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From the president . . .

Greetings to everybody!

We have had a few months to enjoy the warmer weather (sometimes hot) and look forward to the end of the year. We have finished our fall retreat and got a lot accomplished for our next annual conference April 18-21, 2007. We will be having a couple of noteworthy speakers that all will enjoy—Bill May and Phil Ballinger—and quite a few other exciting and dynamic individuals. It will be a great time for all to look forward to, students and technologists alike. I hope all come to enjoy the lectures, have a great time, and be safe and courteous to all while attending.



I would also like to take this time to remind everybody to contact their representatives and senators to keep them abreast of the state licensure bills. There has been great news regarding the progress made on the national bills and we all need to continue to do our part to get these passed.

If there are any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or any other Board of Directors member.

Sincerely,

*Chris Harmon, BSRT (R)
President, MSRT*

MSRT seeks candidates for ASRT offices

The MSRT is looking for nominees for ASRT Affiliate Delegate, Secretary, Vice President, and President-Elect for the upcoming 2007 MSRT elections. Any one who is interested in running or wants to nominate someone should contact Ben Morris as soon as possible at benjamin.morris@coxhealth.com.

Intern Describes ASRT Annual Conference

By **MISSY BEST**

MSRT Student Intern

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS) held their annual conference in Denver, Colo. The International Society of Radiographers and Radiologic Technologists (ISRRT) 14th World Congress was held in conjunction with the ASRT/AEIRS conference. The conference theme, "One Community," was a wonderful opportunity for professionals in the radiologic sciences to come together from all over the world to share a wealth of ideas and knowledge concerning our profession.

I was able to attend the conference as the MSRT Student Intern and it was a wonderful experience. Missouri was very well represented at the event by Cindy Daniels (ASRT President); Chris Harmon (MSRT President); David Frazier (ASRT Junior Delegate and MSRT Conference Coordinator); Ben Morris (MSRT Nominations, District 7 Representative, and Radiation Therapy Delegate to the ASRT); Dean Brake (ASRT Senior Delegate); Donita Shipman (MSRT Treasurer and Membership Chair); Anne Brittain (MSRT Program/ECE, Bylaws and Editor, and Region V Education Delegate to the ASRT); Brenda Matthews (MSRT District 8 Representative, Student Intern Chair, and Region V Bone Densitometry Delegate to the ASRT); Barbara Hente (Region V

Nuclear Medicine Delegate to the ASRT); Martin Henson (MSRT Historian); Sandra Brown (Lecturer); Kimberly Van Leer (MSRT Ways and Means and ASRT Student Intern); Eric Rogers (MSRT Public Relations and ASRT Student Intern); and Amanda Baxter (ASRT Student Intern).

I attended various events which offered a better understanding of both the ASRT and the MSRT. The conference kicked off Friday with an opening ceremony which included speakers and entertainers. Artist Michael Ostaski painted portraits of Mother Teresa, Mahatma Gandhi, and John Lennon, which were later auctioned off at a silent auction benefiting the ASRT Foundation. Aztec dancers were also part of the entertainment during the ceremony and at the pin exchange that followed, marking the opening of the exhibit hall. A World Congress Social Event was held on Saturday and the ASRT Foundation held a fund-raiser, "Living in the Wild Wild West" on Sunday. These events were a great way to visit with friends as well as make new friends in our profession from around the world.

Throughout the conference I was able to attend some lectures and learn from professionals in different areas of the nation. I also went to the Region 5 meeting, various open forums, and the Grass-Roots Luncheon. I was able to observe the proceedings at each seating of the House of Delegates

where 26 resolutions were adopted. The conference wrapped up on Tuesday with the installation of ASRT officers and the President's Reception where our very own Cindy Daniels was installed as the ASRT President.

The conference was an amazing opportunity to experience as a student. It was a great way to learn more about the ASRT and the MSRT and how these societies function. I have a better understanding of how the ASRT works with its affiliate societies as well as other healthcare organizations to promote high standards for our profession and quality in patient care. Not only was this a great learning experience, it was a great chance to get to know those who were in attendance from our state society and make new friends in our profession from around the world. This event was a good way to meet people that I hope to work with in the future toward the advancement of our profession.

Attending the ASRT Conference was beneficial in beginning my professional involvement in both our state and national societies. I obtained a lot of information about how my involvement in these societies can help support progress in many aspects of the radiologic sciences. I was also able to see first hand how the dedication of the professionals who give their time to these societies has helped to advance our profession, making it everything it is today.

Enzi Announces Passage of Radiology Care Bill To Improve Medical Care, Reduce Costs

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006

Washington, D.C.—U.S.

Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY), chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP Committee), today said the Committee unanimously approved the “Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence Act” (RadCARE Bill), a bill that will improve patient safety and health care quality by advancing uniform standards for medical imaging certification.

“For millions of Americans each year, the road to diagnosis, treatment, and healing begins in the radiology department,” Enzi said. “The RadCARE bill will require national education standards for the professionals that perform medical imaging and radiation therapy to ensure that they are properly trained. This bill is vital to improving patient safety and health care quality.”

Each year, between 4 percent and 7 percent of medical imaging examinations have to be repeated due to improper positioning or technique. This not only puts patient safety at risk due to the threat of overexposure to radiation

during a radiologic test, but it also costs Americans and the federal government a staggering amount in unnecessary health care bills.

If the provisions of the RadCARE bill, S. 2322, could reduce the number of repeat examinations nationally by just 1 percent, Medicare would save an estimated \$92 million a year.

“Passing this bill will not only improve health care quality and save lives, it will also reduce costs and make radiologic care more affordable and accessible for patients in need,” Enzi said.

Medical imaging is an invaluable tool in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of disease, but most radiologic procedures also carry a potential health risk. S. 2322 would reduce that risk and improve the safety of medical imaging by ensuring that the procedures are carried out by well-trained, qualified professionals, and

by requiring that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

- Consult with recognized experts to establish standards to ensure the safety and accuracy of medical imaging studies and radiation therapy treatments;
- Require licensure for providers of technical services by each state;
- Provide flexible means of meeting those requirements, including by examination, certification, experience, completion of course work, or other means as determined by the Secretary; and,
- Certify qualified entities as approved bodies for accreditation.

“By establishing national education and credentialing standards, the RadCARE Bill will ensure that quality information is presented for diagnosis and that radiation treatments are delivered accurately and safely,” Enzi said. “It will reduce the chance of misdiagnosis, additional testing, and needless patient anxiety.”

Call Sen. Kit Bond and Sen. Jim Talent today, and urge them to vote YES for RadCARE bill S.2322!

Attention, all ASRT members:

Please use the ASRT eAdvocacy Web site to e-mail your federal legislators regarding BOTH the CARE bill in the U.S. House and the RadCARE bill in the U.S. Senate!

2007-08 MSRT Dates to Remember

- January 1, 2007 Deadline to nominate someone for MSRT office—To Ben Morris
January 13, 2007 BOD meeting—St. Louis
February 1, 2007 Ballots to be mailed to MSRT voting members
March 1, 2007 Postmark deadline to submit MSRT election ballots—To Ben Morris
March 2, 2007 MSRT Student Bowl application deadline—To Kelley McDonald
March 4, 2007 MSRT essay deadline—To Kristi Littleton
March 9, 2007 MSRT student scholarships deadline—To Kelley McDonald
March 9, 2007 MSRT technologists scholarship deadline—To Heather Brown
March 15 2007 MSRT student intern application deadline—To Brenda Matthews
March 17, 2007 Tentative BOD meeting—Location TBA
March 19, 2007 MSRT exhibit application deadline—To Joan Hedrick
April 12, 2007 Deadline for conference preregistration—To Donita Shipman
April 18-21, 2007 75th Annual Conference
April 17-20, 2008 76th Annual Conference

Chapman takes over as representative for District 6

Due to a high-risk pregnancy, Jana Chastain has had to resign as District 6 representative. Taking her place is Ron Chapman. His contact information is:
ronald_d_chapman@yahoo.com.

The MSRT Board of Directors is happy to welcome Ron, and our thoughts and prayers are with Jana and her soon-to-be new baby.

Proposed Bylaws Change to be Voted on at Annual Meeting

Article V: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Categories- add a new letter

G. Graduate Bridge Members are those members who are registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or its equivalent or hold an unrestricted license under state statutes and are within the first 12 months following their initial graduation.. They shall have all rights, privileges and obligations of membership including the right to vote, debate, and hold office.

Rationale:

At the September meeting of the MSRT Board of Directors the Board voted to make the Graduate Bridge Program that has been a trial for the past 3 years permanent. In order to continue the program and maintain compliance with ASRT bylaws the MSRT must add this membership category. The entire bylaws document may be found on the MSRT website.

The Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists

Application for Membership

January 1, 2007 — December 31, 2007

Please complete ALL sections and return to MSRT with your payment

New Applicant _____ Renewal _____ (other name membership under) _____

ARRT Number _____

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ E-mail _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Present Employer _____

Business Address _____

Certified in: (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiography | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular-Interventional | <input type="checkbox"/> ASRT member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammography | <input type="checkbox"/> MSRT member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Therapy | <input type="checkbox"/> MRI | <input type="checkbox"/> District member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sonography | <input type="checkbox"/> CT | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 |

ACTIVE MEMBER: Radiologic Technologist registered by and in good standing with a nationally recognized certifying body.

\$40

SUPPORTING MEMBER: Those persons interested in Radiologic Technology but not having qualifications for other categories.

\$40

STUDENT MEMBERS: Non-registered students enrolled in an ARRT-recognized Radiation Science Education Program. This is a 2-year membership which expires Dec. 31 the year of graduation.

\$20

Name of School _____ Graduation Date _____

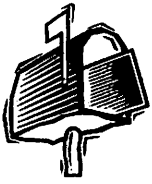
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Recommended for membership by: _____

- Remember . . .
Check the
Web site!

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MSRT 75th Diamond Jubilee April 18-21, 2007!

The MSRT 75th Diamond Jubilee Annual Conference to be held April 18-21, 2007, at the Resort at Port Arrowhead at the Lake of the Ozarks.

We will be featuring two keynote speakers, Phil Ballinger and Bill May, as well as a couple of speakers from Minnesota coming to Missouri as part of an

ASRT Affiliate speaker exchange. Look for information on the Web site!

NOTE: If anyone would like to speak at the conference, or knows someone who would be a good speaker, please send contact information as soon as possible to: Anne Brittain at arutz@rolla.k12.mo.us.