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President's Message

Who knew 21 years after I first held the office of President of the MSRT I would be back and torturing all of you again.

I am reaching out to all of you for your support because we cannot recruit enough volunteers to manage our society. During our very successful conference this year I spoke of the need to become more involved. We know you can obtain CEU's from a myriad of venues; however what they cannot offer you is a voice in government and advocacy for our profession. They take your money and run. We use your membership fees to not only help support continuing education opportunities and scholarships but to advocate tirelessly for the benefit of our profession.

In the 1970s David Sack along with others in our profession recognized the need of for licensing of radiologic technologists. Those individuals worked for many years to get the licensing regulations passed in the 1980s. Why was this so important? To ensure the safety of the general public by ensuring only well-educated and competent radiologic technologists and radiation therapists would be performing their procedures.

As you know there are those who would have untrained, uneducated individuals operating imaging equipment and performing imaging procedures. Just last year advanced nurse practitioners tried to pass a bill allowing them to not only order imaging procedures but to perform those imaging studies. Our advocacy team of Patricia Willett and David LeClair spent many hours of their own time conferring with the ASRT and meeting with the DPH Radiation Control Board, as well as, our state legislators to convince them of the need to block this bill in order to protect the safety of the public.

With the current climate in Healthcare CEO's will be looking for ways to trim costs wherever possible. One way they could do this would be by hiring non-licensed individuals to perform imaging procedures and providing them with a much lower salary than technologists currently receive. Radiology is not a well-known field to the general public and lay people do not understand the course work and training needed to become a Radiologic Technologist. There are still five (5) states without licensure where anyone can be hired to take images. We want and need your help to make sure you stay informed of the current climate in healthcare and join us to advocate for our profession and protect our licensing regulations.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The MSRT Board of Directors will continue to work with the ASRT and others to keep our profession from being eroded and impinged upon, but without a collective voice we will not be heard. We have reached out in the past and asked all of you to call your state legislators and advocate not only on your own behalf but also for the patients we serve. Please continue to assist our profession with this advocacy work in the year ahead.

This year we will be planning two more 1/2 day seminars along with the annual conference. Please look on the MSRT website for details of these events. This message would not be complete without me thanking a number of people who continue to support the MSRT and its values:

- Nancy Julin Past- President, who has patiently mentored me for this past year, Patricia Willett, David LeClair and Darren Sack, (all who have too many titles to list here) who continue to fight for our profession.
- Conference Chairs for 2017, Michele Cody and Kayla Yameen, for their time and effort which was very much evident throughout the 2.5 days of this year's conference.
- Our unbelievable Buzz Bowl committee who, over the course of the last year, re-wrote the entire series of questions. This work is not done on work time but was completed on their own time. Co-chairs of the buzz bowl- Casey Cafua & Lisa Lorick and Elaine McHugh, Brenna Lapsley, Lynn Pellecchia, Kelly Reynolds, and Patricia Willett all assisted in this process.
- Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs: David LeClair and Patricia Willett
- Scholarship Committee Chair: Michael DeVecchio and the members of the Scholarship Committee

Thank you to the entire Board of Directors for 2016-2017:

President: Nancy Julin
Chairman of the Board: Darren Sack
Vice President: Karen Farris
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Member-at-Large: Elaine McHugh
Educational Coordinator: Victoria Glassman
State Delegates: Michele Cody, David LeClair, Christopher Mercurio, Renee Puryear & Pat Willett
Quarter Century Club Chair: Carol Wallace

Finally thank you to the incoming 2017-2018 Board Members for stepping up-the-plate:

Chairman of the Board: Nancy Julin
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Treasurer: Karl Ellison
Treasure-Elect: Michele Cody
Member-At-Large- Kim Vanyo
Educational Coordinator: Victoria Glassman
State Delegates: Monica Caggiano, Casey Cafua, Kayla Yameen, Lynn Pellecchia & Richard Tetrault

I realize this is a long message and I promise the next two (2) will be much shorter. I am reaching out to all those who read this message so that you will tell your colleagues how much time and effort is put in by everyone on the board and what the MSRT has to offer its members:

- A voice for our profession
- Liaison with the ASRT
- An avenue to meet new people
- Continuing Education Opportunities

I challenge each of you to encourage one of your colleagues to join the MSRT and I look forward to meeting some of you over the next year at our seminars and conference.

Please feel free to reach out to me with your ideas and suggestions of how we can grow our membership and strengthen our society.

Sincerely,



Jane Erikson BS, RT(R)
President of the MSRT



Governance Report ★ May 2017

Submitted by: Patricia Willett & David LeClair
Governance Co-Chairs

Medicare Recognition of the Radiologist Assistant

Massachusetts Radiologic Technologist Licensing regulations now recognize Radiologist Assistants (RA) and Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associates (NMAA). Please take a few minutes to support the RAs by contacting your federal legislators and asking them to co-sponsor the current bills to obtain Medicare recognition.

It's easy to do, just follow the link below to submit a pre-formatted message and tell your legislators that radiologist assistants play a very valuable role in health care and should be recognized by Medicare. It is up to us to convince our senators and representatives to support these bills. As a direct result of Medicare's current policy RAs are losing their jobs and universities are on the verge of suspending or terminating their radiologist assistant programs. Without Medicare's recognition of RAs, the profession is in peril.

- [S.B. 769](#)
- [H.R. 1904](#)

[Write your representative & senators now!](#)

ARRT To Stop Issuing New QM Credentials

We wanted you to be aware of a recent decision made by the ARRT Board of Trustees to discontinue issuing new Quality Management (QM) credentials. Please click the link below to access a news release that details the rationale behind the decision, and also explains options for R.T.s that currently hold the QM credential as well as those who are in the process of obtaining it.

[ARRT Press Release—May 15, 2017](#)

ASRT Award for Advocacy Winners Named

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists has awarded the 2017 ASRT Award for Advocacy to The Kentucky Society of Radiologic Technologists Inc. and The New Hampshire Society of Radiologic Technologists, along with **Patricia Willett, B.S., R.T.(R)(CT)**, and Brandy Cusson, R.T.(R). Established in 2003, the program recognizes two affiliate societies and two individuals for outstanding legislative advocacy efforts performed on behalf of the radiologic science community. The winners are selected from nominations submitted by ASRT members.

From the ASRT website



Patricia Willett, B.S., R.T.(R)(CT), an integral part of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists' legislative committee, was nominated for her advocacy efforts. Willett was a select member of the Radiation

Control Department special committee to revise and update the state's medical imaging and radiation therapy licensure regulations. She has testified in the state capitol against a number of bills that would grant nurse practitioners, physician assistants and podiatry assistants the authority perform medical imaging procedures. Moreover, Willett is responsible for creating and distributing call-to-action messages and monitoring legislative and regulatory activities in Massachusetts.

We are very fortunate to have Pat participating on the MSRT Board of Directors & appreciate everything she does for the society & technologists across the state.

Special Thanks to those who supported us throughout the 2016-2017 Membership Year:

Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center for sponsoring the meeting space & breakfast at our September 1/2 Day Seminar at Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center

Lahey Hospital & Medical Center along with Lahey Hospital Peabody for donating the meeting space & speaker honorariums at our November Mammography Seminar

Medical Imaging Systems for sponsoring the continental breakfast at our February 1/2 Day Seminar at Northern Essex Community College

Their continued dedication to the society & its members is greatly



Special Thanks to Tyler Martin, Past President of the MSRT & our 2017 Florence Wakefield Award recipient for handling all our A/V needs for the entire conference. His continued support is greatly appreciated!

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We would like to give a Special Thanks to Michele Cody & Kayla Yameen for an amazing conference! They both did an fantastic job and Kayla has volunteered to serve as Conference Co-Chair for our 2018 Annual Conference. Michele will be serving on the Conference Committee as she will be familiarizing herself with her role as Treasurer-Elect during the upcoming year.. We appreciate their dedication to the society & it's members. Special Thanks to Judith Samuelman who volunteered to serve alongside Kayla as Conference Co-Chair.  
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**Lahey Hospital
& Medical Center**



**Lahey Medical Center
Peabody**



**2017 ASRT House of
Delegates Meeting
June 23-25, 2018**

MSRT board members Jane Erekson, Nancy Julin, Darren Sack, David LeClair & Patricia Willett will be attending the meeting to vote on important issues facing Massachusetts technologists.

Tasha Blondiet (MCPHS) & Drew Sutherland (BHCC) will represent Massachusetts at the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program held in conjunction with the House of Delegates Meeting. We are thankful for their dedication to our society & look for their meeting updates in the Fall edition of The Exposure.



*The MSRT Office will be closed
July 3rd–July 14th*

2017 MSRT CONFERENCE

"A Spectrum of Imaging Opportunities"



Congratulations to Mackenzie Dionne who won a \$100 gift card in the Name the Skeletons contest sponsored by Associated X-Ray at our 86th Annual Conference.

The names selected were:

Molly B & Nick L

Thank you for everyone who participated!



NECC won 1st Place in the "Show Your School Spirit" T-shirt Contest for the 2nd year in a row!



Thank you to our Exhibitors







2017 Buzz Bowl Committee



2017 Quarter Century Club Inductees

From Left: Deborah Campbell, Susan Deresta, Bill Darmody, David Killian & Anthony Kapadoukakis



2017 MSRT CONFERENCE

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS



Brenna Lapsley accepts the President James Lampka Scholarship from David LeClair



David LeClair & Jane Erikson award 1st Place to Brianne Eaton and Kayla Doherty for their Scientific Exhibit



David LeClair awards Andrew Girard of Quinsigamond Community College a QCC Scholarship



Amanda Lussier accepts the NECC David Getty Scholarship



Gianna Mirabella from MCPHS accepts her QCC Scholarship from David LeClair



Sarah Ducott of NECC accepts the Florence Wakefield Scholarship from David LeClair

BUZZ BOWL 2017 UPDATE

Submitted By: Cacey Cafua & Lisa Lorick
Buzz Bowl Co-Chairs

1st Place - Brigham & Womens Hospital



2nd Place - Northern Essex Community College



3rd Place - Middlesex Community College



We would like to thank all of the students and coaches for another successful year with the Buzz Bowl! The teams were all very strong and it was a close competition for the top three spots.

The eight competing teams:

- Brigham and Woman's Hospital
- Bunker hill Community College
- Quinsigamond Community College
- Massasoit Community College
- Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Science
- Middlesex Community College
- Northern Essex Community College
- Springfield Technical Community College

The top three teams:

- 1) Brigham and Woman's Hospital
- 2) Northern Essex Community College
- 3) Middlesex Community College

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to help organize and prepare for the Buzz Bowl. A special thanks to Elaine McHugh and Lynn Pellecchia for all of your help. I also want to thank our Buzz Bowl Committee, Brenna Lapsley, Kelly Reynolds & Patricia Willett for all of their time and effort.

We are looking to mentor new Buzz Bowl Coordinators for the 2019 competition so if you are interested, please contact the [MSRT office](#).

Congratulations to everyone who participated We look forward to the 2018 Buzz Bowl competition!

Thank You to our Conference Exhibitors



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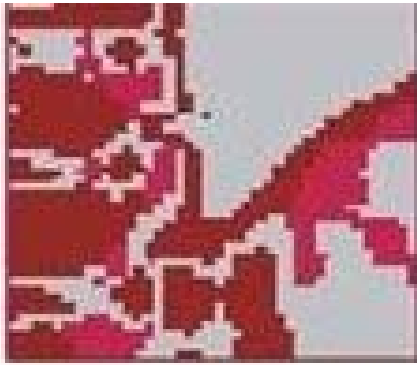
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The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) is a not for profit organization dedicated to the professional growth and development in the Radiologic Sciences. The Society is committed to the advancement of radiologic technology by promoting 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.



HOLD THE DATE!

**2018 MSRT
87TH ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**
April 12-13

Buzz Bowl 2018
April 11-13
Doubletree Leominster
99 Erdman Way, Leominster

Share your ideas, network, meet old friends & make the MSRT stronger than ever so we can ensure the future success of technologists in Massachusetts!