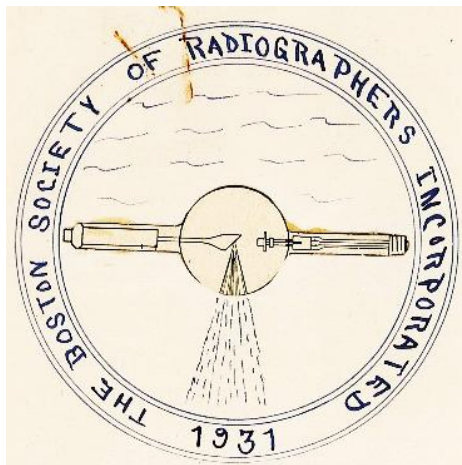


# Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists



1931 -

*History Is Much More Than  
Facts and Dates. It's People.*

*Dr. Betsy Peter*

A few years ago, the MSRT board began an attempt to digitize old MSRT files. We gathered paper documents and photographs that had spent many years traveling the state in the attics and basements of various members. We accumulated many boxes of meeting minutes, handwritten notes, newsletters, conference brochures, newspaper clippings and photos. Then came the daunting task of sorting, categorizing and digitizing our treasure. We were quite frankly overwhelmed, and progress was slow.

At the 2017 House of Delegates Meeting, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) announced initial plans for the ASRT centennial celebration in 2020 and the implementation of the Affiliate History Project. This was the impetus we needed to accomplish our goal to preserve the long-forgotten documents and photos. The ASRT project includes collecting, digitizing and preserving these artifacts in the ASRT museum. In 2020, the second edition of the Shadowmakers is expected to be published and will include the history of each ASRT affiliate.

Numerous MSRT members contributed to this effort. Some of those undertaking this endeavor had a long history with the MSRT, some were students, just exploring the profession. We had conversations with MSRT leaders from our own early years in the profession. It was a labor of love and hard work. As we delved into box after box, we marveled at the artifacts we found that had survived the years. We laughed about old photos and shared fond MSRT memories. We were saddened at the thought of the items and materials that were lost. The information contained in the following pages is a culmination of what we learned and compiled for submission to the ASRT Affiliate History Project.

The MSRT has evolved for the past eighty-eight years, as has our profession. I hope as our society prepares to celebrate its' own centennial just 12 years from now, that the future leaders of the MSRT will continue to honor our history and embrace the future.

*Pat*

Patricia Willett, BS, RT(R)(CT)  
MSRT President, 2018-2019

	<p>At its' best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.</p> <p>— William Murtagh</p>
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## Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists History

April 14, 1931, at 8:00pm a group of 22 x-ray technicians met in a borrowed office space at 711 Boylston Street in Boston, MA to discuss the forming of a society. The group formed in response to perceived socio-economic concerns facing "technicians" of the time, the need to keep up to date with radiographic techniques, equipment, and procedures and to promote the study and application of radiologic techniques. The Boston Society of Radiographers (BSR)\* was incorporated in Boston on May 8, 1931. An affiliation agreement with the American Association of Radiological Technicians was signed on May 8, 1931. The first official meeting after incorporation was held on June 9, 1931, at 652 Huntington Avenue in Boston, Massachusetts.

The original By Laws and Constitution of the Boston Society of Radiographers are included at the end of this document.

### Charter members include:

Mr. Carlton D. Bruya, RT, President	Mr. Shapiro
Mr. Charles P. Nicol, President-Elect	Mr. Edward Cronin, Vice-President
Ms. Emily M Gaffney, Secretary	Mr. G Leesman
Mr. Oliver E. Merrill, Executive Committee	Mr. Patterson
Mr. Colter, Executive Committee	Mr. F. Kaupp
Mr. Stanley Gerard, Executive Committee	Mr. J. Matthews
Mr. Sherlock, Membership Committee	Mr. Joseph Chretien, Executive Committee
Mr. Monroe, Membership Committee	Mrs. E. Jackson, Vice President
Miss R. Coburn, Membership Committee	Mrs. Anna H. W. Morgan, RT, RN
Mr. Harold Cook	Miss McPherson
Mr. Burton, Treasurer	Miss P. Hardeman

\* The name was changed to Massachusetts Society of X-Ray Technicians in October 1934

\* The name was changed to Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists in Ma, 1965

### MSRT Current Purpose/Mission

The purpose of MSRT shall be to advance the professions of radiation and imaging disciplines and specialties; to maintain high standards of education; to enhance the quality of patient care; and to further the welfare and socioeconomics of radiologic technologists.

### Boston Society of Radiographers 1931 Purpose/Mission

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### District Societies

The five districts (Boston, Merrimack, Cape Cod, Central and Western) of this society were also formulated in 1931 to better reach technologists in various areas of the state. These districts functioned as

subordinates of the MSXT/MSRT until 2006 when due to decreased participation at the local level they were dissolved.

### **Annual Meeting**

Annual meetings have been held since 1931. In 1941, the format of the meeting was changed to a multi-day educational conference. These conferences have been held in a variety of towns throughout Massachusetts in an attempt to attract attendance by technologists throughout the state.

### **Advocacy**

Since the formation of the society in 1931, members have been actively advocating for the health and safety of the technologists and residents of the Commonwealth and protection from the harmful effects of ionizing radiation in medical imaging and radiation therapy. Walter James Dodd, MD the first roentgenologist at Massachusetts General Hospital died in 1916 as the result of exposure to x-rays during his experiments. Those working with him and those who followed in his path in Massachusetts recognized both the potential and the dangers of radiation in medical imaging earlier than many others. From the start, the MSRT has worked to establish educational standards and licensure for all individuals administering ionizing radiation in medicine. There have been many challenges along the way, but the MSRT is proud to have been instrumental in the formation of the high standards that exist today in Massachusetts. We will maintain and improve these standards and meet future challenges to our profession, just as our founders and early leaders did.

### **Salary Negotiation**

In 1970, the Union Organization Guild # 1199 was actively trying to unionize hospital workers in Massachusetts. The MSRT board met with the union organizer to determine if Massachusetts technologist may be affected. The board decided not to support their effort to unionize.

The concern regarding low salary scales for technologists resulted in a salary survey sent in 1969 to all Chief Technologists throughout Massachusetts. A proposed salary scale was developed and presented to the Massachusetts Radiological Society (MRS). The MRS appealed to hospital administrators to implement the proposed salary scale for technologists. Salary increases were implemented as a result in some Massachusetts hospitals.

### **Education**

In 1933 consistent with its' mission, the society helped to develop a formal course of training in Roentgenography that was presented at Massachusetts General Hospital. The first faculty included Oliver E. Merrill, Mr. Sherlock and Dr. George Holmes, a renowned Roentgenologist of the day. A close collaboration between "technicians" and physicians was considered essential. Radiologists fully realized that the quality of their interpretations relied heavily on the capabilities of those producing the image.

1952 Standardization of the Educational Requirements for Schools of X-Ray Technology was finalized. Programs were 12 months in length: (100 hours in class work; 2 weeks in the darkroom and 9 months of practical training in an X-Ray Department). A committee regulated the content of the curriculum. Oliver E. Merrill sat on the committee along with four radiologists from the Roentgen Ray Society. The Chairman of the joint commission was to serve as administrator of the school.

## **Buzz Bowl**

The competitive academic technology bowl competition began in the Boston District in the early 1960s. Since 1968, the games have been open to all schools and are held over three days in conjunction with the MSRT annual conference. Buzz Bowl is a featured event each year with 8 – 10 teams competing for well-deserved bragging rights.

**1955** The National Committee on Radiation Protection (NRC) established safety regulations that were incorporated into the required educational curriculum in Massachusetts.

**1957** The MSRT began to offer formal "refresher" courses for students, technologists, and supervisors.

**1964** Graduate study courses in Radioisotopes, Radiation Therapy, and Administrative Techniques were presented by the MSRT in cooperation with Northeastern University.

**1980** The MSRT was recognized by the ARRT to approve CE activities and the Achievements in Continuing Education (A.C.E.) Program began.

## **Quarter Century Club (QCC)**

The QCC of the MSRT was started to acknowledge those MSRT member who have maintained membership in the society for 25 consecutive years. New QCC inductees are recognized each year at the annual conference. In 2018, the MSRT has more than four hundred (400) QCC members.

**Honorary Life members** are those Quarter Century voting members who hold a certificate of recognition from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or equivalent or who meet Social Security Administration requirements for retirement. Their participation as a member reflects exceptional service and dedication to the MSRT and the profession. They are selected upon application by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership of the Board of Directors. They have all rights, privileges and obligations of Active members. They pay no membership dues.

MSRT Life Members:

- Ted W. Bergey
- David Sack
- Mary Frangiosa-Creese
- Peter Vasallo
- Carol Wallace

## **Awards/Scholarships**

### **Annual Lecture Awards**

Each year the MSRT board selects an individual member deserving of recognition for their service to the society and contributions to the profession. **Oliver E. Merrill** (even years)  
**Florence Wakefield** (odd years)

## MSRT Scholarships

The MSRT currently awards up to four (4) scholarships each year. Scholarships are presented at the annual conference.

- **Oliver E. Merrill or Florence Wakefield Scholarship** are awarded annually by the MSRT to a student member enrolled a primary certification program; Radiography, Nuclear Medicine or Radiation Therapy.
- Additional scholarships may be available dependent upon funding available.
- **James V. Lampka Presidential Scholarship** is awarded annually by the to a technologist member perusing advanced certification or degree.

### Oliver E. Merrill 1904 - 1962

Oliver graduated from Northeastern University in 1927 and began working in the Radiology department at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) as an engineer that same year. He remained employed at MGH for 35 years. One of the charter members of the Boston Society of Radiographers, he became certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in 1948 and became a member of the ASRT in 1954. He served as President of the Massachusetts society in 1934 and again in 1947. He was an early proponent of educating technologists and elevating our profession. In 1933, he presented the first course of training for x-ray technologists in Massachusetts. This led to the formation of the Campbell school of x-ray, the first formal x-ray training program in Massachusetts. Oliver later helped to develop the Northeastern University x-ray program where he also taught. Oliver E Merrill was an educator and mentor at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He contributed to various reports, articles and papers. One such paper was in the Journal "Radiology" Titled Superficial Burns; of Skin and Eyes from Scattered Cathode Rays, Laurence L. Robbins, Joseph C. Aub, Oliver Cope, David G. Cogan, John L. Langohr, R. W. Cloud, Oliver E. Merrill. The report was concerned with varying degrees of injury received by six men in the Department of Radiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, due to a few seconds exposure to scattered electrons from a 1,200-kv electrostatic generator. The main purpose in presenting the report was to prevent a repetition of that experience. It was important to emphasize the dangers inherent in scattered as well as in direct cathode rays, in order that the recurrent enthusiasm for their therapeutic possibilities may not be permitted to overshadow their possible harmful effects. (Radiologic Society of North America, 1946)

Oliver. E. Merrill made considerable contributions to the establishment of educational standards and recognition of the profession and the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists. Shortly after his death in 1962, the MSXT established the Oliver E. Merrill Lecture award to pay tribute to this man. Laurence L. Robbins, MD gave the first OEM lecture on May 2, 1964

**Florence Wakefield, AS, RN, RT(R) 1915 - 2001**

Florence Wakefield began her healthcare career as a nurse in 1934. She was employed for most of her career at the Hale Hospital and later served as the Chief Technologist from 1954 until 1974. When first assigned to work in the x-ray department in the late 1930's she enrolled in the Campbell School of Radiography and studied under Oliver E. Merrill. Flo served in the Army Nurse Core in the early 1940's, then returned to work at the Hale Hospital. In 1952, she was certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and became an active member of the MSRT. After her retirement from the Hale Hospital in 1974, Flo continued to work part time as a Radiologic Technologist for another twenty-three (23) years.

Flo was committed to teaching and learning. When Northeastern University in Boston began a certificate program in Radiologic Technology, she enrolled. Later when the local community college began an AS Degree program, she enrolled and received her Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology in 1973 from Northern Essex Community College. She loved teaching the students at the hospital and most of all, encouraging them to become actively involved in the profession and the MSRT. Flo was actively involved in the MSRT since first becoming a member in 1952. She was an inspiration to many and served the society in various capacities as a board and committee member at both the district and state level for nearly 50 years until her death in 2001. In 1997, the MSRT established the Florence Wakefield Lecture Award to recognize her contributions to the profession.

**James V Lampka, MS, RT(R) 1944-2013**

Jim was born in Buffalo, NY, and held a Master of Science degree in Health Science Education and Evaluation from State University of New York at Buffalo and a B.A. from Canisius College in Buffalo. Jim had a passion for physics, and he dedicated his forty plus year radiology career to teaching the science of radiologic technology and the art of compassion to his students. Jim was a dedicated radiology professional who had a remarkable impact on our profession and on many technologists personally as well. He was a teacher to all of us. He taught in several radiology programs in Massachusetts and was a frequent lecturer at MSRT educational events. A generous man, Jim most often donated the offered honorarium to the MSRT charity or scholarship fund. Since moving to Massachusetts early in his career, Jim was active in the MSRT, serving many years on the Board of Directors including three terms as President. He was a strong advocate for licensure both locally and nationally. He was instrumental in the establishment of licensing for Radiologic Technologists in Massachusetts and subsequently served on the Advisory Commission for Radiologic Technologist Licensing for many years. In 2015, The MSRT Presidential Scholarship was renamed in his honor.

## **David Sack BS, RT(R)**

For most of his career, David lived and worked in Massachusetts where he spearheaded the effort to obtain technologist licensure for more than 18 years. David spent countless hours leading the way through all the challenges. He became the spokesperson on licensure not only for the MSRT, but also for all technologists. We are forever in his debt for being the foremost proponent of this cause. In return for his efforts, David was issued Radiologic Technologist License number 001 in 1990. When he retired and relinquished his Massachusetts Radiography License, in an unprecedented act, license number 001 was passed on to his son, Darren Sack, BS, RT(R). Darren is the MSRT 2018 President-Elect, preparing to serve his second term as President. David obviously passed on more than his radiography license! David, a lifetime MSRT member, is now enjoying life on the beach in the Carolinas.

## **History of Massachusetts Licensure**

A committee of five Technologists was appointed at the 1967 conference to draft a model licensure bill that was presented at the 1968 conference. Suggestions for changes were made and a revised copy was sent to all members with the understanding that licensure will not be pursued immediately but would be presented to the Advisory Council on Radiation Protection of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where it would be kept on file until such time that a licensure law may become imminent. Chair of this committee was Robert Phillips, RT(R). A ballot was included with the proposed bill and sent to all MSRT members. An overwhelming majority of members approved of the proposed bill. Therefore, the quest to require the licensure of those practicing Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Radiation Therapy began.

Each year, the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists Board of Directors diligently identified both Senate and House sponsors, and filed that session's bill. Unlike our neighboring states that did enact licensure, sadly, after each year's submission and optimism about passage, each bill mysteriously seemed to die at the end of that year's Legislative session. Finally, in the 1980's, working in concert with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Radiation Control Office, our bill passed both houses, and was signed into law by then Governor, Michael Dukakis.

The narrative below provides a historical record of the processes and procedures utilized to ensure that Massachusetts would join the growing number of states enacting similar legislation.

On our first five or six filings, the MSRT had adopted the form of licensure legislation where a state "Board of Registration of Radiologic Technology" would be created analogous to those in existence for Nursing, Medicine, etc. In addition, a characteristic of this form of licensure legislation was the inclusion within the actual bill itself, of all of the rules and regulations specific to the practice of individuals being licensed within the various professions. As we became more sophisticated in our understanding of Massachusetts political processes, we learned that the political powers at the time were totally against the establishment of any additional medically related "Boards of Registration". Primary among their motivations were the concerns over the proliferation of more governmental bureaucracies and the additional costs to the state for setting up and maintaining additional registration boards. It became abundantly clear to us that if we insisted on establishing our own registration board, we were doomed to die in Committee and never achieve licensure. We also learned that including all rules and regulations within a bill passed into law would severely hamper any changes we wished to effect as our professions continued to grow and change. To change any of the rules and regulations would require submitting

amendments to our law and opening it up to amendments made by our many detractors, thereby decimating our law and/or rendering it meaningless. It was at this juncture that we decided to adopt a different legislation model. One that grants the executive power and authority for the administration of licensure activities associated with the Radiologic Technologies to an existing state government agency. In our situation, the state agency that was most closely related to our profession, and could most logically administer our licensing regulations, was the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Radiation Control Program. Therefore, our subsequent bills were relatively simple in nature: The main elements of our bills, including the one passed and signed into law, are:

- The Radiation Control Program was charged with creating, implementing and maintaining all policies, procedures, rules and regulations relative to the licensure of Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Radiation Therapists.
- The establishment of an Advisory Commission on Radiologic Technologist Licensing (ACRT) to work with the Radiation Control Program to develop, implement and manage these rules, regulations and procedures.
- The ACRT consists of four (4) technologists and three (3) physicians representing Radiography Nuclear Medicine & Radiation Therapy and a public sector member.
- The establishment of a dual requirement for eligibility for licensure: graduating from a JRCERT (or equivalent accreditation agency) accredited school of radiography, nuclear medicine or radiation therapy and passing a state licensure exam that would be no less stringent than that of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
- The establishment of a Continuing Education requirement for licensure renewal. The establishment of a scope of practice for each profession no less stringent than those adopted by each profession's respective national professional organization.

### **The Initial Regulations:**

Soon after being signed into law, the Radiation Control Program, through the Governor's Office appointment process, established the 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 areas of practice. This commission was charged with:

- Developing the specific regulations governing the practices of radiography, nuclear medicine and radiation therapy
- Developing an application process for licensure.
- 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.
- 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 three chances to pass within one year's period. 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. If 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 to gain the backing for our legislation of the Union groups who were one of the groups effectively blocking our passage in the past.

- Detailing the CEU requirements 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, two (2) of the total of twenty (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 i.e. if they are a practicing radiographer, the CEU content must be related to Radiography/CT Imaging. Similarly, Radiation Therapists need eight (8) CEU's directly related to that practice and Nuclear Medicine Technologists, eight (8) CEU's in topics directly related to their field of practice. The remaining ten (10) CEU's must in some way be related to health care practice. This could be CEU's in Medical Sonography or MRI, 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.
- Reviewing of the credentials submitted by individuals from other countries (i.e. 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.

### **Revised Regulations 1990**

The first revision of the regulations occurred in the early 1990's, when mammography came under first American College of Radiology (ACR) regulations and certification, then Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) control. Our initial regulations were amended to make mammography a separate, advanced level post radiography license. 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 eight (8) of the Mammography CEU's could also be counted as "DR" for radiography.

### **Revised Regulations 2017**

From 2010 to 2018, at least in part due to changes in the Department of Public Health and Radiation Control Program, the Advisory Commission of Radiologic Technologist Licensing became inactive for many years. During this period, the MSRT worked relentlessly toward updating the regulations and reconvening the Advisory Commission. Patience and persistence paid off and the MSRT believes that the current regulations better reflect the high standards of our profession and strengthen Massachusetts radiologic technologist licensure.

#### **Significant regulation changes include:**

- Establishment of new advanced practice licensing categories for:
  - Computed tomography (CT)
  - Positron emission tomography (PET)

- Nuclear medicine advanced associate (NMAA)
- Radiologist assistant (RA), including radiology practitioner assistant (RPA).
- Limited Scope licenses were removed.
- Updates to the continuing education requirements to include new license categories and practice standards. A minimum of twenty-four (24) CEUs biannually are now required and must be specific to each license category. Alignment of the of the licensing term and CE biennium to begin on the first day of the birth month (consistent with the ARRT).
- Updates to Radiation Control Program administrative procedures related to the issuance and revocation of licenses.
- The Advisory Commission of Radiologic Technologist Licensing (ACRT) was reconvened and met for the first time with new members on June 26, 2018. Unfortunately, the ACRT has not met again since 2018.

### **Revised Regulations 2026**

**On December 10, 2025, the [Massachusetts Public Health Council](#) voted to approve revisions to 105 CMR 125.000: Licensing of Radiologic Technologists, formally establishing a new license category for Limited Scope Radiography Practice in Massachusetts.**

#### **Key parameters of the new Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography license:**

- Applicants may apply to practice in **up to two** of the following procedure specialties:
  - Chest
  - Extremities
  - Skull/Sinuses
  - Spine
  - Podiatric Radiography
- Applicants must submit documentation of appropriate coursework in the selected procedure specialties and achieve a passing score established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography examination administered by ARRT or another national or international certifying board approved by the Department.
- Limited Scope licensees may not practice in the following procedure specialties:
  - Fluoroscopy
  - Contrast Media
  - Mobile Imaging
  - Remote Imaging
- Temporary licenses will not be issued for Limited Scope of Practice in Radiography.
- Individuals licensed under this category must complete 24 continuing education units (CEUs) during each two-year license renewal cycle.

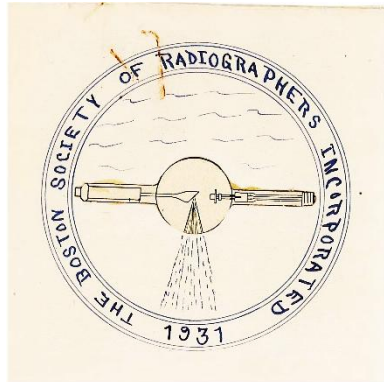
## Significant Dates

1931	Founded as Boston Society of Radiographers
1931	Newsletter "The Exray Technician" established
1931	Affiliation with the American Association of Radiological Technicians
1934	Name Changed to Massachusetts Society of X-Ray Technicians
1934	Course of Training Established by Oliver E. Merrill
1946	Frist Edition of the "Mayflower" newsletter published
1956	Districts established to reach RT's in different regions of the state
1957	MSXT Sponsors Senate Bill 746 "Approving Authority for Schools of X-Ray"
1964	First Oliver E Merrill Lecture Award - Laurence L. Robbins MD on May 2
1965	Name Changed to Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists
1968	A new format of MSRT Newsletter published
1968	The Northeastern University Radiologic Technology program began offering an Associate's Degree
1973	Merrimack District Florence Wakefield Outstanding Student Award Established
1976	MSRT Oliver E Merrill Scholarship Established
1977	Newsletter renamed the MSRT Report
1980	Achievements in Continuing Education (A.C.E.) Program began.
1986	H 5966 Radiologic Technologist Licensing Bill passed on Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>
1989	Regulations (105 CMR 125.000) Finalized & Promulgated
1990	First RT Licenses Issued
1995	Newsletter renamed "The Exposure"
1995	Continuing Education Becomes Mandatory by the ARRT.
1997	First Florence Wakefield Lecture Award
2000	Presidential Scholarship for Technologists Established
2005	Districts Dissolved
2015	New and improved website launched
2015	Presidential Scholarship renamed the James V. Lampka Scholarship

- 2020 The COVID-19 Pandemic forced the cancellation of the MSRT conference for the first time since WWII
- 2020 MSRT began offering virtual CE Webinars
- 2021 First Virtual Annual Conference
- 2022 In person annual meeting returned with a one-day format

# CONSTITUTION OF THE BOSTON SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS

*Established 1931*



## **Article I Name and Object**

1. The name of this organization is the Boston Society of Radiographers.
2. The object of this Society shall be the study and practical application of Radiological technique.
3. In the forming of this Society, it is our ambition to assist in the forming of proper qualifications, the fixing of responsibilities, the raising of standards and the proper limitations of our field of activity.

## **Article III Membership**

1. The membership of the Boston Society of Radiographers shall consist of X-ray Technicians of Massachusetts who are engaged in the practice of radiological technique
2. There shall be three classes of membership, namely: Active, Members-elect and Honorary
3. Active members shall be those who have spent two full years in service, in a recognized X-ray Laboratory under the direct supervision of either a Doctor of Medicine, or a Doctor of Dental Surgery, regularly licensed to practice, and specially trained or experienced in x-ray diagnosis or therapy or both. The applicant for active membership shall be so employed at time of application.
4. Members-elect shall be those with qualifications the same as for active members, except that they need not have completed two years of service.
5. Honorary members of this Society shall have distinguished themselves in some branch of radiological research work.
6. The privilege of ballot shall be enjoyed only by Active members of this Society.

## **Article III Admission and Expulsion of Members**

1. Regulations as to the form of application and as to the method of their consideration shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of this Society.
2. A member of any grade of membership in this Society may resign by written communication to the Secretary. If all dues and indebtedness have been paid, his or her resignation shall be accepted.

3. A quorum shall consist of not less than seven active members.
4. No member who is in arrears for dues shall vote, hold office, or be entitled to receive reports of the transactions of this society.
5. Upon written request of two or more members that for cause therein stated, a member of any grade be expelled there appears sufficient reason shall advise the accused of the charges against him. The accused shall then have the right to present a written defense, and to appear in person or by a duly authorized representative before a meeting of the Membership Committee, of which meeting he shall be mailed a notice at least twenty days in advance. If in the opinion of the Membership Committee, a satisfactory defense has not been made, the matter should be reported to the Society at the next regular meeting for final disposition, a majority ballot of members present being necessary for expulsion.

#### **Article IV Dues**

1. Admission fees shall be as follows:
  - For any class other than Honorary \$2.00
  - For Honorary Members No fee
2. Annual dues shall be as follows:
  - For any class other than Honorary. \$3.00
  - For Honorary Members No dues
3. Admission fees thirty days after date of adoption of this Constitution, shall be as follows:
  - For any class other than Honorary \$10.00
  - For Honorary Members No fee

#### **Article V Officers**

1. The officers shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Executive Committee (of three) all of whom are to be elected by a majority ballot of those present at a regular meeting, termed Election Meeting, described and designated in the By-Laws of this Society. All except the Executive Committee are to serve for the term of one year or until their successors shall have been elected. At the first Election Meeting the first member of the Executive Committee shall be elected to serve for a period of three years; the second member of the Committee elected to serve: for a period of two years; the third member to serve for a period of one year. At each succeeding election, meeting one member of the Executive Committee shall be elected to serve for a period of three years, the newly elected member to serve in the place of the retiring member, the senior member of the Executive Committee to act as Chairman.
2. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the President-Elect. A vacancy in the office of the President-Elect shall be filled by the Vice-President, a vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled as at a regular Election meeting. A vacancy in the office of the Secretary or the Treasurer shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Committee. A vacancy in the office of the Executive Committee or any other Committee shall be filled by the appointment of the President.

3. Offices shall be held only by Active Members of this Society.
4. The term offices shall be so construed as to include the various Committees.

#### **Article VI Duties of Officers and Committees**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and perform all duties consistent with the office. He shall be ex-officio member of all Committees.
2. In the absence of the President, the President-Elect shall assume the duties of the President.
3. In the absence of the President and President-Elect, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President.
4. The Secretary shall cause to be kept a correct and permanent record of the transactions of the Society. The Secretary shall send notice of meetings to each member in good standing at least four days in advance, notify all communities of their various appointments or elections, conduct the correspondence and in general perform such duties as usually and customarily appertain to the Office.
5. The Treasurer shall have charge of the various monies of the Society; he shall give satisfactory bond to the Executive Committee, the cost of said bond to be paid by the Society; he shall pay out monies only upon written order of the President and Secretary he shall make a full report of the affairs of his office at such a meeting as shall be designated in the By-Laws of this Society.
6. The Executive Committee shall audit the accounts of the treasurer, arrange for the regular meetings, and have general supervision of the affairs of the Society, not otherwise provided for, and transact the important financial business of the Society.
7. The Membership Committee shall be appointed by the President immediately following the election of Officers. This Committee shall consist of three members who shall serve terms similar to those of the Executive Committee, described in Article V, Paragraph 1.
8. It shall be the duty of the Membership Committee to conduct any authorized campaign for membership, to prepare and supply application blanks, and to pass upon all affairs pertaining to membership. This Committee shall report to the Executive Committee after thorough investigation of each individual applicant.

#### **Article VII Meetings**

1. Special meetings of this Society may be called upon the order of the President, Secretary and Executive Committee and at such time and place as they may designate. Notice of such meetings to be mailed as specified in Article VI, Paragraph 4.
2. At the written request to the Secretary, by at least seven members in good standing, for reasons outlined in said communication, a Special meeting will be called. Notice of the meeting to be mailed in accordance with Article VI Paragraph 4.

## **Article VIII Amendments**

1. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Society may be amended or altered by a two thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting.
2. Application signed by at least seven Active Members in good standing, must be made to the Executive Committee for a change or amendment. This Committee shall thoroughly investigate the merits of the proposed alteration or amendment and shall then read the application before a regular Meeting for final disposition, not however until the expiration of ninety days after receipt of said. application by the Committee
3. Regulations as to the method of change or amendment of the Constitution shall contained in the By-Laws of this Society.

## **Ratification**

We, the undersigned, subscribe our names and in so doing adopt and ratify this Constitution together with its amendments, and recognize it to be the rules for government of the Boston Society of Radiographers.

Signed, this twenty-eighth day of April in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

# BY-LAWS OF THE BOSTON SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS

## **I Order of Business**

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Report of Committees.
6. Election of Members.
7. New Business.
8. Reading of papers, discussions, etc.
9. Report of Nominating Committee.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Selection of next meeting place.
12. Adjournment

## **II Membership.**

1. All applications for membership shall be made in a form approved by the Membership Committee.

## **III Payment of Dues.**

1. Dues are payable annually in advance and are due at the first meeting of each year.

## **IV Election of Officers.**

1. A nomination committee of three members shall be appointed by the President on the day on which he assumes office. Said Committee shall satisfy themselves that all nominees are in good standing and free from all charges before the time of voting. Any active member shall have the right to attain any office, provided he is in good standing. A majority ballot elects.

Election meeting shall be the regular meeting of the month of April of each year.

## **V Miscellaneous.**

1. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the close of the meeting termed as Election Meeting.
2. All parliamentary proceedings at the meetings of this Society shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
3. Papers shall be limited to twenty minutes, unless by consent of the majority. Open discussions shall be limited to ten minutes. All others, five minutes. No member shall speak twice upon the same subject without the consent of the Society.
4. Non-members shall have the privilege of the floor only on consent of the President.
5. A magazine known as the "Ex-Ray Technician" to be mailed to all members whose dues have been paid.

## **Minutes of the first meeting Boston Society of Radiographers**

Held at 711 Boylston St., Boston

On Wednesday evening, April 14, 1931, a group of twenty-two x-ray technicians met at 711 Boylston Street, Boston, at the request of Carlton D. Bruya, to discuss the forming of a society of technicians employed in the greater Boston with the idea of becoming affiliated with the American Society of Radiographers.

American Society of Radiographers questionnaires had been sent out previous to the meeting; Thirty-three of these cards were filled out and returned to Mr. Bruya.

The meeting was called to order with Mr. Bruya as Chairman. Mrs. Gaffney volunteered to act as Secretary for the meeting. It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to appoint two members to fill the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Mrs. Gaffney and Mr. Burton were named to fill these places, respectively until permanent officers were elected.

It was a unanimous vote that the Chairman appoint a committee of five persons to draw up a constitution and By-laws for the Society. The committee appointed was: Mr. Cook, Mr. Nicoll, Miss MacPherson, Mrs. Gaffney and Mr. Bruya as chairman.

It was voted that the Chairman appoint a Publicity Committee, whose duty is to take charge of publicity of the Society's activities Mr. Shapiro was named as a committee of one for this work.

It was voted unanimously that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to be known as the Nominating Committee whose duties are to propose candidates for the offices of President, Vice-President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer. An amendment to the effect that candidates suggested must be present at the meeting at which the nominations are made was made before the question was put to a vote. Mr. Cronin, Mr. Leesam and Miss Coburn were named as this committee.

It was voted that the Secretary notify members of any meetings of the organization at least four days prior to the day of the meeting.

It was voted that Mr. Roderick be thanked for the use of his office, and that he be reimbursed by the Treasurer in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) to cover rental of chairs.

A collection taken up netted \$10.10 which was turned over to the treasurer, Mr. Burton.

It was voted unanimously that the organization meet at some place other than a commercial house. The Chairman named Mr. Patterson and Mr. Kaupp as a committee to locate a place where the Society might meet regularly.

It was voted that the next meeting be held at 825 Colonial Building, Boston, in two weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

**Signed** Mrs. E.M. Gaffney

Acting Secretary

## MSRT Presidents

1931	Charleton Bruya	1985	Peter Vassallo
1932-33	Charles P. Nicoll	1986	Jan Jenkins
1934-35	Oliver E. Merrill	1987	Debra Ralls
1936-37	Mr. Duquette	1988	Michael DelVecchio
1938	Anna H.S. Morgan	1989	Linda LeFave
1939	Francis Murphy	1990	Carol Wallace
1939-41	Stanley Gerard	1991	John Landry
1942	Emilio Stasio	1992	James Lampka
1943	Ralph Bannister	1993	Timothy Betz
1944	Lila Yerxa	1994	Michael DelVecchio
1945-46	William Kruger	1995	Patricia Saisi
1947	Oliver E. Merrill	1996	Jane Erekson
1948	Gus Marcantonio	1997	Kathy Tabor McEwan
1949	Russell Bannister	1998	Robert A. Mortensen
1950-51	Raymond Bannister	1999	David LeClair
1952-53	Elmer Allard	2000	Eileen Miksch
1954	Delane Stevens	2001	Debra Ricciardelli
1955	Robert Phillips	2002	John Landry
1956	Mathew Stevens	2003	Marianne Spatola
1957	Emilio Stasio	2004	Denise Hamlin
1958	Edmund Poopor	2004	Kevin Reynolds
1959	Martha White	2005	Maureen Seluta
1960	John Viera	2006	Kevin Reynolds
1961	Stanley Bozen	2007	Marie Oliver
1961-63	Roy Shurgar	2008	Shannon Barron
1964	Clay Coupe	2009	Tyler Martin
1965	James Farrell	2010	James V. Lampka
1966	David Stone	2011	Darren Sack
1967	Robert J. Roth	2012	Lisa Fanning
1968	Ted W. Bergey	2013	Patricia Willett
1969	Bruce LaCasse	2014	David LeClair
1970	Norman Bossie	2015	Darren Sack
1971	John C. McMahan	2016	Nancy Julin
1972	Patricia A. Carey	2017	Jane Erekson
1973	Edward J. Boudreau	2018	Patricia Willett
1974	George S. Lewis	2019	Darren Sack
1975	Paule Cerce	2020	Jane Erekson
1976	Priscilla Price Row	2021	Debra Ricciardelli
1977	Janet Lister	2022	Erin Peterson
1978	Dennis D. Keefe	2023	Erin Peterson
1979	James Greenhalgh	2024	Jennifer Davenport
1980	Paul Fournier	2025	Karen Farris
1981	James Lampka	2026	Derek Medeiros
1982	Patricia C. Selleck	2027	
1983	Sandra D. Ostresh	2028	
1984	Debra A. Desmarais		

## Memorial Awards

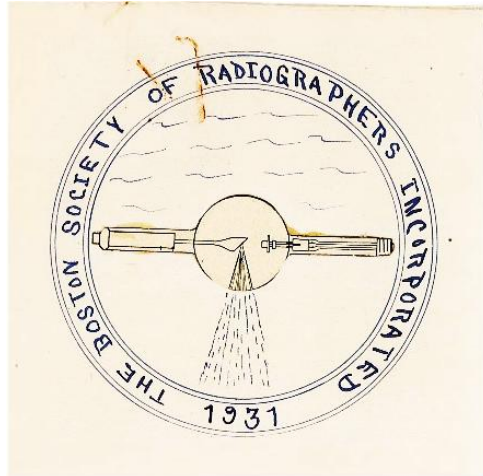
<b>Year</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Award</b>
1964	Laurence	Robbins	Oliver E. Merrill
1965	Jean	Everett	Oliver E. Merrill
1967	Robert	Phillips	Oliver E. Merrill
1968	Matthew	Stevens	Oliver E. Merrill
1969	Jerome	Shapiro, MD	Oliver E. Merrill
1970	Ralph	Coates	Oliver E. Merrill
1971	Robert	Clark	Oliver E. Merrill
1972	Eulalia	Quinn	Oliver E. Merrill
1973	Lloyd	Hawes	Oliver E. Merrill
1974	Marlo	Sigal	Oliver E. Merrill
1975	Eleanor	Coates	Oliver E. Merrill
1976	Edward	Pooper	Oliver E. Merrill
1977	Florence	Wakefield	Oliver E. Merrill
1978	John	McMahon	Oliver E. Merrill
1979	William	Bray	Oliver E. Merrill
1980	Charles	Bianchi	Oliver E. Merrill
1981	Matthew	Stevens	Oliver E. Merrill
1982	Sr. Bernice	Lebel	Oliver E. Merrill
1983	D. Peter	Debrusk	Oliver E. Merrill
1984	Daniel	Moen	Oliver E. Merrill
1985	David	Sack	Oliver E. Merrill
1986	James	Conway	Oliver E. Merrill
1987	Patricia	Selleck	Oliver E. Merrill
1988	Martina	Harris	Oliver E. Merrill
1989	Patricia	Carey	Oliver E. Merrill
1990	Beverly	Buck	Oliver E. Merrill
1991	Cecile	Godderidge	Oliver E. Merrill
1992	Jan	Jenkins	Oliver E. Merrill
1993	Sandra	Ostresh	Oliver E. Merrill
1994	Linda	LeFave	Oliver E. Merrill
1995	John	O'Connor	Oliver E. Merrill
1996	James	Lampka	Oliver E. Merrill
1997	Peter	Vassallo	Florence Wakefield
1998	Carol	Wallace	Oliver E. Merrill
1999	Edward	Kilcoyne	Florence Wakefield
2000	Michael	DelVecchio	Oliver E. Merrill
2001	John	Landry	Florence Wakefield
2002	David	Sevigny	Oliver E. Merrill
2003	David	LeClair	Florence Wakefield
2004	Kathy	Tabor McEwan	Oliver E. Merrill
2005	Nancy	Garcia	Florence Wakefield
2006	Robert	Mortensen	Oliver E. Merrill
2007	Ron	Norton	Florence Wakefield
2008	Mary	Frangiosa-Creesy	Oliver E. Merrill

2009	Debra	Ricciardelli	Florence Wakefield
2010	Kevin	Reynolds	Oliver E. Merrill
2011	James	Lampka	Florence Wakefield
2012	Karl	Ellison	Oliver E. Merrill
2013	Debra	Ralls	Florence Wakefield
2014	Marie	Verlicco	Oliver E. Merrill
2015	Linda	LeFave	Florence Wakefield
2016	Patricia	Willett	Oliver E. Merrill
2017	Tyler	Martin	Florence Wakefield
2018	David	Gilmore	Oliver E. Merrill
2019	Victoria	Glassman	Florence Wakefield
2020	Georgan	Bruski	Oliver E. Merrill
2021	Debra	Ricciardelli	Florence Wakefield
2022	David	LeClair	Oliver E. Merrill
2023	Patricia	Willett	Florence Wakefield
2024	John D.	Olenio	Oliver E. Merrill
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2026	Debra	Desmarais	Oliver E. Merrill
2027			

### **MSRT Affiliate Delegates**

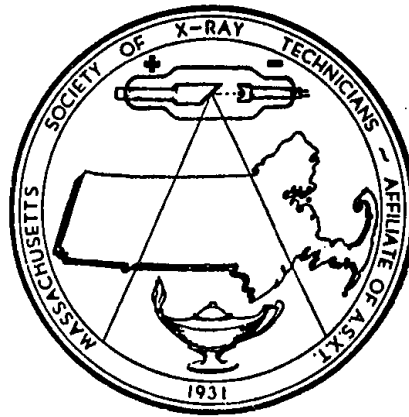
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- 1997 Robert Mortensen & Kathy Tabor McEwan
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- 2002 Debra Ricciardelli & David LeClair
- 2003 Marianne Spatola & Denise Hamlin
- 2004 Debra Ricciardelli & Maureen Seluta
- 2005 Maureen Seluta & Kevin Reynolds
- 2006 Marie Verlicco & Kevin Reynolds
- 2007 Marie Verlicco & Shannon Barron
- 2008 Marie Verlicco & Kevin Reynolds
- 2009 Kevin Reynolds & Tyler Martin
- 2010 Bernadette Ruchwa & Tyler Martin
- 2011 Bernadette Ruchwa & Tyler Martin
- 2012 Patricia Willett & David LeClair
- 2013 Patricia Willett & David LeClair
- 2014 Patricia Willett & David LeClair
- 2015 Darren Sack & David LeClair
- 2016 Darren Sack & Nancy Julin
- 2017 Nancy Julin & Jane Erikson
- 2018 Patricia Willett & Jane Erikson
- 2019 Patricia Willett & Jane Erikson
- 2020 Darren Sack - Virtual Meeting
- 2021 Erin Peterson & Debra Ricciardelli - Virtual Meeting
- 2022 Erin Peterson & David LeClair
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- 2024 Erin Peterson & David LeClair
- 2025 Michael Farah & Jillian Connolly
- 2026 Karen Farris & Derek Medeiros

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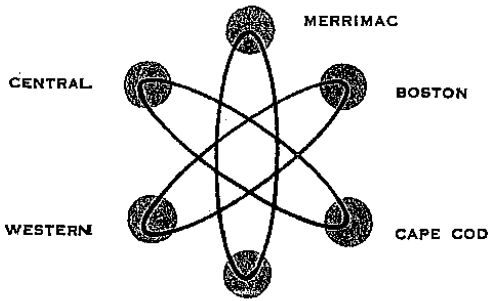
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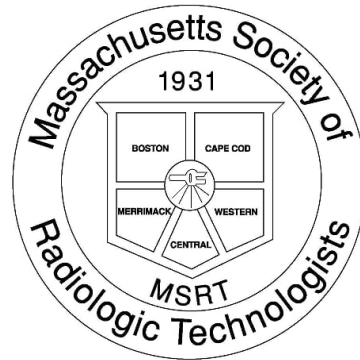


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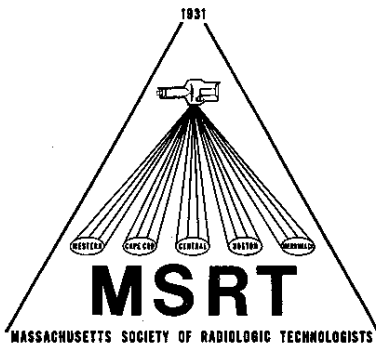
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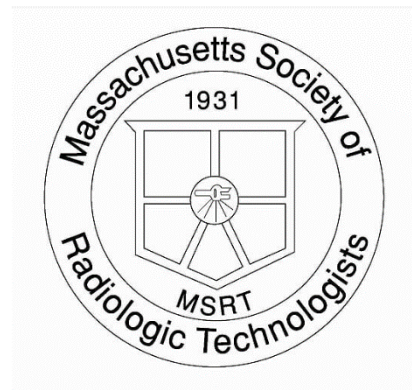
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