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President's Message

JANUARY 30, 2010 – The first month of 2010 is officially behind us and the MSRT is working full steam ahead on many different projects. First and foremost, if you have not already pre-registered for the February 27th Half-Day seminar, please do so as soon as possible. Go to www.msrt-ma.org to print the pre-registration form. As always, the Executive Board will be holding a Board meeting during the Half-Day seminar, if anyone is interested in



attending, please contact the MSRT office by emailing msrt-ma@comcast.net. The Board is always looking for helpful ideas and new members.

An exciting opportunity has been proposed to the MSRT and other state societies to join a national effort to get radiology students more involved in their professional societies. I recently received a letter from the California Society of Radiologic Technologist (CSRT) and urge anyone involved with students to join in on this effort to promote the growth of our society through student involvement. Their first Skype meeting will be over by the printing of the newsletter but those interested in knowing more about this should contact David Poon, Chair of the Student Committee- California Society of Radiologic Technology (CSRT) at davidnsf@yahoo.com.

The MSRT will be taking the state's voice to Capitol Hill for another year of R.T. in D.C. on March 7-9. As you are well aware, the state and the nation have seen a MAJOR change in political leadership. With the uncertainty of the future of healthcare reform in general, this will be a crucial year for the MSRT to make our stance known on the Care Bill. Visit our website at www.msrt-ma.org to see the status of the 'Care Bill' from the Chair of our Governance Committee, David LeClair. *Have you talked to your representative?*

Along with the outstanding new format and look of *The Exposure*, the MSRT is in the process of upgrading the website. Through new upgrades and changes to our website, the MSRT

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IT'S ALL ABOUT TEAMWORK

BY DAVE LECLAIR BS, RT(R)

When I first heard about the R.T. in D.C. event in 1999 and the ASRT's intent to seek federal minimum standards for education and credentialing for individuals using ionizing radiation, I thought it would be



great to get involved. It brought back memories from the 1980's of all the trips made into Boston as a representative of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists to attend state licensure hearings. What a thrill it was to be part of the supporting cast to obtain licensure in Massachusetts! Now I had an opportunity to do similar work, this time on a national level.

I remember standing on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. for a group picture of Technologists from all parts of the country. As I was standing there I thought for a moment that I might be getting in over my head. The thought of meeting with our Representatives & Senators and their staff's was intimidating at first. I couldn't imagine how I was going to make

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Board hopes to provide a more convenient website to the online community. New advancements will include online renewals and CEUs. Keep watching *The Exposure* and website for updates and announcements.

Last but not least, the Annual Conference is rapidly approaching. At the request of the Society, the Conference Committee tried a new format last year and changed the days of the conference to include a Saturday. Due to low turn out, the conference will return to the Thursday/Friday lectures with the X-ray Challenge starting on Wednesday. The conference dates this year will be April 7-9. This date is another change from last year. We've moved it out of May to make the time more convenient for the membership. Watch the website for updates as the conference approaches.

With talk of the Annual Conference, that means that the MSRT Executive Board term is winding down and it will be time for a new Board to assume oversight. I look forward to presenting the Board at the Annual Conference.

I look forward to seeing you at the Half-Day Seminar in February and the Annual Conference, just around the corner, in April.

Sincerely,

Tyler Martin

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a difference in this whole process, but I accepted the challenge, knowing it was important and necessary.

After that first experience on Capitol Hill, I knew it was in my blood to actively work for passage of the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill, otherwise known as The "CARE" Bill. I was committed to being there every year to convince all 10 of our Representatives and both Senators to cosponsor this bill for the safety of all. What a thrill it was to be a member of the Massachusetts team walking the halls of Congress!

As part of the efforts put forth by the ASRT, an individual is selected annually for the Outstanding Grass-roots Advocacy award. Did I ever expect to be selected by my peers for this award? Are you kidding me? I never even expected to be nominated. Well, I received the award and was absolutely thrilled and honored. It has become a passion of mine to educate our legislators on the dangers of unqualified people using ionizing radiation. In fact, traveling to Washington has become a rite of springtime for me.

It is never too late to join our team. We need you to get involved in The "CARE" Bill fight, whether it is traveling to Washington DC to experience the legislative process and visit your Congressman's office, visit their local office when they're back at home or sending e-mails asking for their support. We need everyone to get involved. It's not necessary to experience winning an award to be successful; it's what will be accomplished in the end as a team that will be the reward for all of us. Won't YOU consider helping us "CARE"? Please contact your Congressman today! Ask them to co-sponsor The "CARE" Bill H.R.3652.

Dave LeClair is a member of the ASRT National Advocacy Committee and Chairman for MSRT State Governance. He can be reached at dleclair@weymri.com

The MSRT Board would like to thank **ADAM GOULD** for his dedication to our society. Adam joined the MSRT Board in 2006 and volunteered to be our Website Administrator. He then served as Secretary on the Executive Board and represented the Society at RT in DC, RT's March on Capitol Hill to fight for the CARE Bill, until last year when he moved back home to Maine. Although he had moved from the state, he still volunteered to manage our website. As we move on to expand the features on our site, we want to remember Adam's great volunteer spirit. On behalf of the entire Executive Board of the MSRT & its members, thank you, Adam, for your dedication to our Society & our Profession.



Where Has the Time Gone?



hen I was a first year student in a Radiologic Technology program, our program director spoke to us about the advantages about becoming a member of a professional society. She said that upon graduation and passing the registry exam we would become a licensed professional. She also stressed that by having a membership in our professional society we would be always updated on the newest technology, the latest laws and regulations govby Cynthia Tracey Smith, BS, RT(R)(M), BS(ARRT) RDMS

erning our license, and how to obtain our CEU's to maintain this license we have worked so hard to achieve. That society was the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists.

I believed in what she spoke about and joined as a student member. As the years went by, when I paid my ARRT renewal, I paid my MSRT duesone becoming part of the other. I enjoyed receiving the publications and information about the seminars and the conference every year. One year when the MSRT envelope came in the mail, I thought it was another renewal. When I opened it, I could not believe what I was reading—25 years had elapsed. I had become a Quarter Century Club member (QCC). I had been involved with the MSRT for 25 years! Where had the time gone?

As a QCC member, instead of paying the dues every year, the money we send in goes to the scholarship fund for the students. Education and learning takes a lifetime and it is good to know that you are helping someone along the way. My program director passed this valuable lesson on to me and now I'd like to pass it on to you.

Cynthia Smith is a Sonographer at BID-MC and can be reached at ctsmith@caregroup.harvard.edu

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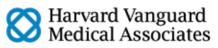
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Meeting Called to Order: 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Tyler Martin, James Lampka, Kevin Reynolds, Karl Ellison, Linda Doucette, Lisa Fanning, Julie Henry, Patricia Willett, Karen Farris, David LeClair, Debra Ricciardelli, Maureen Seluta, Lynne Davis

Minutes from June's meeting accepted as written.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed, voted on and accepted as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The ARRT has contacted the MSRT regarding representation at our Annual Conference. The ARRT is limited with funds and may not cover cost of travel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Karl Ellison discussed the need to provide all speakers who receive over \$600.00 annually from the MSRT a 1099 Misc. Tax Form.

CONFERENCE REPORT

The Conference Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at MGH – Yawkee Building at 6:00 pm. At this time a final budget will be proposed and sent to Karl for review.

The X-Ray Challenge Committee has completed updates to the electronic versions that were on file. All corrections and clarifications have been made to questions debated during last year's program.

Karen Farris and Julie Henry will be joining the X-Ray Challenge Committee

SEMINAR UPDATES

The seminar scheduled for the Western Massachusetts area was canceled due to lack of pre-registrants. There was a brief discussion regarding the timing of the event and if changing the date would increase participation.

Discussion regarding the design of half-day seminars was discussed. Possible changes include reducing the number of half-day events, providing a single all-day event, and modality specific events (Mammography, CT, Digital etc.)

The February seminar hosted jointly by the MSRT and the SMRT has changed slightly. Due to scheduling conflicts with an international meeting in Stockholm, the afternoon portion (SMRT) has been canceled. The morning portion hosted by the MSRT is still scheduled for the White Auditorium at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences on February 27, 2010

OLD BUSINESS

Robert Gallagher, Acting Director of the Massachusetts Radiation Control Program (RCP), has been invited by the Board to provide the keynote address on Thursday of this year's Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RT in DC 2010. The ASRT has reduced the number of registered staff members that will be participating in this year's event. Although the ASRT has reduced its number of staff, we are still anticipating a strong showing from Massachusetts.

During a recent teleconference, Dave LeClair reported that there are currently 19 co-sponsors. In previous years the support was much stronger at this point, however the lack of support is due to the health care reform debates currently underway. The bill this year has been given the number of HR 3652 –Care Bill.

A representative from the American College of Radiology (ACR) asked for support from local Radiologist groups to show additional support for the bill. Numerous Board members said they will speak with their respective radiologists for support.

Lynne Davis presented some ideas for increased new member enrollment and retention. Discussion followed by the Board included providing prizes to be raffled away during the July re-newel drive for existing members who recruit a new member.

Potential monetary support was suggested – possibly \$500.00 – to be awarded at the Annual Meeting 2011 – for any member who recruited a new member during the previous year. – This will be discussed, debated and finalized during the next meeting.

Also discussed were ideas surrounding selling MSRT scrubs at the Annual Meeting.

Online Credits – Kevin Reynolds will be working with Lynne Davis to produce a DVD of four online credit presentations. This would provide CEU lectures to our members without the hassle of developing online payment and testing.

Yahoo Groups – Karl Ellison discussed the advantage of developing an MSRT Board of Directors group on Yahoo.com. To date a number of Board members have signed up.

Exposure online. There was a discussion regarding the posting of current and historical issues of *The Exposure* on the MSRT website. Some members felt it was necessary to provide up to date info to the membership via the website. Others felt that this newsletter was a benefit to paying members and should not be posted online for all to see – at no cost. The decision was reached to remove the current Exposure off the website – Post a "sample" issue and track the number of hits we receive.

Kudos to Lynne Davis for her efforts on the *NEW* Exposure. Everyone agrees that this is the most professional and eye-catching version the MSRT has ever offered.

The Board unanimously agreed to allow the Conference Committee authorization to change costs associated with the Annual Meeting, as long as the total cost changes did not exceed \$10.00 per registrant.

Mary-Anne O'Donovan will evaluate telephone and FAX options. Frequently the separate services we currently use are not actually used.

Meeting adjourned: 12:15 p.m.

Educational Update: Scholarships

The MSRT has four scholarships that are awarded at the Annual Conference:											
Scholarship	Amount Awarded	Sponsor									
Florence M. Wakefield, RN, RT (R) Scholar- ship	\$500	Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Tech- nologists									
Oliver E. Merrill Schol- arship	\$1,000	Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Tech- nologists									
Quarter Century Club Scholarships	\$500	Quarter Century Club									
Quarter Century Club/ Professor James V. Lampka Scholarship	\$750	Co-sponsored by the QCC & Professor James V. Lampka from REGIS College									

Applications can be downloaded from the MSRT website at www. msrt-ma.org. Applications to the MSRT Scholarships need to be submitted by email, then followed by a hard copy, and postmarked no later than March 1, 2010.

> Respectfully submitted, Katherine Weiss BS/BM RT(R)(CT)(ARRT) Educational Coordinator

VOLUNTEER PHOTOGRAPHER FOR ANNUAL MEETING



We are looking for a volunteer photographer to take pictures at the upcoming Annual Conference April 8-9, 2010. If you plan to be in attendance and can volunteer your skills please email the Editor at lynne.davis@mcphs.edu.

50/50 Raffle

Don't miss the 50/50 Raffle at the

Annual MSRT Conference!



FACULTY POSITION OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lawrence Memorial / Regis College Medical Radiography program is seeking to fill a full time faculty position. We are looking for a dedicated professional with at least 2 –to- 3 years experience as a technologist. Preference will be given for several years' radiography teaching experience, (either academic or clinical) in the areas of procedure performance, positioning and related anatomy. The successful candidate must have a valid ARRT certificate and Massachusetts Radiography license and a dedication to delivering high quality educational experiences to adult learners. A Bachelors degree is required.

The position will entail classroom teaching and lab instruction using the programs 2 state of the art radiographic rooms (the lab also has CR, DR as well as a darkroom for film screen imaging). This faculty member will also participate with the Clinical Coordinator in visiting the program's eight clinical affiliates.

Consider joining the team of educators in a program recognized for its high quality.

Please contact Lisa Margossian in Human Resourced (781-306-6583) for an application.

For additional information you may contact James V, Lampka, MS, RTR, Director of the program by phone (781-306-6658) or by email: jlampka@lmh.edu

Submissions to The Exposure

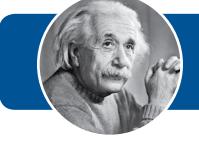


The Exposure welcomes submissions for possible inclusion in the newsletter. Letters to the Editor, significant events happening in your imaging department, professional promotions, imaging related puzzles, article contributions, technologist obituaries, and human interest stories connected to the profession are examples of what we'd like to include in the newsletter. Email the Editor at lynne.davis@mcphs.edu with ideas you'd like to share.



If you're a current MSRT member and you recommend a colleague to join MSRT, you get a chance to win a great prize. Your name* will be entered in a raffle to win \$500.

*When the friend sends in their membership registration make sure they place your full name at the bottom of the registration form with FRIEND in front of your name. Click on www.msrt-ma.org and go to registration.



"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."

- ALBERT EINSTEIN



Title: Mammography Tech I Division: Radiology Location: Weymouth, MA Job Type: Part Time Schedule: every other Monday 4:30pm-9pm

Performs mammography exams in accordance with MQSA, state regulations, and with health centers' established policies and procedures. Education: Graduate of an accredited radiography program. Must be licensed in Radiography for a minimum of one year and have successfully passed the ARRT exam in Mammography. CEU documentation required for licensure must be provided. Must be able to lift 50 pounds and possess the physical stamina and agility required to operate equipment and to effectively assist patients. Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates Atrius Health

If you are interested in these or other positions we have open, please apply online to

www.harvardvanguard.org/jobs

or you can email Brenda_Thompson@vmed.org with your inquiry.

2010 Annual MSRT Conference

LAW AND ETHICS OF RADIOLOGY

APRIL 7-9, 2010

Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center Westford, MA

Conference Exhibitors and Sponsors

MGH Imaging Associated X-Ray Imaging

Keynote Address Robert Gallagher - Radiation Control Board

14 CREDITS IN TWO DAYS!!!

Q. How can you earn 14 credits in two days while networking and staying current with the Radiology profession?

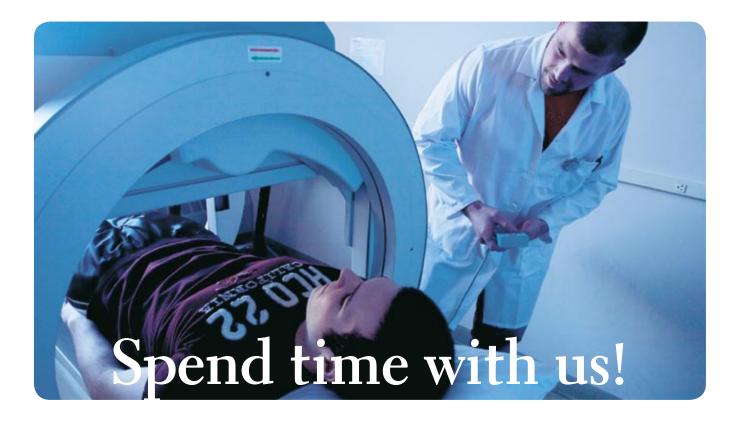
A. By Attending the MSRT Annual Conference, April 7-9th, in Westford, MA. The MSRT Annual Conference is enthused to provide you with intriguing lectures, delicious food and lots of fun entertainment. Come see the students compete in the X-Ray Challenge. Do you still remember those answers?

Catch up with former co-workers and instructors at the MGH Imaging sponsored cocktail hour Thursday at 5pm. Show off your singing skills at the dance/karaoke party with our DJ Thursday night. Do you have what it takes to be the MSRT Karaoke champ?

Kevin Reynolds, the Oliver E. Merrill award recipient, will be presented with this honor on Friday followed by one of his dynamic lectures. Start arranging for babysitters and request April 8-9th off from work. Don't be left out! For registration info please visit our website at: www.msrt-ma.org or call our office at 1-781-337-7084.

See you there!

REGISTRATION FORM IN THIS ISSUE



MCPHS Means Health Care

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is the oldest institution of higher education in the City of Boston and lives up to that history by educating top-notch health professionals.

The School of Radiologic Sciences is excited to offer the following programs to ARRT-certified technologists who want to further their careers:

Master of Radiologist Assistant Studies – NEW IN 2010 **Computed Tomography Certificate Magnetic Resonance Imaging Certificate**

MCPHS' School of Health Sciences also provides a degree completion program for practicing professionals without a bachelor's degree who are looking to further their education and professional opportunities.

MCPHS is now accepting applications for the CT and MRI certificates as well as the MRAS program.

Applications received for these programs before April 15, 2010 will be reviewed for a summer term start in May 2010.

Visit Us in 2010

To learn more about our graduate, certificate, and degree-completion programs, attend one of our Radiologic Sciences Open House events. The Dean of the School of Radiologic Sciences and the directors of each program will be available to answer questions about each curriculum. Tours will be available, and light refreshments served.

Radiologic Sciences Open House Dates

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 / 4:00-6:00 PM Wednesday, May 19, 2010 / 4:00-6:00 PM

To register, or if you have any questions:

Please contact Tara Hennessy, Associate Director of Transfer and Graduate Admission, at tara.hennessy@mcphs.edu, or by calling the Office of Admission at 800.225.5506.



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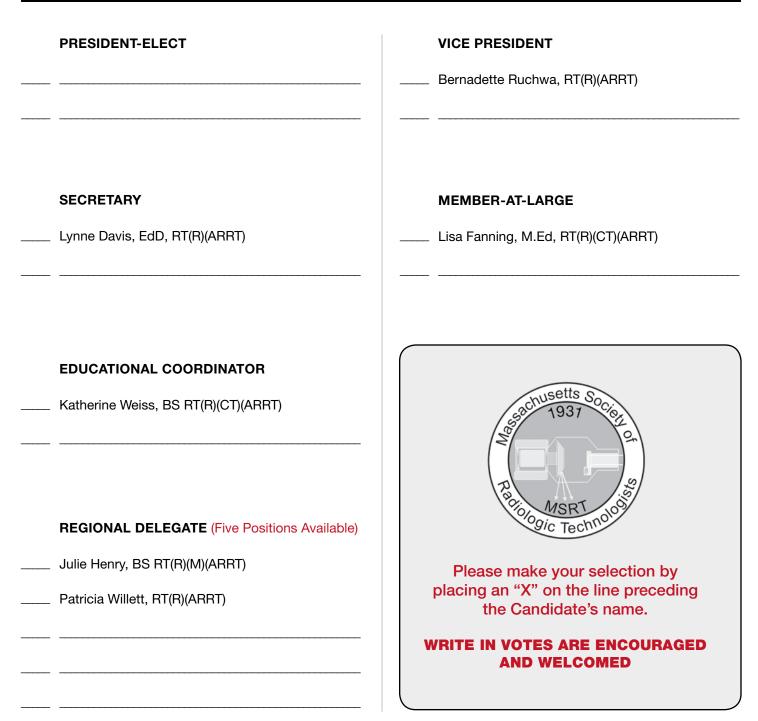
Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists

2010-2011 BALLOT

The following is the Slate of Candidates for the 2010-2011 state offices. Please read each Candidate's background information and goals for the MSRT before making your selection on this ballot. **RETURN TO MSRT BY APRIL 1, 2010.**

Thank you,

Kevin F. Reynolds, BS RT(R)(CT(ARRT) MSRT Executive Board Vice-President/Nominations



VICE PRESIDENT

Bernadette Ruchwa, RT(R)(ARRT)

Current Position:	Secretary
Previous Positions:	Member-At-Large
Current Employment:	Mass General Hospital

Goals for the Office: I have served on the Board for three years now as Member-at-Large and as Secretary. I have been fortunate to serve with such a wonderful group of experienced and motivated people. I want to continue to serve the Society and bring forth questions, concerns, and suggestions from the membership to the Board. I have had the opportune experience to meet with and speak to many members about their expectations of the Society. It is my intention to represent these voices in the coming year beginning with attending RT in DC then continuing on to the ASRT House of Delegates Meeting in June. Thank you for your votes.

SECRETARY

Lynne Davis, EdD,RT(R)(ARRT)

Current Position:	MSRT Editor of <i>The Exposure</i> as of October 2009
Previous Positions:	None. I moved to Massachusetts in January 2009
Current Employment:	Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Goals for the Office: The goals of the office of Secretary are to: 1) accurately record the meetings and decisions of the MSRT Board and, 2) to insure this information is made available to the membership in a timely fashion. I am capable of and willing to fulfill these goals. Minutes from the Board Meetings, based on an executive decision, are now a standard part of The Exposure. Although I am new to Massachusetts and the MSRT, I am not new to professional society involvement. In Oklahoma, I was active in the state's professional society serving, over time, in the roles of Annual Meeting Planner, Counselor, Historian, Convention Co-chair, Editor of the Cathode Chronicle and Vice-President. In Texas, I was a supportive member of the professional society and served in the role of Education Coordinator for the annual meeting. When I moved to Massachusetts I made a personal commitment to be positively active in the local professional society. Serving in the role of secretary is one way I can honor that commitment. I embrace the MSRT Motto-The Society That Supports Your Profession. I want to make sure I do MY part in supporting the society that supports MY profession.

EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR

Katherine Weiss, BS RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)

Current Position:	Current Incumbent/2010 Annual Conference Chair
Previous Positions:	Conference Committee, District Officer
Current Employment:	Self Employed

Goals for the Office: I have served on the Executive Board for the last 2 years as Educational Coordinator. I look forward to working with both the ASRT & ARRT to get on-line credits available on the MSRT website. It's a long & tedious process but I am willing to take the challenge for the benefit of our members & society as a whole. Thank you for your support.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Lisa Fanning, M.Ed, RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)

Current Position:
Previous Positions:
Current Employment:

Regional Delegate Academic Committee Member Mass College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Goals for the Office: For the past two years I have been a regional delegate and would like to become more active with the organization in a different capacity. I still intend to help any regional delegate looking to put together a half day seminar. I hope to sit on more committees and represent the MSRT at the ASRT RT in DC "Techs March on Capital Hill" event in March. I currently am the Radiography Program Director at MCPHS.

REGIONAL DELEGATE(1)

Julie Anderson, BS RT(R)(M)(ARRT)

Current Position:	Current Incumbent
Previous Positions:	Regional Delegate
Current Employment:	MGH West, Waltham

Goals for the Office: In the past year, I actively served the MSRT as a regional delegate. I look forward to continuing my relationship with the MSRT Executive Board in the upcoming year. Through my work as a regional delegate, I hope to continue exposing the membership to the latest and finest thinking our expertise-rich commonwealth has to offer. I will continue to pull from both inside and outside our profession to enrich our understanding of radiology and healthcare.

REGIONAL DELEGATE(2)

Patricia Willett, BS RT(R)(ARRT)

Current Position:Regional DelegatePrevious Positions:Regional Delegate/District OfficerCurrent Employment:Northern Essex Community College

Goals for the Office: I have actively served the MSRT in both the Merrimack District and Boston District in years past as well as serving as a Regional Delegate for the past year. I look forward to working with members of the MSRT Executive Board in the upcoming year. I hope that by again being an active member of the MSRT board I will be able represent the membership and encourage others to share their talents and a little bit of their time in making a contribution to our profession.

79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010



Robert Gallagher Keynote Address Speaker

9:30	Are We There Yet?
	with Dawn McNeil, MSM, RT(R)(M), RDMS, RVT, CRA ASRT Vice President ONE CAT A CREDIT
10:30	Mid-Morning Break Sponsored by Associated X-Ray Imaging Corporation
10:45	Excellence Everyday = A Successful Joint Commission Survey with Patricia Doyle, MBA, CRA, RT(R) (MR) ONE CAT A CREDIT
11:45	Business Luncheon Incoming/Outgoing Presidents Speeches
1:00	Lecture TBA ONE CAT A/RP CREDIT
2:00	Lecture TBA
3:00	Afternoon Break with Snacks & Cold Drinks
3:00	Coiling Embolization of Cerebral Aneurysms with Professor James Lampka, M.Ed, RT(R)(ARRT) ONE CAT A CREDIT
4:00	Lean Management with Max Gomez ONE CAT A CREDIT

All courses will be ASRT approved for credit and will be topic categorized in accordance with the Massachusetts Radiation Control Program standards. The lecture topic may change due to speaker availability. **Please be advised that attendees arriving late (15 minutes) to lectures will not be eligible for the CEU.**

STUDENT WORKSHOPS

We will be offering the following workshops for students on Thursday morning, April 8th following the Keynote Address.

9:30-10:00 a.m.

Forms & Procedures Manual for Radiologic Technology Students With Karen Farris, RT(R)(M)(QM)

Radiation Control Program

10:00-10:30 a.m. How To Stand Out In A Crowd with Debra Ricciardelli, RT(R)(ARRT)

10:30-11:00 a.m. Interviewing Skills with Meredith Moore, Hallmark Health

THURSDAY LUNCHEON MENU

Soup du Jour with Warm Rolls & Butter Sliced Fresh Tropical Fruits Crisp Mixed Garden Salad Apple Brie Chicken with Boursin Sauce Roast Sirloin Strip of Beef with Brandied Mushroom Sauce Fancy Cream Puffs & Éclair Make Your Own Strawberry or Peach Shortcake Coffee, Tea & Soda

BREAKFAST

There will be a continental breakfast served each morning which will include: bagels, assorted muffins, breakfast pastries, assorted sliced fresh fruit, fresh brewed coffee, assorted teas and assorted chilled juices.



COCKTAIL PARTY

Please join us Thursday from 5:00-6:30 for cocktails with cash bar.

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COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Thursday evening from 8:00-12:00 with DJ Brad Hallenborg and cash bar ADMISSION \$5.00

79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010

7:45 a.m.	Welcome & Treasurer's Report
8:30	2010 Oliver E. Merrill Lecturer Kevin Reynolds, BSRT(R)(CT)(ARRT) ONE CAT A CREDIT
9:30	Radiation Protection Lecture TBA
10:30	Mid-Morning Break
10:45	HIV Issues/Update Lecture with Darren Sack, BS, RT(R)(ARRT) ONE CAT A CREDIT
11:45	Business Luncheon QCC Inductions & X-Ray Challenge Awards
1:00	Why the US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations on Mammography Are Wrong with Alan Semine, MD ONE CAT A/DR/M CREDIT
2:00	Risk & Liability for Radiologic Technologists with Jacqueline Petrillo, PharmD, Esq. ONE CAT A CREDIT
3:00	Afternoon Break with Snacks & Cold Drinks
3:00	Lecture TBA with Patricia Hayward ONE CAT A CREDIT
4:00	Lecture TBA ONE CAT A CREDIT

FRIDAY LUNCHEON MENU

Minestrone Soup Caesar Salad & Antipasto di Casa Warm Rolls with Butter & Foccacia Bread Chicken Parmigiana Stuffed Shells Formaggio with Marinara Sauce Chef Selected Vegetable Tiramisu Coffee, Tea & Soda

BREAKFAST

There will be a continental breakfast served each morning which will include: bagels, assorted muffins, breakfast pastries, assorted sliced fresh fruit, fresh brewed coffee, assorted teas and assorted chilled juices.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

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79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010 X-RAY CHALLENGE BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010

Preliminary games will begin on Wednesday April 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. Rules & Regulations will be read at 1:30 p.m. Students must bring their MSRT Membership Cards as proof of membership.

Games will resume on Thursday, April 8, following the Student Workshops with the semifinals & finals being held on Friday, April 9.

The awards will be presented to the first, second and third place teams during the Business Luncheon on Friday, April 9.

Radiologic Technology Licensing in Massachusetts: A Brief History - Parts 2 & 3

By James V. Lampka, MS RTR

This article has been published as a three-part series.

N THE LATE 1980s, our bill, containing these same five elements finally was passed and signed into law.

1. First Set of Regulations:

Soon after being signed into law, the Radiation Control Program, through the Governors Office appointment process, established the initial / inaugural Advisory Commission consisting of two radiographers, a radiography educator representing the public, one nuclear medicine technologist, one radiation therapist and one physician from each of the three professions. This commission was charged with:

a) Developing the specific regulations governing the practices of radiography, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy

b) Developing an application process for licensure.

c) Securing the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists as the administrator of their certification exams for our licensing purposes. The Radiation Control Program is the official contracting agency with the ARRT.

d) Creating a "grandfathering" process to allow individuals who were NOT already ARRT certified but were practicing in the field, to become licensed. This process allowed those individuals, whether or not they were ARRT exam eligible, to take the exam for licensing purposes only. They had 3 chances to pass within one year's time frame.

The process also allowed individuals who were only taking chest and/or extremity radiographs to take the ARRT's limited scope exams in those areas, and if they passed, would be granted a limited scope license. So long as these individuals renewed their license every 2 years and satisfied the CEU requirements (identical to those for the full license) they could remain licensed in that limited scope capacity. We accommodated this category in order to gain the backing for our legislation of the Union groups who were one of the groups effectively blocking our passage in the past.

e) Detailing what CEU requirements we would require for licensure renewal. The commission felt strongly that the CEU requirements should at least in part, be clearly related to the practices being licensed. Since all three areas involve the administration of ionizing radiation, we established that at a minimum, 2 of the total of 20 required CEU's must be clearly dealing with radiation exposure / safety / protection (designated "RP").

Eight of the CEU's then must be directly related (Hence the DR designation) to the field the individual is licensed in ie if they are a practicing radiographer, the CEU content must be related to Radiography / CT Imaging. Similarly, Radiation Therapists need 8 CEU's directly related to that practice and Nuclear Medicine Technologists, 8 CEU's in topics directly related to their field of practice.

The remaining 10 CEU's must in some way be related to health care practice. This could be CEU's in Medical Sonography or MRI (fields which do NOT involve the utilization of ionizing radiation), Nursing care, Public Health issues, etc.

Since the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists already had established a CEU Review and Award process (Called Achievements in Continuing Education "ACE"), the commission invited the Educational Coordinator of the MSRT to work on the CEU requirement and award process with the Radiation Control Program.

f) Reviewing of the credentials submitted by individuals from other countries (ie certifications other than ARRT Certification and education in programs other than JRCERT accredited) to determine equivalency to our licensure eligibility requirements and advising the Radiation Control Program of such.

These first set of regulations were first submitted to the Department of Public Health legal office, then were published and presented at a public hearing for comment, after which they were put into practice.

2. First Revision of the Regulations:

In the 1990's, when Mammography as a practice came under first ACR regulations and certification, then MQSA control, our initial set of regulations were amended to make Mammography as a separate, advanced level license post radiography licensure. The ARRT's Mammography exam was adopted for our Mammography licensure exam. The CEU requirements for Mammography renewal were adjusted to agree with those of MQSA. Since the MQSA required number of CEU's was higher than our "directly related to Mammography as a licensed practice," the commission agreed that 8 of the Mammography CEU's could also be counted as "DR" for radiography.

These amended regulations were also submitted to "Legal" for review and then published for public comment before being formally adopted.

3. Pending Revision of the Regulations:

Over the past several years, the Commission has been working on a further updating of our regulations to reflect changes in our professions. Major among the changes are: 1) the growth of PET/ CT as a dual modality diagnostic tool, 2) the utilization of CT units in Radiation Therapy treatment planning, and 3) the emergence of the RA as a physician extender in radiology. All three areas will be addressed in the new regs. As before, before they are put into practice, the new regulations are being reviewed by the DPH Legal office and will go out for a public comment process.

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WHAT 2008 & 2009 ANNUAL CO	ONFERENCE ATTENDEES SAID
2008	2009
Days of the week you'd pref	er the Conference be held?
Thursday/Friday 21 Friday/Saturday 9 Saturday/Sunday 2 Sunday/Monday 3 Monday/Tuesday 7 COMMENTS: During the week. Definitely not the weekend. • Doesn't matter except the weekends. • Not crazy about Monday/Tuesday because I work on Tues- lay Evenings & cannot stay. Always attend 2 days. Could not take a Monday & Tuesday off after the weekend.	Thursday/Friday 21 Friday/Saturday 17 Saturday/Sunday 2 Sunday/Monday 0 Monday/Tuesday 2 COMMENTS: 1 think Saturday was poorly attended because of Mother's Day. • Anytime but the weekend. • People can't take time off during this recession.
Was this year's Conference I	ocation convenient for you?
YES - 33 NO - 3 COMMENTS: The Wyndham-Andover (2). • I think you should stay here. Centrally located. Vear highways (2). • More towards Western, Mass. • Southeastern Mass. • Western Mass echs may come if we went back to Marriot Springfield or Burlington. • Marlborough Mar- riott. • Devens Conference Center-It is not congested at all & right off Route 2 & Centrally ocated • I find this area very convenient. Also, the hotel is comfortable & high quality food. • This location is perfect & very comfortable. • Nice having it north of Boston. • Westford Regency is a good location. Would love to stay at Westford each year (2). • Very convenient. Have here again. Room has good acoustics & view of speakers. Food also very good. • Location is perfect. Food has always been very good. • No-I Love This Hotel. • Too far. Not central-almost 2 hours for some people. Closer to Mass Pike. • Have bigger bathroom acilities & more vendors like "old days". • Sheraton Lynnfield has everything you require. • Liked the "old" approach of alternating West-East locations IE: Springfield & Burlington.	YES - 24 NO - 4 COMMENTS: Near the pike & 495 • Best location, best food here/Loved it/Candy on table at other conferences. • This works well for me. Having it north of Boston would be ve helpful. • Love the Westford Inn. • It was reasonably convenient. It is a good locatio because it is east. Everyone personal preference is Boston. • This is nice. • Boston Burlington, Westboro, Westford • I would prefer a location in or near Boston given n location • This facility is perfect due to location, comfort & the food is excellent. • Lov the Westford Regency! • This one is great! • Doing a great job! • New conference hotel Worcester-parking may be an issue • Cape Cod/Boston (3) • One of the luncheon speal ers mentioned Boston. Not a good idea, the distance, the expense. • Keep this location Works Great!
Do you feel that the MSRT Conference offer	ers good value for the cost of registration?
YES - 34 NO - 1	YES - 30 NO - 0
Does the Conferenc	e meet your needs?
YES - 34 NO - 0	YES - 28 NO - 0
Do you have any suggestions for how this Conf	erence could meet the needs of today's techs?
COMMENTS: Upbeat, fun, speakers. More CR info?? Vendors. • The first two sessions oday were pertinent to each lecturer's situation although interesting concepts, G-Arm operation might have been more helpful. • Sprinkle some "old" courses on positioning & bring back the "Emergency Room Doctors Scrapbook". • Need to have more on digital imaging. Could be 1/2 a day starting from basics to QC of images. Staff techs don't always have a true understanding. • Also, an educator lecture!!!!! • I know it must be difficult to obtain speakers (good or bad) but I think the content of the lectures needs to be more interesting and attractive to technologists in order to "improve the success of future MSRT Conferences. Lectures this year were particularly dull/not interesting. • I attended on Tuesday. I received many DR credits. Monday had too many GH credits. • Many technologists want to observe & see the Buzz Bowl. However, course credit is compromised. Buzz Bowl is a learned experience & should be credited. • Education topics-Techs working with students at various eeaching hospitals and stress how important they are to teach the students good radiation practices. They are taught in the classroom setting but sometimes not always seeing what hey are taught. Shielding Patient & Technologist/Collimation/Proper techniques. • Have at least one lecture from all/each modalities/day. More IR lectures. • Clinical Coordinators should not be required to pay full conference fee when attending Buzz Bowl to support their students. • Additional evening CEU's for those who cannot attend during the day. • Anything about digital or CR imaging. RIS/PACS, HIS general info. Entering the job market-resume, etc. Universal & specific precautions/good for students. Info on lines & tubes-what they're for, how we image them, what they look like on x-ray. • Please start lectures on time! Close doors & begin-Not fare to make speaker wait or participants!! You come in pulling these conferences together is always appreciated. • Please start & stop lec	COMMENTS: Broaden subject or make difference presentations at the same time. • M CEU'S. • RP not last class please. • This was the first year that the conference was n scheduled at the end of NH school vacation which was very helpful. • More sources cross-training in different modalities besides diagnostic radiology. More career advance ment/networking opportunities. More workshops. • Would like one screen only in cent with speaker next to it for it was very distracting with both screens. • Break out sessio for individual needs. • More lectures on CR/DR. • Have 2 whole day conference locat East & West of state & 1 1/2 day conference (Friday-Saturday)-11 credits total • Lik the idea of "Student Workshops". Student focus is our future. Proactively campaigning get new grads involved and groom them to become conference speakers. • Also, co sider starting lectures at 7:45 so as to finish earlier. Same # of credits-best traffic Reach out to Radiology Directors/Management to encourage attendance. Offer hospit clinic discounts for multiple attendees • General Comments: Brenda T. Stuckey's stude workshops were goodshe's a tremendous speaker (student perspective) • I think you' doing a fine job. Need more PR to get the word out about when & where the conferent is being held. • Please read the past President's List. It means a lot to past presiden Do not discontinue honor to all who came before us. • Eliminate the option to mail completed surveys. • Perhaps 5 Half-Day Seminars (Nov-Mar). Go Green?? Recycle? Please keep Saturday conference! In my department only 1 tech is allowed during t weekdays! • A lecture in Forensic Radiology would be great. • Continue offering lectur on a variety of current modality trends-CT,MR,NMCU/S, DX, Angio, etc. • I would like see further discounts for those of us retirees who no longer need CEU's. • Start earlier be done by 4:00 pm

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Students Positively Impacting Their Community

Northern Essex Community College Radiologic Technology program partnered with the Campus Learning Center, a child care center located at the college's Franklin St. Campus in Lawrence, on Thursday, May 28, to teach the children in the daycare about skeletal bones and x-rays. Students from NECC Radiologic Technology program performed simulated x-rays as a part of the pediatric imaging section of their course, as well as taught the children, ages 4-5, about the process of 'getting' an x-ray. The children also learned about bones through watching a movie and participating in coloring activities which identified bones in the human body. This project was part of the college's service learning which integrates community service with academic instruction.

If you'd like to know more about this Service Project, Carol Wallace, former Radiography Program Director of NECC and now clinical coordinator, can be reached at cwallace@ necc.mass.edu



2010 Oliver E. Merrill Lecturer



Kevin F. Reynolds, BSRT(R)(CT)(ARRT)

We celebrate the Oliver E. Merrill Lecturer by selecting a member from our profession who exemplifies the dedication shown by Oliver in support of the Radiologic Technologists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This year's lecturer equally includes the support of all technologists and the society as an active part of his life. Without his support, our professional status would not be at the level it is today.

Quarter Century Club Inductees

Each year the Quarter Century Club of the MSRT, lead by Mary Frangoisa-Creesy, awards it's newest members with a golden MSRT membership card and QCC pin. To qualify, one must be a MSRT member for twenty-five continuous years. Some of the benefits of QCC members include waived society dues and discounted rates to the Annual Conference. The QCC also has a collection where members are given the opportunity to make donations to support two student scholarships that are awarded at the Annual Conference. We would like to welcome the newly inducted QCC members to this year's membership: Lynn Berthiaume, Linda Berube, Frederick Burgoyne, Debra Burnham, Patricia Casey, Nancy Correa, Karen Duncan, Jean Forte, Nancy Garcia, Rosemary Gasperini, Susan Giles, Julie Healy, Joanne Lobik, Jennifer Lynch, Judith Maher, Donna Makechnie, Doreen McBride and Rachel Patnaude.



An Interview with Barry Hall, RTR

Our Special Assignment Student Intern, Pamela D'Ambrosio, second-year Radiography student at Bunker Hill Community College, sat down recently to talk with our February Profile technologist, Barry Hall, about his professional motivations and passion for teaching.



Pamela: Are you a native of Massachusetts or have you lived elsewhere?

Barry Hall: I have always lived in Massachusetts. I lived in Boston until 1978. In '78, I moved to Sitchuate, a town 25 miles south of Boston, and I have lived there since then.

How long have you been a technologist?

I have been registered since 1969, a little over 40 years.

Where do you work? How long have you worked there and what is your role?

I work at Brigham and Women's Department of Radiology and I've worked here for a little over 4 years. I am the Clinical Instructor of Radiology.

Why did you choose a career in radiologic technology?

When I was in high school, my mother, who was a nurse, mentioned something about radiology and it fascinated me. I decided to look into it and I chose this.

In your role as clinical instructor, what do you enjoy most about your work and what do you enjoy least about it?

I most enjoy teaching students. I get a lot of gratification from seeing students come in with no knowledge and then, at the end of the two years, become very capable technologists. What I enjoy the least is probably the frustration of not having enough time to spend with everybody.

In your role as clinical instructor, what is the most challenging aspect of your work?

Teaching students basic concepts and filling in the gaps that the programs do not fill in for them.

What is your funniest professional memory?

I was x-raying a woman one time. I was preparing to do a chest x-ray on her. I asked her to step up to the x-ray holder on the wall. I turned around to get a cassette and when I turned back around she was actually climbing the unit on the wall. I almost fell down I was laughing so hard.

So, how did you tell her she was doing the wrong thing without being offensive?

I just told her to step down and just lean against the x-ray holder.

What is the most challenging memory of your career?

In 1970, I was working 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift by myself and there was a train wreck on the Green Line. The ambulances brought in 17 patients who had to have total body x-rays BUT they never told me they had brought in so many. So, I kept doing them all night until they finally told me that there was a mass accident and I finally got some help. I actually called in help.

Have you ever had a frustrating moment in your career that made you want to quit? If so, talk about it and how you overcame it.

I think that frustrating moments happen in every career. I had them, primarily, when I was in Radiology Administration-- which isn't nearly as gratifying as it is on the clinical side of things. I think that you have to get through it based on what you do at the time; otherwise you have to go back and change careers. Ultimately, this is what I did. I went back to the more clinical side which I find much more gratifying.

How difficult was it to adjust to the changes from conventional film to digital imaging? What frustrations, if any, did you have to face as an "old-school" technologist?

Well, I think that the transition from film to digital is probably less difficult than if you are going the other way, which is electronic imaging to film. We **'old school'** technologists have better concepts of density and contrast and how to adjust factors, so, I think it is really just getting used to the computerized aspect of it. Learning the nuances of the equipment is the most stressful aspect.

If you had the opportunity to switch back to the conventional film system, would you?

No. There are many negative issues when dealing with film: waste management, chemistry, and time. With digital imaging, there are many regulations you do not have to deal with because it is a much cleaner process all together.

If you had the resources to create a new imaging modality, what would it be? What would you name it and what would be its uniqueness?

I would create 3D Conventional Radiography. It would allow producing one image; let's say a PA chest, and manipulating it to get a lateral, an oblique and any other image simply by manipulating the raw data.

Why do you choose to work with students and what do you want to instill in them?

What I like about working with students is seeing their change over time. As they learn new skills they become more comfortable and confident. I was mentored by a lot of really good techgnologists when I was in x-ray school. In this profession you pay it forward so, if I can teach students to be better technologists the next generation of technologists will be stronger.

If you could offer all radiography students across the state one bit of non-technical advice, what would it be?

Learn to add, subtract and multiply and talk without using 'like' in a sentence 14 times.

What hobbies or other interests help you spend your time outside of work and how do you fit these into your life?

I do a lot of woodworking and carving. It helps me relax.

What is your favorite wood sculpture?

A boating scene. I was a sailor and have been in boating for a long time. I made a scene with three sailboats on it. It took several months to carve.

If you could pick one person that you think most influenced your professional life, who would it be and why?

Actually, there are two people. One was Elsa Polworth, the best technologist I have met in my life. She spent a lot of time with me and made me a good tech. The other one is Jose Cesar, who is now deceased. He taught me a lot about human nature and compassion.

Barry Hall is a Radiologic Technologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and can be reached at bhall6@partners.org

The Exposure is looking for interesting technologists who LOVE what they do and who make a difference to the profession. If you'd like to recommend a coworker for an *Exposure* Profile, email the Editor at lynne.davis@mcphs.edu. Students, I'm interested in hearing your recommendations, also.

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- 3. Phosphor that is the capture element.
- 5. Ability of the charge-coupled device to detect and respond to very low levels of visible light.
- 7. Any image acquiring process that produces an electronic image to be viewed
- and manipulated on a computer.
- 11. Spacial resolution in digital imaging is limited to the size of _____.
- 12. Range that is the number of gray shades that an imaging system can produce.
- 13. Patient dose in digital radiography is because of (abb.) ____
- 14. Capture devices that absorb x-rays and convert them into light.
- 16. Time required for the x-ray tube to be switched on and reach the selected level of kVp and mA.
- 18. Capture using a detector to collect the x-ray energy and convert it to an electronic signal.
- 19. Allows visiualization of all shades of gray.
- 20. Radiation that can contribute to ghost artifacts.

DOWN

- 1. Important for patient dose and improved image contrast.
- 2. Improves visualization and special resolution.
- 4. Time required for the x-ray tube to be switched off.
- 6. Contrast resolution is limited by image.
- 8. Describes the intensity of light incident on a surface.
- 9. Occurs when a patient moves.
- 10. Allows two or more images to be projected onto a single imaging plate.
- 15. Plot of the frequency of appearance on any given object characteristic.
- 17. In digital radiography, patient does is _____

Crossword Puzzle created by Diana Connolly who is a second-year, third-semester student at Middlesex Community College in the Radiologic Technology Program.

Look for solution in the next issue of *The Exposure*.

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