

CSRT

Newsline

Summer 2020

Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists

President's Message

Nora Uricchio, CSRT President

Wow 2020! With the turn of a new decade, we all were excited for a wonderful year! Little did we know in January that literally our entire world would be turned around.

COVID-19 has changed how we do everything, especially in healthcare. We thank you for your continued service and excellence to care for patients. I would like to offer a positive definition of COVID that lists the qualities of Radiologic professionals.

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The CSRT has continued to work on your behalf. Look inside this newsletter to learn about:

- 1. Our Virtual Annual Conference. October 2 and 3, 2020
- 2. Tri-state area monthly lectures. September 23, 2020 at 7 pm
- 3. Free membership for new graduates.
- 4. Updates on the Virtual ASRT meeting held in June.
- 5. Opportunities to get involved.

I want to thank the CSRT Board who continue to serve tirelessly, creating new and innovative ways to meet the needs of the CSRT. With that said, we would love to hear from you! Please get involved, encourage your colleagues to join, attend a meeting, and serve on a committee. Become a Board member made up of exceptional leaders that continue to innovate and give tirelessly to both the CSRT, ASRT and other national organizations.

Report from the 2020 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting



1st Virtual HOD meeting

On June 27th, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) held it's 35th Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting. This meeting includes two representatives from every state to discuss and vote on national issues affecting technologists of every modality. Colleen Miller and Donna Crum were chosen to be the Connecticut delegates for 2020. This year's meeting marked the centennial celebration of ASRT and every attendee was looking forward to gathering together for this milestone event. Due to COVID precautions however, the meeting was held virtually and therefore had a limited discussion agenda but was still a huge success! There were 98 affiliate (state) representatives and 57 chapter representatives present for a total of 155 delegates online for the united meeting. After an introduction by the board of directors, a summary of the year in review and awards presentations, the nominations for speaker and vice speaker of the house were submitted over the Zoom webinar. Six of the ASRT Board positions are elected by the entire national membership, but the two remaining positions are nominated and voted upon by the delegate representation. An open forum immediately followed to allow the nominees, Joe Whitton of New York running for Speaker and our own Dan DeMaio of Connecticut running for Vice-Speaker, to further outline themselves for the board nominations. The voting was unanimous for both Joe and Dan, and so the celebration erupted with emojis of clapping to congratulate the winners. A formal officer installation ceremony concluded the House of Delegates digital meeting. The next Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting is already planned for June 2021 in Reno and the delegates will be thrilled to celebrate in-person again!

Please contact your 2020 ASRT Delegates - Donna Crum and/or Colleen Miller - if you have questions on any of the items listed above or would like more info about the 2020 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.commnet.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 October 3.

You can do it - join us!!



Thinking about running for CSRT office?

Here are some important details to consider:



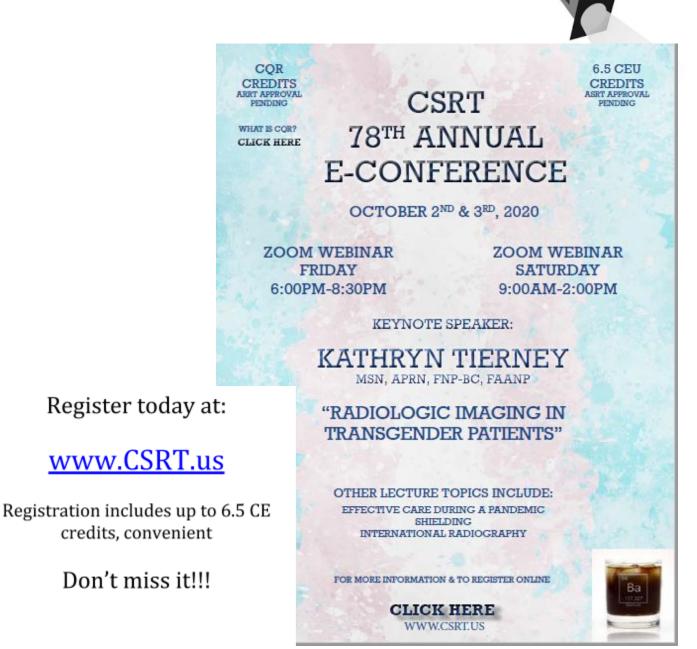
According to our Bylaws, all officers of the CSRT:

- Shall be voting members of the CSRT and the ASRT for two years immediately preceding nomination.
- Shall be credentialed by the ARRT or equivalent.
- Shall have served as an officer or chair of a standing committee in the CSRT.
- Shall have the time and availability necessary to represent the CSRT.

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CSRT Annual Conference - October 2 and 3, 2020

We have a great line-up of speakers who will be presenting cutting-edge lectures in a very special location: The comfort of your home



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 were selected. Because the annual meeting was online, these students will get to experience this fantastic annual event next year. This is only one of the great benefits the ASRT students.



Educators encourage your students to become CSRT and ASRT members!

There are many scholarship opportunities.

Board of Directors: 2019-20

Senior Board Member: Jay Derksen

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A TIP OF THE HAT to Professor Kori Stewart, current Vice President of the CSRT.

Kori recently earned her PhD in Biomedical Informatics from Rutgers University.

Kori Stewart has been a dedicated educator and technologist since 2009, and holds certifications in general radiography, computed tomography and imaging informatics. She is a Clinical Associate Professor and Clinical Director for the CT, MRI and Ultrasound certificate programs at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT.



She is an active member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and is a member of the Society of Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM) serving on the Executive Board of the Resident, Fellow and Doctoral Student (RFDS) Committee, Education Committee and American Board of Imaging Informatics Task Force. She is also a member of the Editorial Review Board and Scholarship Committee for the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS).

Kori's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Imaging and Masters of Health Science in Medical Laboratory Sciences from Quinnipiac University and now, a PhD in Biomedical Informatics from Rutgers University.

Tristate area lectures

The Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists along with Massachusetts and New Hampshire's society will collaborate for the next 12 months to offer all our members 12 free CEU's.

All three societies want to thank you all for the work you are doing this past year and next year on the front lines during this pandemic. We understand the pressure you have been under, and want you to know, that we appreciate each and every one of you!

You will see a link each month on our website for you to register for these Zoom Webinars. You must be a member of the society to participate, and all of these lectures will be free to members. This is just our way of saying Thank You! Keep up the good work.



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.

<u>Josephine M. Picone Lifetime Achievement Award</u>

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.

The CSRT is pleased to announce that all Connecticut 2020 graduates will receive a free membership! Please contact us to sign up.

The CSRT is <u>your</u> 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

Tristate Area Lecture Wednesday, September 23, 2020

CSRT 78th Annual Conference Friday and Saturday, October 2 & 3, 2020

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

Please help spread the word about <u>your</u> state society – the **CSRT**! Post this issue of Newsline in your workplace break room or technologist work area.

Thank you!