



2014-2015 President's Annual Report Submitted By David LeClair, BS RT(R)(ARRT)

It seems like just yesterday I was announcing initiatives for my Presidency and here we are a year later. As I reflect on this past year, we have accomplished a tremendous amount of work to advance our society with assistance from the ASRT. They have made great progress in supporting the Affiliate Societies in good standing and I'm proud to say that Massachusetts sits very close to the top of that list.

There are three very important Affiliate Programs offered by the ASRT that Massachusetts has recently qualified. First was the **"Affiliate Development Program"** a contract signed two years ago that would enable the MSRT to go forward with improvements that we ordinarily would not be capable of financially on our own. We were able to purchase two badly needed laptop computers for events like the Annual Conference and Seminars. This also gave us the opportunity to make improvements to our website, improve communications with our membership and create a marketing plan to promote the MSRT.

The Second program was designed to assist Affiliate Societies with regulatory and legislative issues in Massachusetts. Some of these include encroachment of the Society of Nurse Practitioner's, Podiatrist Assistants performing radiographic procedures under the Podiatrist license, recent legislation to possibly sunset the "Radiation Advisory Commission", a connection to our License Bill and the lack of effort on the state level to move the updated radiation regulations to a public hearing for comment, a necessary step before officially enacting these new regulations. The MSRT board members discussed at length the benefits of applying for the **"Affiliate Advocacy Program"** offered by the ASRT that would assist Massachusetts in our lobbying efforts to deal with these important issues. After much discussion, I'm happy to announce that I signed this program agreement which was accepted by the ASRT allowing us the financial resources to support our efforts at the State House in Boston.

The **"Affiliate Financial Assistance Program"** is the third program that the ASRT offered recently that went into effect for Massachusetts this year on July 1, 2015.

It is a program available for any State in good standing and meeting certain requirements. This program has the potential to give the MSRT a financial boost from the ASRT directly benefiting all our members. As one of the requirements for this program, I signed a liability insurance binder on March 31, 2015, the MSRT is now fully insured for the first time in its history. Other requirements in this process was to submit an updated copy of our "Policy and Procedure" manual completed by Chairman of the Board Pat Willett according to ASRT guidelines and an updated financial "Policy and Procedure" manual completed by Treasurer Karl Ellison also under the guidance of the ASRT. Pat and Karl did an outstanding job with these manuals and certainly did Massachusetts proud. By July 1st we had officially completed all our requirements to qualify for this program.

Partnering with the ASRT on these three vitally important programs has shed a new light on the MSRT and how the society can provide more support to all Technologists. We have the means to protect your State License at the legislative level on Beacon Hill by addressing the constant threats to our profession and at the Technologists level by offering quality lectures at our two annual seminars at no additional cost to members of the MSRT. **We need all Technologist to consider joining the MSRT, this opportunity has significantly increased the benefits of becoming a member and we will become even stronger with every new member. We need all of you to join us as we continue to strengthen our profession. The money you save on the CE's alone at no cost will be more than the cost of your membership dues.**

Another significant advancement this year was the development of our newly designed MSRT website. This was made possible by the benefits of the "Affiliate Development Program" with support from the ASRT. Members of the Board spent many hours fine tuning these changes for the benefit of all Technologist. It's become easier to navigate our website, it has more information and is mobile friendly. As a member, you will find many resources on our new website, we have expanded the job market and employment opportunities. You can read our quarterly "Exposure" newsletter among many other benefits.

In working so closely this year with the ASRT, we have developed a stronger relationship with their staff. We are just one of a handful of States who are consistently connected with them and who qualify for all three of their support programs. New this year at the ASRT Conference in Albuquerque, 3 States were chosen to be highlighted during the Affiliate Program due to their steady progress. I'm proud to say that Massachusetts was chosen as one of the three to address a National audience. Again Massachusetts was praised for our successes and advances particularly during the last three years. Massachusetts is highly regarded by the ASRT as one of the most active and strongest Affiliates in the country and I'm so proud to be a part of it.

With all this being said I want to increase the awareness of all Technologist as to why it is important to support the MSRT with your membership, we represent you in so many ways, many of which the average Technologist never stops to realize.

It was through the efforts of certain individuals in the MSRT that we have one of the strongest License bills in the country and Massachusetts stands tall at national events. Be proud of who we are and consider joining us.

I think it is vitally important that all Educators and Clinical instructors be a leading example to our students. Make it a priority for you and all your students to join the MSRT, there are so many advantages. Take the time during the first semester to explain to every student the importance of why they should take an interest in our profession and the many benefits it has to offer.

It has been a rewarding year for me as President, I truly enjoyed leading this organization and with such a dedicated supporting cast. I was very fortunate to have Pat Willet our Chairman of the Board and Darren Sack our President-Elect supporting me every step of the way. Thank you so much for all your advice and contributions working with me to advance our society and profession. I also want to thank all the Board members for their contributions and support for an outstanding year and to Mary-Ann our Administrative Director who always has all of us covered, she is a definite asset to this organization. Without the support of all Board members we accomplish nothing. I know the newly installed officers will do a great job, we have another all-star lineup. Please, all students out there and Technologists too, jump on the bandwagon, there is so much to gain serving your society on the Board of Directors. Get involved with your profession, we need your voice heard.

Respectfully Submitted

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