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MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS NEWSLETTER

Proceeds from the 50/50 Raffles at our Conference will be donated to "Homes for our Troops" & used to fund our student scholarships



President's Message



Happy February MSRT members! It is well into February and we are entering the later stages of winter (we all hope although it is New England) and so far it has been significantly more tolerable than last year, certainly less snowy! As I write this I am coming towards the end of my term as President and reflecting back on the year brings some sadness as well as the realization your board of directors has been a tremendously hard working group over the year and I am humbled to be associated with such a fine team of individuals. Nothing you see on this is possible without strong dedicated individuals behind the scenes working for you, the membership of the MSRT. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve each of you over this past year and while it has been a busy and intense year I have enjoyed this thoroughly and thank everyone I have spoken with and worked with over the past 10+ months.

Your MSRT Executive Board has been hard at work over the year, particularly the past few months, on your behalf. If you are not aware, there are proposed revisions to the Radiologic Technologist licensing regulations. This are the first revisions to our regulations since 1994 and the result of a multi specialty group consisting of representation from every Radiology specialty – Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Education, and Management – working over two years with the Mass Dept of Public Health Radiation Control Board to develop the proposed guidelines. The goal of these revisions is to bring our regulations more current to reflect the increasing complexity of medical imaging, newer modalities, and most important to ensure the general public in Massachusetts they are receiving care in medical imaging from the most highly qualified credentialed and licensed individuals who actively participate in continuing education.

It is our hope MSRT members will be an active part of these discussions and we are preparing a formal position statement which will be submitted to the Department of Public Health within a very short time span. We are in full support of the proposed regulations changes with some clarification and minor modifications. Any individual is welcome and invited to submit comments to the Department related to the proposed regulations revisions. For more details regarding this please visit the MSRT website at <http://member.msrt-ma.org/rt-licensure-action-needed/>.

The deadline for submitting comments is February 25, 2016, details and instructions as well as links to the proposal are at this link. I congratulate everyone who was part of the workgroup and who has participated in lengthy, detailed discussions at the MSRT level as well as members and technologists who have sent in questions and comments. Integrated into our position statement are items sent in by many members and we have addressed every question to date and incorporated this into the final document draft. Please continue to send in questions to the MSRT main address and we will respond with answers or clarifications.

MSRT

85th Annual Conference
Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center
April 7 - April 8, 2016



Pathways to Excellence
in
Diagnostic Imaging



President's Message (cont'd from Page 1)

We recently became aware the MSRT received a major award from the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). Massachusetts was chosen as the recipient of the 2016 ASRT Award for Outstanding Affiliate Grass-roots Advocacy. This award is given to an ASRT affiliate society that has demonstrated outstanding legislative or regulatory advocacy efforts on behalf of the radiologic sciences community. It is with pleasure and pride we will have MSRT board members receive this award at the ASRT Annual Conference in June. Congratulations to everyone involved in these efforts over many years. This is only awarded with consistency over a long period of time and is reflective of the quality of individuals and volunteer efforts we have in Massachusetts. It is an honor to be associated with such an amazing group of technologists!

The MSRT Annual Conference is coming up on April 7-8th at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center. It is a great opportunity to network with other radiologic professionals as well as attend continuing education lectures. For new graduates and radiologic students we have the Buzz Bowl and many opportunities to meet potential employers and learn more about the profession you will be entering. We hope to see many technologists & students at the conference, and I look forward to meeting with members, old and new in April.

Over this year we held, for the first time, our free half day seminars for MSRT members. This is part of the ongoing commitment we, the MSRT Board, has made to provide value and opportunity for MSRT members. The two seminars this year were well attended and I congratulate the teams who helped organize and run two very successful seminars. One of the goals of this change is to try to encourage new members to join or past members to rejoin the MSRT. It is our hope to continue these free seminars (up to 8 free CEUs per member) however in order to do this over a long term we must continue to grow our membership. Please spread the word regarding this and other opportunities offered by the MSRT and encourage your colleagues to consider membership with the MSRT. If you or anyone ever has questions regarding membership please send them into the MSRT mailbox. We address and reply to every individual question, our ongoing commitment to you, the members of the MSRT.

Along with the annual meeting it is time for MSRT Officer Elections. Very shortly you will be receiving an email with an electronic ballot for those members who have been nominated or have stepped forward and are willing to serve on the 2016-17 Board of Directors. Please take the time and support those who have stepped forward by casting your vote when the ballot comes. We have switched to an electronic ballot to allow for simple and quick access in hopes of making this as easy as possible. Nominations are open until the end of February and write in candidates are welcome as part of the election process. Please reference the MSRT website for position qualifications. Most are very simple with no experience needed. Anyone with questions regarding serving in any position is welcome to contact the MSRT central office or any member of the board. Our contact information is provided on the MSRT website.

As revisions and license specifications become available we will continue to keep you, our members informed. This will be managed with emails and via our website. Please check the MSRT website frequently for updates, additional information regarding licensing and annual conference information and as a member please take the time to vote.

Information regarding board positions, our annual conference, and news related to licensure revisions are posted on the MSRT website at <http://member.msrt-ma.org/about/board-of-directors-position-descriptions/>. Please check the website frequently as we post updates, announcements, and news on a regular basis.

We hope to see many of you at the conference!

Warmest regards!
Darren Sack, BS, RT(R)
MSRT President 2015-16

Check Our

MSRT 85th Annual
Conference
"Pathways to Excellence"



Special thanks to Marie Enkosalu, RT(R)(CT) for sharing her artistic talents in designing & drawing the image for our conference brochure to correlate with the chosen theme.

Marie also designed & drew the image for the 2014 Annual Conference.

85th ANNUAL CONFERENCE APRIL 6-8, 2016

Thursday April 7, 2016

- 7:45 AM Welcome**
- 8:00 AM Keynote: "Post-Surgical/ Procedural Appearances in Medical Imaging"**
with Michael Odgren, BS RPA RT(R)(CT)
ASRT Representative
- 10:00 AM "Low Level Radiation in Perspective "**
with Chad A. Smith MS, CHP
- 11:00 AM "Imaging Systems in Radiology: Applications, Integration & Evolution"**
with Kori Stewart, MHS RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)
- 12:00 PM BUSINESS LUNCHEON**
- 1:30 PM "Radiology in the OR"**
with Chuck Carpeaux, RT(R)
- 2:30 PM "Modifying the Environment to Facilitate Cooperation"**
with Angela Franceschi, M.Ed, CCLS II
- 3:30 PM "Orthopedic Imaging"**
with Chuck Carpeaux, RT(R)

Friday, April 8th 2015

- 7:45 AM Welcome**
- 8:00 AM 2016 Oliver E. Merrill Lecture**
with Patricia Willett, BS RT(R)(CT)
- 9:00 AM "High Time for change: Medical Marijuana"**
with Mark J. Rieumont, MD
- 10:15 AM "Advocacy in our Profession: How it could save your job!!!"**
with Diane Konsenko, RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)
- 11:15 AM "Achieving True Professionalism in the Medical Field"**
with Michael Ogden, BS RPA RT(R)(CT)
- 12:15 PM BUSINESS LUNCHEON**
- 1:30 PM "Leadership: The Ultimate Pathway to Excellence"**
with Dr. Mario Torres Leon

2:30 PM "Mammography and the Importance of Positioning"
with Karen L. Ljungberg, RT(R)(M)(QM)

3:30 PM "Understanding your Radiation Dose: A Technologist's Guide to the Effective Dose Limiting (EfD) System"
with Derek Carver, BS RT(R)(MR)

BREAKFAST & LUNCHEON

There will be a continental breakfast served each morning which includes: bagels, assorted muffins, breakfast pastries, assorted sliced fruit, fresh brewed coffee, assorted teas and chilled juices. There will also be a luncheon buffet served at the Business Meeting on Wednesday & Thursday.

2016 BUZZ BOWL CHALLENGE

Preliminary games will begin on Wednesday, April 6th at 12:30 PM. The semi-finals will be held on Thursday, April 7th and finals on Friday, April 8th. First, Second & Third Place trophies will be awarded at the Business Luncheon on April 8th.



"Show Your School Spirit" Student T-Shirt Contest

Winners will be announced at the Cocktail Hour on April 7th. Contestants must be in attendance to win.



**Lahey Hospital
& Medical Center**

COCKTAIL HOUR

Please join us Thursday Evening after the last lecture for a live band, hors d'oeuvre & cash bar. Come meet Michael Odgren & the rest of the MSRT Board to network, socialize & celebrate our profession.

Special Thanks Lahey Clinic for sponsoring the Cocktail Hour & for their continued support.



Grab your beads & join us on Thursday evening from 8:00-12:00 for our Mardi Gras Dance with DJ & Cash Bar.
Admission \$5



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85th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Westford Inn & Conference Center • 219 Littleton Road • Westford, MA 01886

April 7-8, 2016 **Buzz Bowl 2016 begins on April 6th, 2016**

REGISTRATION FORM

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Employer or

If Student—College Representing: _____

Special Accommodations or dietary needs: _____

Day(s) Attending: _____ Wednesday (Buzz Bowl 2016) _____ Thursday (4/7/16) _____ Friday (4/8/16)

Type	1 Day	2 Day	Select
Student	\$75	\$150	
Buzz Bowl Coach	\$75	\$150	
Technologist	\$125	\$250	
QCC Member	\$110	\$220	
Non-Member	\$210	\$335	

Continental Breakfast & Luncheon Included in the Fee
Non-Members are welcome to apply for membership
& take advantage of the reduced conference
registration rate. Membership Rates are:
July 1st - Feb 29=\$50 After March 1st=\$75

**All Students &
Buzz Bowl
Coaches
attending the
conference must
be current MSRT
members**

**Please be advise: There will be a
\$20 On-Site Registration Fee so
please mail your form early or
register on-line.**

**Please Donate To :
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The MSRT 2015-2016 Charity**

Amount: _____ HFOT Donation: _____
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**Technologists outside of Massachusetts
who are members of their state society or for RI
Residents who are members of the ASRT,
may take advantage of the membership rate.
Membership cards must be presented at the
registration desk upon check-in**

For Technologists outside of Massachusetts:

Please enter your: ASRT#: _____ OR

State Society Member # _____

Conference Menu

Thursday, April 7th Luncheon

Sicilian sausage soup

*Classic Caesar salad Chicken parmesan with
tomato oregano sauce*

Pasta primavera

Sicilian pizza (cheese, vegetable & pepperoni)

Assorted cannoli & tiramisu

Coffee, tea, soft drinks and bottled water

Friday, April 8th Luncheon

New England clam chowder

Cranberry, apple and spinach salad

Dijon and maple glazed chicken

Vegetarian Ravioli

Mashed potatoes & Green beans

Boston cream pie

Mini whoopie pies

Coffee, tea, soft drinks and bottled water

*There will be a continental breakfast
served each morning which includes:*

*Assorted chilled juices, assorted
bagels served with a variety of*

flavored cream cheeses and preserves

*Freshly brewed regular coffee,
decaffeinated coffee and a
selection of herbal teas*

Michael Odgren, B.S., R.P.A., R.T.(R)(CT)

2016 Annual Conference

Keynote Speaker



Mike is a radiology practitioner assistant at Diversified Radiology of Colorado in Lakewood, Colorado. Mike is a native of Massachusetts & a graduate of Quinsigamond Community College so we are very happy to welcome him back.

He is currently the Speaker of the House and has served the ASRT in many capacities, including:

- Vice Speaker of the House, ASRT Board of Directors
- Chairman of the Board, Colorado Society
- Affiliate Delegate, Colorado
- President, Colorado Society
- Member, Commission
- Member, Grass-roots Network
- Member, Committee on R.T. Advocacy
- President-Elect, Colorado Society
- Participant, Leadership Academy
- Member, Student Intern Selection Committee



Dr. Mario Leon-Torres

The MSRT would like to welcome back Dr. Mario who will be flying in from Colorado to speak at our 85th Annual Conference.



2016 Oliver E. Merrill Lecturer

Patricia Willett, BS RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)

We celebrate the Oliver E. Merrill Lecturer by selecting a member from our profession that exemplifies the dedication shown by Oliver E. Merrill in support of the MSRT & Radiologic Technologists in the Commonwealth. Pat is a Past President of our society and currently serves on the ASRT Committee on RT Advocacy Committee.

Pat includes the support of all technologists and the society as an integral part of her life and works closely with the Radiation Control Program to ensure each technologists success.

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The MSRT is committed to assisting and promoting professional advancement. The James V. Lampka President's Scholarship was created to ensure radiologic technologists have the financial support they need to complete additional certifications or college degrees. Funding for this scholarship is provided through the generous donation of the members from the Quarter Century Club. This scholarship is given annually and presented at the MSRT Conference. Technologists are encouraged to apply. Deadline for application submission is February 24, 2016. To download an application, please visit <http://member.msrt-ma.org/continuing-education/scholarships/>

Student Scholarships

The MSRT & the QCC are offering Entry Level Scholarships for students currently enrolled in accredited radiology programs. The deadline for applications is February 24, 2016. To download an application, please visit <http://member.msrt-ma.org/continuing-education/scholarships/>



Special Thanks to Richard Tetrault for organizing our 1/2 Day Seminar at Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center on 11/7/2016. Steward GSMC offered a great meeting space as well as sponsored a delicious continental breakfast. This is the 2nd time Steward GSMC has sponsored a 1/2 Day Seminar for the society & their support is greatly appreciated.



The American Society of Radiologic Technologists' Committee on R.T. Advocacy has selected the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists to receive the 2016 ASRT Award for Outstanding Affiliate Grass-roots Advocacy. This award, presented at the 2016 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting in Las Vegas, NV, is given to an ASRT affiliate society that has demonstrated outstanding legislative or regulatory advocacy efforts on behalf of the radiologic sciences community.

The ASRT Board of Directors and members recognize the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists efforts in providing radiologic technologists and radiation therapists the knowledge, resources and support they need to advocate for professional standards and quality patient care.

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ASRT Student Leadership Development Program

The MSRT is happy to announce that Nicole Napolitano of MCPHS University & Kayla Yameen of Northern Essex Community College have been selected to represent Massachusetts at the 2016 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program.

David LeClair, Darren Sack, Patricia Willett & Nancy Julin will be on hand at the 2016 House of Delegates Meeting to serve our members and serve as mentors to the students.

Look for their update in our Summer Edition of The Exposure.



Check your email to cast your vote for the 2016-2017 MSRT Board of Directors. Know of someone or you would like to run, please utilize the write-in nominations section



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The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) is a not for profit organization dedicated to the professional growth and development in the Radiologic Sciences. The Society is committed to the advancement of radiologic technology by promoting high ethical standards, improving the quality of patient care, maintaining the standards of education, and providing quality continuing professional development opportunities for all medical imaging and therapy professionals.

The MSRT is committed to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all programs and activities and complies with all State and Federal Non-Discriminatory Guidelines. This includes but is not limited to opportunities or benefits on the basis of age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, political belief or disability.

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