Newsletter

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Fall 2001

'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!

Join MSRT!

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.

H (660) 343-5376 W (660) 827-9530 Email: highlife@iland.net

From the president ...

It's hard to believe that Fall is almost here. Summer vacations are a memory. The kids are back in school. The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting colder. Swimming pools and baseball diamonds are being replaced with football fields and classrooms. Soon the trees will change their colors from green to red and gold and the wind will carry the smell of burning leaves and smoke from fireplaces. With the change in season comes a greater sense of purpose and seriousness about the work that needs to be done.

As the students get down to the business of their schoolwork, the Board of Directors is getting down to business, too. Our last board meeting in July was productive and gave us a chance to set priorities for the MSRT. In addition to taking care of routine business, we took time to set an agenda for specific issues we are addressing this year.

This fall, the board members will be working together on a variety of projects, to include the revamping of our website, advancing licensure legislation, preparing for the 2002 State Conference, and determining what actions to take to improve the recruiting and retention of Radiologic Technologists. We're taking some extra time this year to tackle these issues in our drive to improve the MSRT and our profession.

I cncourage you to contact a board member if you would like to become involved or if you have any ideas on how to address these issues.

We'd love to hear your thoughts!

David L. Frazier BSRT(R)(QM) MSRT President

District doings ...

■ District 3:

District 3 will meet at the following sites this year. For more details, contact Mary Stevens.

September-

Boone Hospital Center, Columbia

October-

Columbia Regional Hospital, Columbia.

November-

Bothwell Regional Health Center, Sedalia

February—Columbia

March and May-Jefferson City

■ District 4:

District 4 is in the process of planning this year's meetings. For more information, call the 4th District hotline at (314) 995-1573.

■ District 7:

District 7 will have a meeting Oct. 27 at Ellis Fischel for all Radiation Therapists or other modalities that are interested. The all-day event will offer at least 6 hours of credits. Speakers are being finalized now.

For more information, call Kay Glass at (573) 882-7561.

■ District 8:

District 8 will sponsor a mammography seminar October 6, 2001, at the Ramada Inn in Jefferson City. We have applied for CEU. The meeting will start at 7:40 a.m. and end at approximately 1 p.m. The cost is \$25. There will be door prizes. Don't miss the education, fun, and fellowship!

Lecture reference promised

The following is a reference Ginger Griffin promised during one of her lectures. For those of you who asked for it, here's the information:

First Break All the Rules by Marcus Buckingham & Curt Coffman-Simon & Schuster, Publisher.

Ginger also sent a note with a great cartoon on front of person begging an alien spaceship, "Take me! Take me!" The aliens' answer? "No. You're ugly." :-)

Ginger wrote: "Dear Debbie, Loved the aliens; no, we're not too ugly! But I want to truly thank you, the committee, and the MSRT Board for the opportunity that you allowed me to interact with so many people. I only hope that I made you proud, and did all that you wanted. Keep in touch, and again, thank you."

Ginger

Greetings from ASRT Region V!

Greetings from ASRT Region V! I would like to introduce myself and let you know a little about the ASRT and Region V. I am a working medical imaging professional, just like you. I have made a commitment to make a difference in my chosen profession of Medical Imaging by serving the members of ASRT Region V, not only as the Sonography chapter delegate, but also as chairman of ASRT Region V.

You may be wondering just what and who ASRT Region V is and what they mean to you as a medical imaging professional. ASRT Region V is comprised of ASRT members from the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. You may not be aware that your interests as a medical imaging professional are being represented on the national level by a group of 23 individuals.

Each state in ASRT Region V appoints or elects two representatives to attend the ASRT annual conference; these people are the affiliate delegates. In addition to these 10 people, there are 13 chapter delegates elected from the five states in Region V who represent their respective chapter. The thirteen chapters represented include:

- Radiography
- Education
- Radiation Therapy
- Nuclear Medicine
- MRI
- Cardiovascular Interventional
- Quality Management
- Management
- Sonography
- Mammography
- Bone Densitometry
- Medical Dosimetry

These are the people who represent your interests, as a medical imaging professional, on a national level. Each of these representatives participate actively during the ASRT annual conference, vote on issues affecting your jobs and your profession and, yes, these people do make decisions that directly affect you, even if

you are not an ASRT member. As an example, the standards of practice that define the boundaries of your practice in any specific area of medical imaging are developed and approved by affiliate and chapter delegates at an ASRT annual conference. The delegates also develop and vote on position statements for the ASRT, which are utilized everyday by employers to determine the national standard for issues affecting the workplace of medical imaging professionals. These are but a few examples of how the 23 representatives from Region V directly affect your job as a medical imaging professional.

These representatives need to hear from you. It is difficult for them to represent your interests if they do not hear from you, the medical imaging professionals, of their region or chapter. If you would like to see the ASRT change the way you do your job, let your affiliate or chapter representative know about it. They have the avenues to bring new ideas to the ASRT and have a positive affect on our profession.

I encourage you to contact me or any of these representatives if you have questions concerning the ASRT, your profession as a medical imaging professional or if you would like to know how to become further involved in your profession.

Liana Watson, BA, RT(R)(M)(S), RDMS, RVT Chairman, ASRT Region V

Remember 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.

2001-02 ASRT Region V chapter and affiliate delegates

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MSRT members at the ASRT meeting

Back row, from left: Brenda Matthews, Ed Passman, David Frazier, Deb Hurst. Front row, from left: Cindy Daniels, Coretta Schroer, Donita Shipman, Michael Ward, Anne Rutz.

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MSRT seeking exec. treasurer

Due to the approved bylaw change at the annual meeting in April, which eliminated the elected treasurer and replaced that office with an MSRT board-appointed Executive Treasurer, the MSRT board of directors is seeking applicants for the position of Executive Treasurer.

Qualifications for the position include, but are not limited to: active membership in the MSRT and ASRT, fiscal responsibility, ability to handle funds in a timely and accurate manner, ability to accurately report to the BOD at meetings, ability to accurately report toe the membership at the annual meeting, ability to attend BOD and annual meeting(s).

Questions regarding this position may be directed to Anne Rutz at (573) 458-0160, ext. 16191. Interested qualified applicants should send a resume, letter of application, and three letters of reference to:

Anne Rutz • 500 Forum Rolla, MO 65401

Applications should be RECEIVED on or before October 12, 2001.

Contact Graves about CARE bill

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 http://www.house.gov/graves

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

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Thank you for your prompt action!

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ASRT seeks delegates, officers

The MSRT Board of Directors is looking for members who are interested in running for the following ASRT chapter delegate positions: CT, Education, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Quality Management, and Radiography.

The ASRT is also looking for

nominees for the following board positions: President-Elect, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Interested persons should contact Donita Shipman-ASRT Nominations Committee Member, at (660) 827-9530 for eligibility requirements and information.