**2010-2011 Conference Committee Annual Report**
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**Conference Co-Chairs**

Upon reviewing the 2011 conference survey results, cost and location, the board decided to host the 2012 Annual Conference at the Westford Regency. We have successfully hosted conferences at this location and have decided this is the best option for 2012. We are always open to suggestions, if you know of another site that meets our space requirements, please contact the MSRT office with the information. The conference committee actively visits potential sites and are always willing to check out other locations.

Attendance at the 2011 Conference was 324 members on Thursday and 269 members on Friday. Attendance numbers decline for each lecture on Friday afternoon, which is unfortunate for the speakers who have put a lot of time into preparing their lectures. Suggestions were made to move the conference away from Friday, as there is a tendency to leave early to beat the weekend traffic. We decided to try a Wednesday, Thursday conference with the Buzz Bowl beginning on Tuesday afternoon. The official conference dates will be April 3-5, 2012. Hosting the conference mid-week and centrally located, we hope to attract more technologists. Please check the website for further information regarding the conference updates, scholarship criteria and Buzz Bowl information.

The conference co-chairs of Debbie Ricciardelli and Marie Oliver will be stepping down after the 2013 conference. It is time to pass the torch, get some fresh faces and fresh ideas for future conferences. I

We will be thrilled to mentor new committee members this year so they can take over in 2013!  No one does the work alone: it takes a team to plan and host the annual conference. One or two people are needed to become the chairpersons, to organize and oversee the committee.  It is a tremendous responsibility but at the same time it is extremely rewarding to host this conference.  This is also an excellent opportunity to beef up your resume and demonstrate your organizational and leadership skills!  Many positions are filled by networking: the conference is a great way to network with professionals throughout the state.  The MSRT is our professional association and we want the MSRT and its conferences to be here in the future, to provide support, CE's and networking opportunities for the technologists and Imaging students of Massachusetts.