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THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST OF TODAY

In our modern world of business, society, and the apparent “involved” opinion of almost every field or profession, the field of radiologic technology is not excluded. Surely it is everyone’s desire to have the best out of whatever profession he or she has undertaken, and many times this calls for one to express his opinion and be willing to promote and support endeavors that would better his occupation or profession. There are organizations on both the state and national level that endeavor to improve the profession of radiologic technology, and it should be noted that in the State of Missouri at the present time only a small percentage of the registered radiologic technologists are participating in these organizations. It has been historically proven that through organization, strength, progress and representation are best accomplished. Technologists today should be aware that endeavors are being made at the present time to enact certain standards in the field of radiologic technology. Every technologist must be aware that his profession will be involved. Often it is so easy for us to sit on the sidelines and say that we’ll let the other people do it - pave the way, do the work, and when the job is finished we will all share in the rewards. It would appear to this writer that technologists should become more united within our profession, and should feel it our duty to protect it; work to the best of our ability to see that our profession provides the best in patient care and public protection. Perhaps through active participation in appropriate organizations, we could see the working conditions, education and communication much improved. As you will note elsewhere in this paper, a great number of active members of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists have discontinued their membership within the last year. Certainly if the technologists of Missouri want to be represented on matters that come before the Legislature, and licensure procedures whether state or nation, we need to have an organization with enough power and enough membership that our opinions and our concern can be heard. As a closing thought, let us ask ourselves this question: Will we organize or will we be organized?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF M.S.R.T. MEETS

There was a meeting of the Board of Directors at the offices of the Central Missouri Medical Services, Rolla, Missouri, on August 29, 1970. There was a total of 13 technologists present at this meeting. The treasurer’s report and membership reports are printed elsewhere in this paper. Dick Hammer, R.T., gave a report on the proposed standards for employment of radiologic technologists and their job descriptions. It should be noted that in March, 1970, a copy of this was sent to hospital administrators, radiologists, and technologists, and at this time very little response has been received. Perhaps if this is tucked away somewhere in the desks of the administrators or radiologists, it would be well to remind them that it is there and that we have not forgotten it. It was mentioned at the meeting of the Board that this job description and proposal shall be discussed at the annual meeting of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists. Also discussed was *MISSOURI MINUTES*. This is a new venture, and we would welcome your opinion, whatever it may be, in regard to this paper.

Items of business concerning the annual convention of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists were: that exhibits will be accepted up to the opening day of the convention; and that the fee for *guests only* for the banquet on Saturday night will be \$8.50. It was the wish of those present at the meeting that every technologist in the state write a note asking support of Bill S-3973. These notes should be sent to Senator Stuart Symington and/or Thomas Eagleton.

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\$8.50**

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NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT

The 4th District, Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists, at the April 23, 1970 meeting, voted in favor of polling all registered technologists in Missouri on the following: State Licensure vs. Federal Minimum Standards vs. Unionization.

Under *State Licensing law*, all technologists in the State of Missouri would uniformly be required by law to meet certain minimum standards of education in the field of X-ray technology and to practice radiologic technology in compliance with standards set down by the *State Government*.

Under a *Federal Minimum Standards bill*, all technologists in the United States would uniformly be required by law to meet certain minimum standards of education in the field of X-ray technology and to practice radiologic technology in compliance with the standards set down by the *Federal Government*.

Either of these would assure the public that only those technologists who have met these requirements as to education and practical experience would be qualified to use ionizing radiation.

Under *Unionization*, an organization of workers would be formed to promote their common interests.

The above statements make no attempt to give the pros and cons of each item, only to indicate the meaning of each.

M.S.R.T. EXHIBITS

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.

Instructors: Urge your students to prepare an exhibit. It is an asset to their training and provides a stimulus for pride in the technological profession they have chosen.

Awards as follows:

Registered Technologists:
1st Place \$25.00 and Trophy
2nd Place \$15.00 and Trophy

Student Technologists:
1st Place \$25.00 and Trophy
2nd Place \$15.00 and Trophy

FROM NEW YORK STATE

It is understood from the *Radiologic Technology* publication of May, 1970 that the State of New York has added an amendment to its licensure status whereby schools of radiologic technology may ac-

cept students who have neither a high school diploma nor an equivalency status certificate. It should be noted, however, that those students who fall into this category are required to obtain their equivalency certificate before completion of the required 24-month program, or before eligibility to take the registry examination may be obtained. This effort was made to attract more applicants into the field of technology, to open the doors to those applicants from adverse socio-economic areas and environments.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting Wednesday evening, September 30, 7:30 P.M. of the Officers, Committee Chairman, and District Presidents. You are to meet in the room of President Ruth Hess at the Ramada Inn, Columbia, Mo.

IS IT POSSIBLE - - -

For YOU to recruit just ONE new member for the Missouri Society?

ATTENTION ALL DISTRICTS:

Has anything happened in your district? If so, let us print it in *MISSOURI MINUTES*. If you have a question, let us ask it in *MISSOURI MINUTES*.

SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT, May 15, 1970 to August 28, 1970

Initial Deposit (June 1, 1969)	\$1510.55
Income (June 1, 1969 to May 15, 1970)	2866.30
Income (May 15, 1970 to August 28, 1970)	479.50

TOTAL INCOME (June 1, 1969 to August 28, 1970)	\$4856.35
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Expenses (June 1, 1969 to May 15, 1970)	\$2190.15
Expenses (May 15, 1970 to August 28, 1970)	223.21

TOTAL EXPENSES (June 1, 1969 to August 28, 1970)	\$2413.36
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BALANCE ON HAND	\$2442.99
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REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP

Active members	174
Associate members	55
Student members	34
Life members	4
Honorary member	1

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE M.S.R.T.	268
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NON-RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Active members	44
Associate and student members	102
No forwarding address	14

TOTAL NON-RENEWALS	140
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AT THE CONVENTION

SEMINARS:

Television in the Radiology Department

J. E. Rich, General Electric X-Ray Division

The Language of Film Response

James Thenberger, Eastman Kodak Co.

Useful Radiographic Techniques and Factors

Edward Cook, R.T., E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company

Contrast Media: How it Functions

Robert Rakers, R.T., Winthrop

Equipment Advances for Nuclear Medicine

Harvey Gollman, Nuclear of Chicago

The Radiographic Position as a Whole

Ralph Coates, R.T., American Registry of Radiologic Technologists

Sante Memorial Lecturer: Clair S. Vincent, R.T.

OPEN FORUMS:

Legislation for Radiologic Technologists

Socio-Economics

A.S.R.T. LEGISLATIVE NEWS FLASH DATED JULY 1970

This was a report from George G. Meade, Legislative Representative to the Board of Directors of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. In this News Flash, Mr. Meade says that he is confident of the full support of Bill S-3973 by technology; also that support for this bill will be our major concern through the coming months. If we do our job and solicit support this bill will be enacted into law. If the bill dies, the cause of death will be our own lack of responsibility.

This bill seeks to resolve a problem which is the concern of the general public; therefore any group which is organized principally for the betterment of the general public or any segment within our society is a potential source of support for S-3973. The problem which the bill seeks to resolve, however, is hard to see, and to touch, and for many people to understand. Thus it is incumbent upon the society through its members to tell the story of this bill to everyone who will listen. Here are some immediate steps to take in support of this bill, according to Mr. Meade:

1. Prepare information kits for local chapters of the A.S.R.T.
2. Call special meetings of chapters and discuss potential sources of support in each community.
3. Assign to individual members the job of contacting and addressing select groups.
4. Tell the story to each group - only the truth, not propandizing nor understating the severity of the problem.
5. Ask for formal expressions of group support and follow up when these are promised, to make sure each group takes a formal position in support of S-3973.

6. Publicize support for S-3973 whenever and wherever you find it by reprinting group resolutions and press releases, by forwarding whatever you obtain to the executive office and to Mr. Meade's office and by contacting local media to make sure much group activity is covered in the news.
7. Encourage individuals, whether group members or private citizens, to write their senators and express their feelings concerning S-3973.

DO IT NOW!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

That after a nuclear attack the most dangerous period is the first 24 hours after fallout arrives, but you might have to use fallout shelter for up to two weeks.

Highly dangerous amounts of fallout are visible and look like particles of sand or salt.

There is little danger that adults could inhale or swallow enough fallout particles to hurt them. Small children, however, could be injured by drinking contaminated water or milk.

A person exposed to fallout radiation does not become radioactive. Radiation sickness is not contagious. One person cannot "catch" it from another person.

The above statements are verified by the Civil Defence Department in their book, "*In Time of Emergency*," March 1968.

INHALATION THERAPISTS QUESTION VALUE OF LICENSURE

As noted in the July 1970 issue of *Radiologic Technology*, it is said that inhalation therapists, one of the newer allied health fields, are giving careful study to the question of licensure of their professional personnel, as it appeared in their bulletin in an article entitled "Licensure - Friend or Foe?" by their president, Robert A. Dittmar. Their president suggested that for their organization, states considering licensure laws should call a halt to enactment of licensure laws and give the American Association of Inhalation Therapy the opportunity to demonstrate through their certifying board and through their expanded education programs that their stress on excellence provides the best possible protection for the public. To achieve their goal it was proposed that the: (1) place renewed emphasis on excellence, improving the registry, certification and educational programming; (2) where feasible, work to persuade legislatures to postpone action on licensure; (3) where a licensure act seems inevitable, work to mold its contents so that it recognizes the professional status of inhalation therapy specialists.

37TH ANNUAL M.S.R.T. MEETING SCHEDULE

Ramada Inn • Columbia, Missouri

September 30, Wednesday

8:00 p.m.

Get Together Party

October 1, Thursday

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:50 a.m.

Television in the Radiology Department

J. E. Rich, General Electric X-Ray Div.

9:50-10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:15-11:30 a.m.

Useful Radiographic Techniques and Factors

Edward Cook, R.T., E. I. Dupont de Nemours Company

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Luncheon

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Equipment Advances for Nuclear Medicine

Harvey Gollman, Nuclear of Chicago

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Television in the Radiology Dept. (Con't.)

*7:30-9:00 p.m.

*Professional Affairs Forum (Socioeconomic
ics for Technologists)*

October 2, Friday

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:50 a.m.

Television in the Radiology Dept. (Con't.)

9:50-10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:15-11:30 a.m.

Contrast Media: How it Functions

Art Nickel, R.T., Winthrop Laboratories

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Luncheon

1:30-3:00 p.m.

The Language of Film Response

James Rothenberger, Eastman Kodak Co.

3:00-3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:15-4:00 p.m.

Business Session

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Sante Memorial Lecture:

*The X-Ray Technologist and the Medical
Manpower Shortage*

Clair S. Vincent, R.T.

*7:30-9:00 p.m.

*Forum on Legislation for Radiologic Tech-
nologists*

October 3, Saturday

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:50 a.m.

*Useful Radiographic Techniques and Factors
(Con't.)*

9:50-10:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:15-11:30 a.m.

The Radiographic Position as a Whole

Ralph Coates, R.T., American Registry
of Radiologic Technologists

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Luncheon

1:30-5:00 p.m.

Business Session & Election of Officers

6:45-7:30 p.m.

Social Hur

7:30-12:00 p.m.

Annual Banquet & Dance

*There will be entertainment on Thurs. & Fri. nights

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