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## EDITOR'S NOTE

As you have already noticed, this paper is somewhat different from the previous MISSOURI MINUTES. After much consideration and study, we feel that this format will be more feasible. As editor I feel that we should have in each edition news that will be of utmost interest to each reader. We plan to keep you informed of news concerning our field of work, and changes that may develop in the line of a technologist's duties. I will attempt to make this available to you in an accurate and informative way. As information is made available to me on the level of state and national matters concerning the field of technology, I will pass it on to you. At all times I will welcome any information, news or data that will be of interest and help to the technologists throughout the state.

Norman Cartwright, R.T.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS MEET IN ROLLA

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists held at Rolla, Missouri, May 6, 1970. At this meeting there was much discussion of the relationship of the technologist with the Missouri society. It was reported at this meeting that many members have failed to renew their membership. Some of these possibly have failed to do so because they were unhappy with the society. One district of the state sent a representative to this meeting with a number of questions and complaints from his particular district. In answer to those throughout the state who have wondered why you have not been receiving the MISSOURI MINUTES, this has not been printed through this period of time because

there was no editor. Many of the other complaints and problems discussed during this meeting were found to have developed because of a lack of communication between the board members and the technologists. The executive board members must many times act upon decisions which must be made at a particular time; many times they operate on a time limit. It would be very helpful if districts would, as far as possible, send representatives to these meetings in order to relay the transactions of the society back to the various districts throughout the state.

We are going to attempt to send a copy of this paper to all members of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists, whether active, honorary, or student. It was brought to our attention at this meeting that perhaps there are many questions in the minds of the technologists across the state. If you have questions concerning the actions of the society, the society is prepared to give reason for its actions and business transactions.

## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MISSOURI SOCIETY DUES?

No member who is in arrears for dues shall vote or hold office, or shall be entitled to receive reports of the transactions of the society. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to erase from the rolls of membership the name of any person who is in arrears for more than 90 days. Any member dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues may be reinstated only upon applying for reinstatement and payment of the dues for the year in which he is reinstated, and a reinstatement fee not to exceed an amount equivalent to the annual dues. This is noted in the by-laws of the society in Chapter V, Section 7.

## NOTICE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Executive Committee and board members of the Missouri Society will be held in Rolla, Missouri, August 29, at 10:30 A.M. in the offices of Central Missouri Medical Services. The address is 109 South Rucker Street, Rolla, Missouri.

Perhaps there are questions from the various districts which you would like to either send by letter or by representative from your district to these meetings. These meetings are open to any technician who is a member of the Missouri Society. You are free to ask questions or make comments as long as this is done in an orderly fashion. Perhaps if this information is made available to us, we may be able to form a line of communication from the Executive Committee and Board of Directors that will be open to all of the districts, if we are able to be present or send letters to keep more closely in contact with the business matters and functions of the Missouri Society. Again, let us remind you as districts that if there are any questions or problems in your district concerning the Missouri Society, please make your questions available to us either by letter or by personally attending the meeting.

### A PATIENT,

as noted in the *Radiologic Technology Journal*, January 19, 1970, with traumatic injury to the carotid artery, might not show signs of obvious neck injury; possibly only signs of brain damage. Death or disability is the prognosis if an occluded artery is not repaired. We as technologists need to be always aware of the (hidden) signs which, when overlooked, could be very hazardous to the patient.

### NOTICE

The Missouri Society extends its sincerest apologies to all of the students who are not receiving the *Radiologic Technology* journal. There has been a mix-up and we would like to correct this immediately.

To the students who are members of the M.S.R.T. and are not receiving the *Radiologic Technology*

journal, the Missouri Society will give a year's free subscription to the *Radiologic Technology* journal. To those who wish to receive it, notify Glenda Shipman, R.T., Treasurer.

To the R.T.'s in good standing, who were students, and did not receive the journal from May 1, 1969 until now, the Missouri Society will refund \$2.50 for a year's subscription to the *Radiologic Technology* journal. Notify Glenda Shipman, R.T., Treasurer.

I wish to apologize for our lack of coordination and the inconvenience we have caused you.

Ruth M. Hess, R.T.  
President, M.S.R.T.

### M.S.R.T. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists will be held September 30 (evening), October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1970, at the RAMADA INN in Columbia, Missouri.

~~There will be courtesy continental breakfasts each morning and entertainment each evening.~~

Registration fees include daily luncheons, annual banquet, lecture series costs, etc.

Registration for *total* meeting expenses, October 1-4, 1970, are:

MEMBERS (active, associate, or student) . . \$30.00  
NON-MEMBERS . . . . . \$40.00

For those who can participate for limited portions only, DAILY registration has been prorated at:

\$12.50 per day for all membership categories  
\$15.00 per day for all non-members

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Reservation cards for the Ramada Inn will come to you in a future mailing and must be returned by each individual directly to the Inn. Reservations must be made two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Rules for exhibits at the annual meeting are given on the next page.

## DID YOU KNOW

That we are living in a time when people are growing more and more conscious of radiation? Many of these people are fearful because of information they have received, some of which is probably accurate and some inaccurate. Technologists can answer many of these questions through information that is made available to us from the many sources open to us. A technologist should always be aware of the radiation with which he is working, and the dangers encountered if this radiation is not properly controlled. *DANGER* is at hand when any technologist is careless with the use of radiation.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Due to the fact that an Editor for the MISSOURI MINUTES and a headquarters for publishing the MISSOURI MINUTES were not found until February, the Missouri Society members have been without an official publication and editor since the last issue of September 1969.

I wish to welcome as editor Norman Cartwright, R.T. I know he will appreciate your support and contributions to your publication. Arrangements have been made for the MISSOURI MINUTES to be published by the Central Missouri Medical Services, Inc., of Rolla, Missouri.

Ruth M. Hess, R.T.

## EXHIBIT RULES - ANNUAL M.S.R.T. MEETING

Exhibits are a visible stimulus at any meeting! They not only provide a source of pride to the exhibitor, but exemplify the art and science of technology upon which our organization is based.

1. Exhibits shall be limited to medical applications of ionizing radiations to include x-ray, nuclear medicine, and radiation therapy technology.
2. Radiographs used should have any patient identification obscured. The exhibitor's name and affiliation should be indicated.

3. A maximum of 4 view boxes\* may be assigned to any exhibit.
4. Only members and student members of the M.S.R.T. are eligible for awards.
5. Exhibits may include "gadget exhibits" of interest to radiologic technologists such as teaching aids, historical memorabilia, etc.
6. Exhibits must be on display by 12 noon on Thursday, October 1st and remain intact until noon on Saturday, October 3rd.

\*The limitation of view boxes is relevant to the supply available. If more are needed, and you can provide them, **BUT NOT TO EXCEED 8**, please contact the exhibit chairman and he will clarify arrangements with you.

## WHAT IS A TECHNOLOGIST WORTH?

The field of radiologic technology is relatively new in the lives of some people, and it represents years of experience and training to many others. But to either group of technologists, there is no doubt that the technologist is bound by duty to do his or her job to the very best of his ability. The patient is our initial responsibility, and is entitled to the technologist's utmost care and concern. The technologist's work represents in part his own personality and character.

To the radiologist, the technologist is the person who is not only capable of caring for the acutely ill or chronically ill patient, but is also able to obtain and deliver to the radiologist adequate radiographs, thereby enabling the radiologist to make an accurate diagnosis. A radiologist is in this light no better than the film he must interpret. Through these channels one may be able to see what the technologist is really worth, to the patient and also to the radiologist.

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