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# From the President...



## ***Greetings and Happy New Year MoSRT professionals!***

I hope this letter finds you well and warm in 2014. The board of directors is working hard on two very important items to MoSRT; advocacy efforts and our annual conference preparations. Please read through all the conference information in this edition of the Radiographer and visit our website [www.mosrt.org](http://www.mosrt.org), to see all the wonderful things our society is up to.

The annual conference is full of wonderful speakers, topics and events to keep you up-to-date on the latest technologies and strategies in the field of medical imaging. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Tammy Homan is our Murray Lecturer for 2014. She is an audience favorite, local to the MoSRT and is well deserving of this honor. Her lecture will be Friday evening, April 4<sup>th</sup>, with a reception to follow. We also have the honor of having Michael Odgren, Vice Chair of the House of Delegates for the ASRT and Chairman for the Colorado Society of Radiologic Technologists, coming to our conference. Plan to stop by and speak with him about ASRT and their activities as well. Don't forget trivia night and student bowl! These events are annual favorites and are a lot of fun. Trivia night is Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and student bowl is Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please plan to attend these keystone events!

So make your reservations now for the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists Conference, April 2-5, 2014 in Columbia, MO. We have lots of learning and fun with reduced room rates! To register, go to [www.mosrt.org/conference](http://www.mosrt.org/conference).

Warm winter regards,

*Kelley McDonald, MS, RDMS, RVT, RT(R)*

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# From the Student Interns



Taylor Dixon

A lot has been going on with the MoSRT lately and I've had the privilege to participate in a few instances. On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Kelsey and I attended RT in JC along with other board members, students, and technologists from around the state. To say this event was an eye-opening experience is understatement. All day, groups of us spoke with legislators about HB 1060 and our need for licensure within the state. Since we are one of five states not required to be licensed to administer radiation to our patients, we made it clear to everyone there how much we care. As a student who has gone through the basic courses on how harmful ionizing radiation can be to one's body, I realize we aren't just "button pushers." It's time we make everyone around us aware how serious we are about our profession. Next month, Kelsey and I are participating in RT in DC, another opportunity to pass a licensure bill!

In other events, my position as a student intern is coming to an end quickly and I can't wait to be able to mentor the upcoming student interns! The board is always looking for some new faces and ideas!

April 24<sup>th</sup> couldn't come soon enough either. I am proud to say that is the date set for my graduation from my radiology program! Along with that exciting news, I am so blessed to say I also have a job as a student tech at a local hospital. My career is excelling faster than I can blink and I couldn't be more thankful. Thank you so much to the board and my mentors along the way of this journey. Only two months until conference...don't forget!

Sincerely,

*Taylor Dixon*

Student Intern, Rolla Technical Center



Kelsey Fellows

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the different schools and talking to the students throughout this term. It was interesting to get to meet students from different places and discuss with them not only what the MoSRT has to offer, but also the profession as a whole. It is motivating to see how many opportunities there are throughout different programs, schools, and healthcare facilities. It is inspiring to meet the program directors as well, and learn their journey throughout their profession and how they landed in the spot in which they are in. I've also gained passion for the profession, especially the patients.

I was given the opportunity to attend the RT in JC event this year and that was a very rewarding experience. It was astounding to me how unaware the government and public as a whole are when it comes to Radiologic Technologists not being licensed in the state of Missouri. It is simply a lack of education that is the issue at hand. I truly believe that if we educated all individuals on current radiation practices, the importance of safety, and the risks that radiation comes with, we will make leaps and bounds towards becoming a state that requires licensure. This event was very successful and I look forward to taking this experience with me as I travel to the RT in DC event in March with Diane Hutton and Taylor Dixon to advocate for the C.A.R.E. bill.

Sincerely,

*Kelsey Fellows*

Student Intern, Southeast Missouri Hospital of Nursing & Health Sciences

# Announcements!



Proposed bylaws changes will be voted on during the annual conference. They are available for review @ [www.mosrt.org](http://www.mosrt.org)

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The MoSRT welcomes ASRT Vice Speaker of the House, Michael Odgren, BS RT (R) (CT) RPA as the ASRT representative to the MoSRT annual conference!

## Upcoming District Events

### 1<sup>st</sup> District

Seminar

March 1, 2014

Heartland Regional Medical Center

St. Joseph, MO

### ASRT

RT in DC

March 17 & 18, 2014

Washington, D.C.

### MSRT

82<sup>ND</sup> Annual Conference: "A New Direction"

April 2-5, 2014

Holiday Inn Executive Center

Columbia, MO

Visit <http://www.mosrt.org/calendar.html>

for more details!

## MoSRT Annual Conference Silent Auction!!!

Help raise the funds that contribute to three (3) \$700 Student Radiologic Technologist Scholarships and one (1) \$700 Registered Radiologic Technologist Scholarship!

Donations in the past have been made by individuals, businesses, hospitals, and radiology programs. All donors are recognized during the annual conference. Donations made can be as a single item, a gift basket, tickets – or whatever you are able to give. All gifts are fully tax deductible and a tax receipt will be sent upon receipt of the donation.

*For questions about the MoSRT Annual Conference Silent Auction, or to make a donation, please contact:*

Lorinda Ross, Ways and Means Committee Chair: 816-752-1203

Kate Leshkova, Ways and Means Committee Co-Chair: 314-600-1150

# Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Conference

## A NEW DIRECTION



- earn CEUs
- student activities
- support your profession
- let your voice be heard

**April 2-5, 2014**

**Holiday Inn Executive Center**

**2200 I-70 Dr SW**

**Columbia, MO 65203**

For more info visit [www.mosrt.org](http://www.mosrt.org)



### Get more for your money at conference and WIN a FREE night's stay!

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual MoSRT Conference, April 2 – 5, 2014, is at a new location: the Holiday Inn Executive Center, in Columbia, MO. We have moved the conference in order to *reduce the cost of the hotel rooms* and offer a more centralized location. The new, lower room rate is **\$89/night**.

**ALL** conference attendees who stay at least 1 night at the Holiday Inn Executive Center will be entered in a drawing for a free night's stay, courtesy of the MoSRT! **TWO** lucky attendees will receive **ONE FREE NIGHT LODGING** – all you have to do is stay at the Holiday Inn! The drawings will be held Saturday; winners need not be present to win. The winners will have the hotel cost reimbursed after the conference.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



### Missouri technologists gather for RT in JC

by Diane Hutton, BA RT (R)

I want to personally thank the nearly 100 attendees for their participation at the RT in JC advocacy event on February 12, 2014. What an impression we made on our legislators! It is a privilege to show our lawmakers what we do and what an important part of healthcare we provide each and every day. Also, I'd like to send a special thank you to Becky Apodoca and Roman Moore who were on hand as the representatives from the ASRT. In addition to meeting with our state legislators, the MoSRT also presented our first "Legislator of the Year" award to Representative Higdon, the sponsor of HB 1060.

As a result of our efforts at RT in JC, Representative Burlison, the chairman of the Professional Licensure committee, announced he will give HB 1060 a hearing during this session. In fact, this will be the *only* licensure bill he will hear this session, so we should feel very privileged! Be sure to visit <http://www.mosrt.org/legislative.html> frequently, as I will be posting updates here.

I hope each of you were as satisfied with your day. Make sure you follow up with your legislators with an e-mail or phone call. Tell them "thank you," remind them of the reason you were there, and ask if they need any additional information. Be sure you give them your contact information.

Do not let this momentum end! We need to keep being the advocates for our profession, even after we achieve state licensure. Remember advocacy does not stop with the passage of HB 1060. Be an advocate for our profession by bringing education and an understanding of what we do to our peers.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions. I receive emails (24/7!) at [diane.hutton@mosrt.org](mailto:diane.hutton@mosrt.org). Thank you for being an advocate for the profession!

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Diane Hutton, BA RT (R), Legislative Activities Chair, presents Rep. Galen Higdon, R-St. Joseph, with the “Legislator of the Year” award on behalf of the MoSRT for his efforts in supporting HB 1060.

Contact your legislators today and ask for their support on House Bill 1060. Not sure who your legislators are? Visit <http://www.house.mo.gov> and <http://www.senate.mo.gov> to look up your Senator and Representative. They are just an e-mail away! Help support our profession by promoting patient safety through state licensure.



From Left: Rodney Fisher, MS RT (R)(N)(CT) CNMT; William “Joe” Oller, RT (R)(CT); Rep. TJ McKenna, D-Festus; Kelley McDonald, MS, RDMS, RVT, RT(R), MoSRT President gather on the House floor during RT in JC, February 12, 2014.



McDonald, Oller, and Fisher meet with Rep. Sheila Solon, R-Blue Springs, at the Missouri State Capital in support of HB 1060.

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**MARCH 24, 2014**

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CONFERENCE!**

Register online and pay via **PayPal**:

[http://www.mosrt.org/2014\\_conf\\_registration.html](http://www.mosrt.org/2014_conf_registration.html)

OR

Print your registration form and mail your payment.

(Printable form available here: [http://www.mosrt.org/2014\\_Conf\\_Reg\\_Form.pdf](http://www.mosrt.org/2014_Conf_Reg_Form.pdf) )

**MSRT Annual Conference – April 2-5, 2014**  
**Advance Registration Fees – Deadline March 24, 2014**

<b>TECHNOLOGIST</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER</b>
WEDNESDAY	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00
THURSDAY	\$120.00	\$160.00
FRIDAY	\$155.00	\$210.00
SATURDAY	\$ 65.00	\$ 90.00
<b>COMBO PACKAGES</b>		
WED, THURS, & FRI	\$210.00	\$295.00
WED, THURS, FRI & SAT	\$250.00	\$355.00
<b>STUDENT</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER</b>
WEDNESDAY	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00
THURSDAY	\$100.00	\$120.00
FRIDAY	\$115.00	\$155.00
SATURDAY	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
<b>COMBO PACKAGES</b>		
WED, THURS, & FRI	\$160.00	\$220.00
WED, THURS, FRI & SAT	\$220.00	\$310.00

<b>MEAL FEES FOR GUESTS</b>	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	\$30.00	\$30.00
Lunch	\$30.00	\$30.00
Banquet		\$60.00



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## T-SHIRTS

Get your MoSRT Conference T-shirt, on sale during conference for \$15! Sales help support MoSRT scholarship funds!



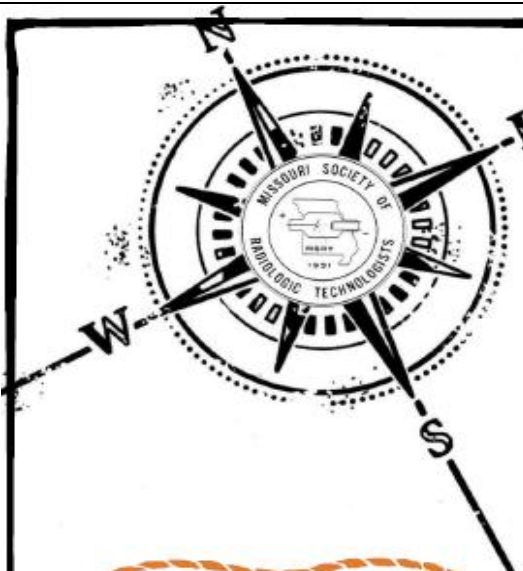
## STUDENT BOWL

Join us for friendly student rivalry on Thursday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wear your school colors and cheer on your favorite school! Don't miss this conference tradition!

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Interested in *enhancing* your career? Want to *give back* to your profession? **Consider volunteering on the MoSRT Board of Directors!** The MoSRT is currently looking for volunteers for board positions. Contact [Janet.Akers@mosrt.org](mailto:Janet.Akers@mosrt.org) for more information.

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# TRIVIA NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY** night, join us for  
**fun, food, and prizes!!**

**Trivia Starts at 7:30pm**

**(After the mixer)**

**Cost: \$40 for a table of 8**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- 8-\$20 gift cards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- 8 \$10 gift cards
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- 8 \$5 gift cards

**Winners of each round receive prizes too!!!**

**50/50 raffle**

Sign-up in advance by emailing  
Trivia\_Night@mosrt.org -  
pay at "trivia night table"  
during conference registration

The theme this year "Movin South" since MSRT is headed in a



Dress in your favorite "southern" wear cus the best dressed table may just win ya some extra points!!

Theme ideas: Duck Dynasty, Honey Boo Boo, southern bells, hillbillies, mossy oak ...just have FUN ya'all!!!

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## Annual MoSRT board retreat leads to revised mission statement

On September 20, 2013 the MoSRT board of directors met for their annual fall retreat in Columbia, MO. This is traditionally a time where board members meet face-to-face to work on business and spend time on pertinent issues within the society that require more time to address. This year, board members spent time looking at the society as a whole and reviewing the strategic plan. Board members were broken into groups and specific topics were discussed, such as non-dues revenue, membership benefits, by-laws review and others. One group of board members was tasked with looking at the mission statement of the MoSRT. This group reviewed the current statement and compared it with other affiliate societies, as well as the ASRT. The group recommended utilizing the statement, “The mission of the MoSRT is to advance the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession and to enhance the quality of patient care”. This new mission was adopted by the board. Check out MoSRT position statements and beliefs on professionalism at [www.mosrt.org/about us](http://www.mosrt.org/about_us).

The MoSRT board of directors is always looking for ways to improve, be responsible and represent the technologists of Missouri in the best way possible. If you have questions, feel free to contact any board member for more information.



MoSRT BOD members gathered on September 20, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO for the annual fall retreat. They discussed business-related issues, including member benefits and by-laws changes, at the site of the upcoming 82<sup>nd</sup> annual conference.



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## Annual conference takes a “New Direction” by returning to familiar ground

Over a decade ago, the MoSRT gathered at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO for the 66<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Due to growth of the society and the increasing number of attendees at the annual conference, the location was moved to the Lake of the Ozarks. Now, 16 years later, the MoSRT still follows the “TEAM” philosophy, but is heading in a “New Direction” back to Columbia, MO.

by Martin Henson, RT (R), MoSRT Historian

The year was 1998; the place, the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri. The U.S. President was Bill Clinton, Y2K was just beyond the horizon and “9-11” was known only as a way to contact emergency personnel. We were five years post the Midwest flood of ‘93 and seven years post Desert Storm.

The 1997-98 MSRT President presiding over the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was Donita Shipman. The Conference Coordinator was Norman Hente and the theme for the meeting was **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore! David Frazier was Program Chair and Ed Passman was the incoming President. Debra Hurst was elevated to Life Member status. Danny Cantrell presented the Ulysses D. Murray Memorial Lecture, “A look from the other side—what if you were the patient?” Coretta Schroer received the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence. Nicole Fuller of Avila College was awarded the MSRT Student Scholarship and Bonnie

(Brown) Ernst from Mineral Area College was the recipient of the Robert A. Feldhaus Scholarship. The MSRT Technologist Scholarships were presented to Debra Hurst and Kristi Littleton. The Research Medical Center students were winners of the Student Bowl Competition; 11 teams participated in all. Seventeen past-Presidents were on hand at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The attendance for this meeting was 370, representing the states of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri and Texas. Membership dues were only \$35 for active and supporting members and \$20 for inactive and student members.

It has been 16 years since we held our annual conference in this location. I believe we moved to the Lake of the Ozarks because of the growth of the MSRT; we now we return to Columbia to economize. Here’s to another successful conference!

Interested in **MORE** history about **YOUR** MOSRT?! Visit [http://www.mosrt.org/radiographer\\_archive.html](http://www.mosrt.org/radiographer_archive.html) to read archived editions of *The Radiographer*, dating back to April 1967!