFLE	
3:10-4:00PM	ETHICS PAUL LARSON	PATIENT CENTERED CARE AND THE ROLE OF THE RA IN BREAST IMAGING COURTNEY YEAGER
4:10-5:00PM	MISSION "IMPROV"ABLE BOB GROSSMAN & ALICIA SALVATORE	

Featuring very special guests:

Paul A. Larson, MD, FACR

Trustee, American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)

Dennis M. Bowman, RT(R), CRT(R)(F)

Co-Owner, FluoroRadPro, LLC
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And more!

Register today at:

www.CSRT.us

Registration includes up to 7 CE credits, convenient & safe parking, breakfast, lunch, snack and the chance to see old friends and make new ones!

Don't miss it!!!



Congratulations to this year's CSRT College Bowl winner:



Gateway Community College

The event was held in Middletown on April 12, 2019. Six radiography programs competed for this year's title.

Stay tuned for details about next year's event!

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Professional Update

AAPM Releases Controversial Position Statement on Gonadal Shielding

This past April, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) announced their position that patient gonadal and fetal shielding should no longer be a routine practice during x-ray imaging. The AAPM rationale centered on two points: an incorrectly-placed shield may obscure important diagnostic information and the shield may interfere with the proper functioning of an automatic exposure control system, inadvertently increasing patient dose. In late May, the American College of Radiology (ACR) endorsed the AAPM position. In early July, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) elected not to endorse the AAPM position, stating that additional information would be necessary before taking the step to discontinue gonadal and fetal shielding. The ASRT Board of Directors intends to carefully review the scientific findings referenced by the AAPM and will further discuss the wide-reaching impact of this issue on our practice including state statutes, educational guidelines, facility protocols and patient safety.

For more information, please refer to:

AAPM Position Statement:

https://www.aapm.org/org/policies/details.asp?id=468&type=PP¤t=true&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

ACR Endorsement:

<https://www.acr.org/Advocacy-and-Economics/Advocacy-News/Advocacy-News-Issues/In-the-June-8-2019-Issue/ACR-Endorses-AAPM-Position-on-Patient-Gonadal-and-Fetal-Shielding>

ASRT Response:

<https://www.asrt.org/main/news-publications/news/article/2019/07/02/asrt-board-of-directors-provides-update-on-gonadal-and-fetal-shielding-position>



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CSRT Awards

The CSRT Awards Committee is composed of 5 dedicated individuals who are either life members or past presidents, each having more than 10 years of active membership to the CSRT. Each year, the Committee considers nominees for the John Archer and Life Member Awards. The Committee wishes to remind all members of the CSRT that nominations for these special awards are always welcomed. Please review the criteria below and contact one of the Co-Chairs of our Nominations Committee (Colleen.Miller@hhchealth.org or NURicchio@mcc.commnet.edu) if you know of someone deserving and eligible for this important recognition.

John Archer Award

This award was established in 1990 in honor of John Archer who died suddenly. He was an outstanding member of the CSRT who served as president and was very instrumental in the pursuit of licensure legislation in the state.

This award is presented to an exemplary CSRT member in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Society. This worthy individual must be a CSRT member for at least ten years, having actively participated as a standing committee chairperson, and having served on the Executive Board. In addition, the candidate must have also produced a significant impact on the profession of Radiologic Technology, exhibited positive goals, upheld the ideals of the Society, and attained a level of respect and confidence from members of the profession.

Criteria for John Archer Award:

1. CSRT member who has contributed outstanding service to the Society for at least 10 years.
2. Recipient must demonstrate active participation as a member of a standing committee, served as a committee chairman, and held office in the Society, with such efforts producing a positive impact on the Society.
3. Recipient must present himself/herself as a professional by carrying forth the goals and ideals of the Society throughout their actions and their work environment.
4. Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee five (5) months prior to the Annual Conference for consideration in that year.
5. The Awards Committee will review nominated candidates and submit a recommendation to the Executive Board for approval.
6. Only one John Archer Award will be given annually.
7. At the discretion of the Executive Board, this award may or may not be given annually.

Josephine M. Picone Lifetime Achievement Award

Over the years, the Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologist has had some exemplary members who have laid down a solid foundation for the Society to build upon. For many years of their professional lives, these members were hard-working, never-tiring leaders who moved the Society forward. They have lifted our Society, giving it strength and dignity. This award honors these individuals. Life members shall not pay dues and will have all privileges and obligations of society members.

Criteria for Josephine M. Picone Lifetime Achievement Award:

This award is given to an active member of the society who has performed outstanding continuous service to the society for at least twenty (20) years.

1. This individual has demonstrated active participation having served as a chairman of a standing committee, held office, and produced a positive impact on the society.
2. Candidate's name will be submitted to the Awards Committee. Confidentially, the Awards Committee will evaluate the individual's record of service using a point system.
3. The nominated candidate may be asked to submit a society resume.
4. If necessary, letters from four (4) Executive Board or past presidents from the candidate's era may be used to verify and document the candidate's activities, benefits and accomplishments related to the continuing improvement of the CSRT.
5. Life member candidate will be voted upon by the Executive Board, following the recommendation of the Awards Committee.
6. Life member candidate must have a 3/4 vote of the Executive Board to be approved.
7. Only one Josephine M. Picone Lifetime Achievement Award will be given annually.
8. At the discretion of the Executive Board, this award may or may not be given annually.

The CSRT Annual Conference is just weeks away. Nominate your eligible & deserving colleague...**TODAY!**





Attention: Recent Graduates

Congratulations and thank you for being a student member of the CSRT. We hope you have found the many benefits of CSRT membership to be worthwhile. These include our ongoing series of innovative lectures, the annual College Bowl, valuable networking opportunities – just to name a few.

Please remember to renew your CSRT membership as a *technologist member*. Doing so will allow you to earn valuable CE credits during our upcoming events (see below). Please remember that student members are not eligible to earn CE’s through the CSRT.

You may upgrade your membership status any time at www.csrt.us.

The CSRT is your state affiliate. We can only continue to advocate on behalf of your rights, privileges and responsibilities as a credentialed radiologic science professional with your continued support.



Upcoming Events

CEU & Brews - The Wine Edition!
 Arrigoni Winery - Portland, CT
 Wednesday, September 11, 2019



CSRT 77th Annual Conference – Gershon Fox Ballroom, Hartford, CT
 Saturday, September 28, 2019



CEU & Brews
 Firefly Hollow Brewing - Bristol, CT
 Wednesday, November 6, 2019



Visit our website, www.CSRT.us for the latest info on upcoming events!



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