

ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting  
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Severe weather affected many traveling to this meeting. Two of our society members were selected to volunteer for this House of Delegates and they were unable to attend after their flights were cancelled.

Larry Stoller and myself, Molly Arnzen, represented the ISRT as Affiliate Delegates.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Seating of House of Delegates**

ASRT President, Linda Holden spoke on the following topics

- 1) Introduction of Sal Martino as the new ASRT CEO
- 2) The Forensic Task Force. The ASRT has been investigating the forensic curriculum guidelines in the United Kingdom. The ASRT will be proposing an education model for this specialty in the near future.
- 3) A program to assess our skills and knowledge will soon be available on the ASRT web site. It is designed to help us focus our CE into areas that we need it most. This program will be called the Professional Development Skills Assessment.

Cathie Parsons, past president of the ASRT reported for the Education and Research Foundation.

- 1) More than 300 student and professionals were awarded 1.4 million in scholarships.
- 2) The Foundation has revenue of 1.23 million.

### **ASRT Open Forum**

CEO Sal Martino reported the following.

- 1) The ASRT had a profit margin of \$514,932.00
- 2) 132,000 members with 2.5% increase in membership per year.
- 3) New member benefits include:
  - More than 50 new CE products
  - 20 percent discount at shoes.com
  - 10 percent discount on uniforms
  - 20 percent discount on text books
  - Vacation rewards

These benefits can all be found on the ASRT web site.

- 4) The ASRT Scanner has been revamped. The new format has been met with enthusiasm.
- 5) According to the 2008 Staffing Survey, we have reached a balance between supply and demand in the radiographic science fields.
- 6) The Image Gently campaign was discussed and technologists were encouraged to check out the web site at [www.imagegently.org](http://www.imagegently.org). This is a campaign to make technologists, doctors and patients more aware of the effects of radiation on our pediatric patients.
- 7) ODIA – Online Digital Imaging Academy, is available to all registered technologists. This is an educational program providing 15 CE's in the area of digital imaging. This online program is funded by the ARRT through the ASRT Education and Research Foundation.
- 8) The ASRT will be offering CE courses at the 2009 RSNA in Chicago, December 2-3. They are offering 10 CE's over 1 ½ days. Cost is \$150. (Late registration \$250)
- 9) The ASRT Board of Directors would like the House of Delegates to decide what kind of restrictions we would like to be placed on campaigning for ASRT office. Currently no campaigning is allowed outside of the ASRT publication.

### **ARRT Open Forum**

The ARRT was looking at requiring an Associate's Degree for all candidates wanting to sit for a registry exam. This was approved by their Board at the September 2009 meeting and will take effect in 2015. This should allow certificate programs time to figure out how they can become degree programs.

Starting January 2011 the ARRT will allow only 6 CE's in applications training during a biennium. They currently allow 8 per biennium.

Also starting in January 2011, any registry exams taken after January 1<sup>st</sup> of that year will only earn a 10 year certificate and some sort of requalifying will have to be done at the end of the 10 years.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Seating of the House of Delegates**

150 Delegates seated.

98 Affiliate Delegates

52 Chapter Delegates

#### **1) Bylaws**

Approximately 22 bylaws were amended. This mostly consisted of moving bylaws to more appropriate places and changing language to make the bylaws consistent throughout.

The bylaw change that affects the ISRT is the affiliate renewal time line. Previously the affiliate was asked to renew their charter within 60 days after their annual business meeting. The bylaws were changed so the affiliate now renews their charter within 60 days after the close of their fiscal year.

## 2) Consent Agenda

There were 81 items on the consent agenda. Twenty one of the items were removed for further discussion.

Most of the items that we worked on involved removing statements that were in the ASRT Position Statements, because they are currently in the ASRT Practice Standards. Some of the 81 items involved wording changes.

Many of 21 items were retained in the Position Statements because they not currently in the Practice Standards.

There was an attempt again this year, by some delegates, to make the certificate program the educational entry level for the Radiologic Technologist. Our Position Statement currently states that the Associate Degree is entry level. The attempt to lower or education standards was defeated. With the new ARRT requirement for an Associates Degree to take the registry exam, I do not think we will see this proposed again.