



2011-2012 MSRT Annual Report Submitted By Lynne Davis, Secretary

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Highlights of actions and decisions made by the Board this 2011-2012 year.

Social Media

- We have a Facebook page. As of January 2012 it was reaching about 400 people/month.

CEU's

- The Board has been actively looking into the best and most cost effective way to offer Online CEU's to members and non-members.

Scholarships

- The state and QCC scholarship criteria were updated and applied this year.
- The MSRT offers two \$1000 Scholarships-The Oliver Merrill and the Florence Wakefield. As a way to preserve the budget it was decided that we would alternate scholarships. One year we would have the Oliver Merrill and the next year we would have the Florence Wakefield scholarship.

½ Day Seminars were held in

- September 17, 2011 Fireside Grille.
- December 10, 2011 at MGH. Associated X-Ray Corporation, Inc. was the sponsor of that seminar.

- January 21, 2012 at Winchester Hospital. The Continental Breakfast at this seminar was sponsored by Medical Imaging Systems.
- February 25, 2012 at North Shore Community College

Dues

- Due to the increasing cost of doing business and after much debate and research the Board polled the membership regarding a dues increase. The membership voted to pass a dues increase effective 2012-2013.

Treasurer

- Since 2008, warnings have been issued to the Board by the Treasurer that a dues increase and membership drive would be needed / strongly encouraged to protect the fiscal integrity of the MSRT. It was noted that for the first time the MSRT was not showing a profit.
- The Treasurer compared the MSRT's costs to 44 other imaging societies' across the US. Seven (7) societies' charge more than we do. The Treasurer and other members of the Board then conducted an extensive survey of these active radiologic societies to determine what services they provided to the membership. They compared: general services, CEU's, Face book/Social Network connected, is their site being maintained, do they offer Scholarships, what kinds of conference activities do they provide?

Charitable Organization

- The charitable organization selected by the MSRT for 2011-2012 has been Homes For Our Troops.

RT in DC

- MSRT was represented at RT in DC 2012-March 25-27, 2012 by Dave LeClair, and Lisa Fanning.
- Despite strong support by MSRT, ACR and the MSRPE and other state and national organizations the Care Bill still remains unpassed.

2011 ASRT House of Delegates Meeting

- 2 MSRT representatives attended the 2011 ASRT House of Delegates Meeting. Bernadette and Ty Martin. Pat Willett was our Alternate. The 2012 Representatives are Dave LeClair, Pat Willett and Nancy Sutcliffe.

DPH/Radiation Control Board -

The Board has been extremely dissatisfied with the level of accountability coming from the Radiation Control Board and Bob Gallagher. Several attempts have been made to write and call regarding two major concerns: Advanced Certification acknowledgement of technologists who want their Advanced Certificates counted as their CEUs for the year AND the attempts by Nurse Practitioners to be added on to the wording of the bill for Physician Assistants. The RCB, up to this point, had been unresponsive to all of the MSRT efforts to discuss these concerns. More specifically, we believe that protocol was not followed/public comment was not allowed... when a piece of verbiage was placed in the bill allowing Nurse Practitioners the same privilege as Physician Assistants. The concern is regarding Nurse Practitioners working as a first assistant in the Cardiac Cath lab, thus operating ionizing radiation equipment without proper training, which is in violation of Massachusetts Licensure. However, due to the Board's persistence and the 100+ letters sent by the membership to the DPH, a meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday to address our concerns. Our past and current Presidents, along with our Governance Chair and ASRT Representative will be present at this meeting.

Annual Meeting

- The membership overwhelmingly encouraged the Board to bring the annual conference back to the Westford Regency for 2012 and change the days to Tues, Wed and Thursday.
- This year, the Board approved a Mammography Seminar to be held on the Tuesday leading up to the Annual Conference. The desire was to make sure we were reaching out to the mammographers.
- We are looking for a new Buzz Bowl Coordinator.
- Two, soon-to-be-graduates from Northern Essex Community College Kerri Covey and Kate Lebreque have consented to be the 2013 Conference Co-Chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,
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