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Where should you go if you want the latest MSRT news? The MOSRT website, of course!

For all MSRT information, check out www.mosrt.org

If you have news you would like put on the website, send it to Anne Rutz, either by e-mail or snail mail.

Note: Items are added to the site at the discretion of the Board.

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To get your name on the e-mail list, just e-mail Anne Rutz at arutz@rolla.k12.mo.us today.

ASRT house speaker resigns

The speaker of the ASRT House of Delegates has resigned his position, citing personal reasons for his decision.

Scott S. Tulane, B.S.R.S., R.T.(R)(CT), submitted a letter of resignation to the ASRT Board of Directors on Oct. 20.

"Being elected and serving as Speaker of the House of Delegates has been one of the greatest honors that I have ever experienced," Tulane wrote in his letter of resignation. "I deeply regret that I am unable to complete my term of office."

Tulane, who lives in Electra, Texas, was first elected to an ASRT office in 1999, when he was chosen as vice speaker of the House of Delegates. He was reelected as vice speaker in 2000 and named speaker of the House in 2001.

The 234-member House of Delegates is ASRT's legislative and governing body. Delegates choose a speaker and vice speaker at their annual meeting every June. The two officials are responsible for overseeing all House business. They also serve as members of the ASRT Board of Directors.

In his letter of resignation, Tulane thanked the delegates for their support. "I have been privileged to work with so many talented and dedicated delegates, who have taught me a great deal about professionalism," he said.

Tulane's duties will be transferred to House Vice Speaker Richard Fucillo, R.T.(R), FASRT, a resident of Las Vegas, Nev., who immediately becomes speaker of the House.

"I am confident that Richard Fucillo will execute the duties of speaker with great distinction," said Tulane.

At the 2002 session of the House of Delegates in Birmingham, Ala., delegates will elect a vice speaker pro tem to help preside over the first meeting of the House on June 9.

At the second meeting of the House on June 12, the delegates will elect a speaker and vice speaker who each will serve a one-year term on the ASRT Board of Directors during 2002-2003.

Submit resolutions to effect change

YOU can effect the future of your profession by submitting a resolution to the ASRT House of Delegates.

If you'd like to submit a resolution, you must get it to your district representative or to any Board member by Jan. 1, 2002. Don't let your ideas be overlooked!



**MSRT toll-free Hotline:
1 (877) 353-3599**

Radiology recruitment worth your time

When the discussion turns to staff shortage, radiographers usually make comments like: "I have no control over staffing," "How can I help with staffing?" and "It's not my fault they can't find anyone to work here."

Well, I have discovered a way radiographers can help with the staffing shortage. On November 4-5 four technologists from the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists manned a booth at the Missouri School Counselors Association annual meeting. We handed out information on our profession to the persons who are responsible for guiding our future generations. We talked with both high school and middle school counselors. We were enthusiastic about recruiting new members into our profession and about spreading the word on our important role in healthcare.

Everyone we spoke to was very interested in what we were saying, and many said they often had students interested in entering healthcare field. If our efforts got information to even a few new prospective students then our time



Donita Shipman, left, and Anne Rutz staff the MSRT booth.

was well spent.

I would like to encourage all technologists to take the time to attend local "Career Nights" held at schools or community colleges. All the information we handed out is available on the ASRT web site. We also handed out a list of radiography schools in the state, which we

obtained from the JRCERT web site. We had contacted the radiography schools in Missouri, and many had sent us brochures to hand out.

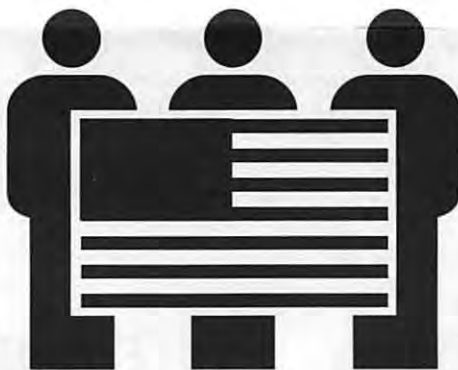
In closing I would like to say: "You can make a difference in the future of our profession." Just take a little time and promote yourself and your profession!

ASRT to waive dues of deployed military members

The ASRT Board of Directors has voted to waive the membership renewal dues of any ASRT member deployed for U.S. military service after Sept. 11, 2001, as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The waiver applies to R.T.s who are deployed by the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force or Marine Corps. It also applies to ASRT members who are activated by the Reserves or the National Guard.

"Hundreds of ASRT members are active-duty members of the military or serve as reservists or members of National Guard units," said ASRT Board Chairman Michael DelVecchio, B.S., R.T.(R). "Should any of them be called upon to

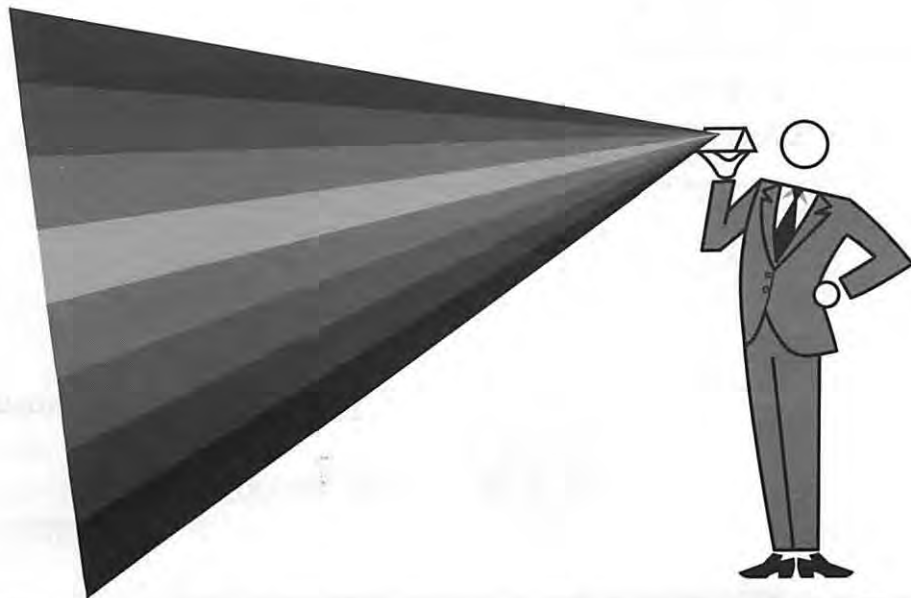


serve as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, they will not have to pay their ASRT membership dues for the duration of their deployment."

DelVecchio said the dues waiver is designed to offer additional support to

military R.T.s who are called overseas or called to active duty. "Although small, it will be one less thing for these R.T.s to worry about," he said.

To qualify for the dues waiver, the radiologic technologist must have been an ASRT member as of Sept. 11, 2001, and must be deployed for military service after Sept. 11, 2001. When members who meet these criteria receive their next dues renewal notice from ASRT, they should return it to ASRT with a copy of their deployment orders. The ASRT then will waive the member's dues for the following year. The dues waiver applies only to renewals of membership, not to new ASRT memberships.



MSRT officer and award nominations due by Feb. 1

It's time to send in nominations for several MSRT offices and for the Mallinkrodt Award.

Please mail the pertinent nomination information to Ed Passman at 4943 South Peck Ave., Independence, MO 64055 or send e-mail to: passman@pars.net

I would like to nominate the following persons for these offices / awards:

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

VICE PRESIDENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

SECRETARY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

ASRT JUNIOR DELEGATE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

MALLINKRODT AWARD

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Nominations deadline is Feb. 1, 2002.

Please be prompt!

Don't forget to join ASRT, too!

■ We encourage all MSRT members to become ASRT members! Membership in ASRT will only help to strengthen our state society. Remember . . . the ASRT keeps track of your ECE hours for you, and each ASRT magazine includes a "Directed Reading," which offers ECE hours.

For membership information, write ASRT, P.O. Box 13058, Albuquerque, NM 87192-3058.

'02 annual conference April 17-20

Remember . . . the 2002 MSRT Annual Conference is set for April 17-20 at Holiday Inn, Lake Ozark, MO.

The 8th annual MSRT Golf Tournament is planned at Sycamore Creek Golf Course there. Anyone interested in helping with the tournament, contact Deb Hurst at: dhurst3695@aol.com or leave a message at (573) 474-6573.

See you there!

Your membership in MSRT is important!

Did you remember to renew your MSRT membership? Fill out the application in the June 2001 *Radiographer*, or contact Donita Shipman at 27210 Hwy W, Smithton, MO 65350.

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Do you live in Rep. Sam Graves' district? Call or e-mail TODAY about CARE bill!

Attention, anyone in Save Graves' district: We need your help! Call, write, or e-mail today. Tell your freidns, family, co-workers and neighbors to do so, too!

Rep. Sam Graves (R-6) from Missouri has approached ASRT lobbyists regarding the CARE bill. Rep. Graves's staff indicated that he is interested in signing on as a cosponsor to H.R. 1011 and needs to hear from constituents on the issue. Please write, call, fax or visit Rep. Graves's office in Washington, DC, and urge your colleagues to do the same. We need to show him that radiologic technologists stand united on the CARE (Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence) bill.

You can reach Rep. Graves at:

Web Site: www.house.gov/graves

Phone: (202) 225-7041 • **Fax:** (202) 225-8221

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1407 Longworth House Office Building • Washington, D.C. 20515-2506

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Thank you for your prompt action!

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