



# Cowboy Cathode

**Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists**

**Summer 2007**

## 2007 Annual Conference

Plans are well underway for the next Annual Conference which will be held in Cody, Wyoming at the Holiday Inn at the Buffalo Bill Village from September 14 - 16<sup>th</sup>. The usual Thursday afternoon Management Seminar has been struck from the program this year, and the conference will officially kick-off on Friday morning. The cost for the full conference has been reduced this year, offering conference attendees more bang for the buck.

The Board of Directors will conduct their normal Pre-Conference Board meeting on Thursday evening at 6:00 and any WSRT members are welcome to attend. At press time, plans for a Thursday evening ice-breaker are being discussed for members arriving the night before the conference kick-off.

Rooms will run from \$114 for a single to \$129 for a quad per night. **The Holiday Inn is asking for reservations to be made prior to August 14<sup>th</sup>, so call right away - 800-315-2621 and mention the WSRT for these special rates.**

Speakers for the conference are still being assembled and more information can be found at the web site as it becomes available. Of course, the normal fare of the WSRT Annual Meetings each day (lunch included!), as well as the Annual Banquet with the installation of officers, awards and the raffle will be included in your conference fees.

Please remind your vendors of the WSRT Conference and invite them to attend as well. The more vendors that we have to help sponsor these events, the more we can save you money! If you are interested in speaking at the conference, we can offer to pay for your conference fees for you (a full \$150!!!). Please contact us at [WSRT@wsrt.org](mailto:WSRT@wsrt.org).

The WSRT Board has worked this year in finding ways for members to save a few \$\$\$ to attend the conference, yet still have some quality time for education as well as networking and socializing with fellow members from around the region. Leonard Geringer, this year's conference chairman, has been working with Kelly Hartigan to bring all of you a quality conference in one of Wyoming's most beautiful and historic towns. Be sure to plan for time to visit the area's many attractions too.

Stay tuned for updated information at [www.wsrt.org](http://www.wsrt.org).

## From the President

I am honored to be writing this article as the President of the Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologist. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those I was unable to meet. My name is Angela Foy R.T. (R)(M). I have been

employed at Cheyenne Radiology Group for 10 years and a mammographer for the last eight years. I have a wonderful and supportive husband and two children. As you can tell I have dedicated much of my career in radiology to mammography. A topic I am very passionate about. I am also passionate about our Society and where I see us going in the future. I see a Society of dedicated members and new members who are learning what a great organization we have in Wyoming. United we can be a powerful group. I see technologists teaching and mentoring other technologists and students.

I would like to explain my goals as President and how they tie into my vision of our Society. My first goal is to get new members and recruit former members into coming back. Our public relations committee is currently working on this very task. We hope to have posters about our Society in hospitals and clinics around the state very soon. We would not exist if it was not for our members. I know the members we have are dedicated and I would like to encourage everyone to tell technologists about our Society.

I would like everyone to think about whom has made a difference in their lives. I am sure everyone has someone they can call a mentor. I can think of at least 4 technologists that have made a difference in my career and the choices I have made. My mentors have helped me and I would like the opportunity to help other technologists.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestion you have for our Society.

Angela Foy RT(R)(M)

## R.T. in D.C.

On behalf of the WSRT, Nancy Haller of Cheyenne and Alan Heffron of Jackson traveled to Washington D.C. recently to lobby for passage of the CARE Bill. Nancy and Alan attended the event as part of "R.T. in D.C.", an event sponsored by the ASRT that was held on March 19 and 20. The event consisted of a day of classes covering the content of the CARE Bill as well as how to communicate with elected representatives, and a day on Capitol Hill meeting with the legislators and staff.

The CARE Bill, known as the Consistency, Accuracy Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Bill, seeks to set minimum standards for those performing Radiography, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Computed Tomography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging as well as Radiation Therapy. Institutions that provide these services would be required to employ personnel who meet or exceed minimum standards set by the federal government. Institutions

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The Board of Directors and Committee Chairs are very interested in hearing from you. Additionally, many of the committees can still use volunteers. Comments and suggestions are also always welcome so please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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that do not comply would risk losing federal reimbursement for those procedures. Currently, eight states and the District Columbia have no minimum standards or regulation for radiologic technologists, and two states regulate only those who perform mammography.

On Tuesday, March 20, Nancy and Alan met with Senator Craig Thomas, Senator Mike Enzi and Representative Barbara Cubin, at their offices. As part of the R.T. in D.C. event, the ASRT asked participants to wear their white lab coats to Capitol Hill.

Nancy and Alan met first with Senator Thomas, who asked several questions about the bill and how it would impact Wyoming citizens, and seemed pleased to learn that rural exemptions are included in the bill to ensure that access to care is not hindered in a rural state such as Wyoming. Senator Thomas has supported the bill in the past, and was thanked for his continuing support.

The next visit was with Senator Enzi, who has played a pivotal role in the development of this bill. Senator Enzi introduced the bill in the Senate in 2006, and who recently introduced the bill again on March 30. He was thanked for being such a strong advocate of the bill over many years. The WSRT truly has an ally in Senator Enzi.

The last visit of the day was with Representative Barbara Cubin, who, in the past has been a critic of the bill in the past and has opposed its passage. Nancy and Alan were joined by one of the ASRT's lobbyists, Dave Goche. Nancy and Alan explained their role as Radiologic Technologists and the training and certification that is required to be granted a license in the state of Wyoming, and explained that in two neighboring states no such standards exist today. Representative Cubin had doubts concerning the enforcement provisions and Dave covered in detail. Mrs. Cubin's son is a Radiologist and she had spoken to him about the bill and her concerns. The rural exemptions of the bill were explained to her. At the end of the meeting, having answered her questions to her satisfaction she stated that this is legislation that she will support! The WSRT is grateful to Representative Cubin for throwing her support behind this important patient safety issue, and further efforts will be made to seek her Co-Sponsorship of the bill.

For further information on the CARE Bill, visit [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org).

## WSRT Logo Contest

It's time to express your creativity! At the recent spring meeting, the Board discussed updating our current logo, and agreed to sponsor a logo contest. Our current logo, although considered a classic, is felt to look dated. The contest is open to all current members of the WSRT. The winners and prize will be decided at the Fall Conference in Cody.

Guidelines for the contest:

- The organization name or initials should be included in the final logo.
- The logo should be identifiable.
- If abstract, the logo should be simple and clear in concept.
- It must convey traditional goals and spirit of the WSRT
- The concept should have relevance to the WSRT.
- It must adapt well to electronic and printed media, (letterhead, T-Shirts, pens etc)
- Must be the original work of the submitter.
- Designs should be submitted on 8.5x11" paper/art board or in digital format (.pdf, .tif or .eps format).
- All submissions become the property of WSRT and will not be returned to artist.
- WSRT reserves the absolute right to not use winning design.
- Entry must be wholly original, created entirely by entrant, and must not include anything owned by or requiring the permission of any third party. Submission must not violate copyright, trademark, or any other right of any third party.

Submit as many ideas as you would like! Here's is your big chance to put your mark on your organization! Submit your entries by September 1, 2007. You may submit electronically at [wsrt@wsrt.org](mailto:wsrt@wsrt.org) or mail to

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## Where were you?

Linda Holden

Where were you on the week end of Sept 16 and 17? We all wondered where you were. So many people asked where you were!

Did you not get the memo? Did no one tell you that there was a WSRT educational meeting in Rock Springs? I know that most everyone who has been in this state for over 2 or 3 years knows we meet the third week end of every September.

Did you forget to mark your calendar and make plans to be there? I know that do that every year, so, why don't you?

Did you know that there was a lot of really great information that you missed?

A lot of professional opportunities were available to you, like meeting new sales and service representatives and hearing speakers like Dr. Stu Buschong, Liana Watson, former ASRT Speaker of House, Bette Wilson (ARRT) , Bill Cummins, and Starla Mason. Yes, you missed some really viable and relevant education too. There were over 20 educational opportunities for you to get continuing education. I always come away with some new tid bit of information and I always feel refreshed even if I am revisiting information that I should have learned long before now.

We had and still have a lot of issues that were discussed in the business meeting and you know what, we didn't get to hear your voice or hear your point of view. Everyone missed that, but so did you. You know what, when we make decisions that involve you and you aren't here to be an active part, then you must might not like the outcome of the decisions made, but what can we do, if you choose not to be a part of this professional organization?

Students presented some pretty great exhibits and papers. They missed the opportunity to meet you and you missed that too.

I got to reconnect with great friends and I even made some new ones. I have been able to create these friendships over the years and maintain them by coming to this meeting. I missed you being there too. If you weren't there you missed out on so much but, remember, so did we. We were deprived of your company, your personality, your opinion, your experience and skill and of course your unique view on our issues here in Wyoming.

Professional, personnel and life long growth and opportunity is what you shouldn't ever miss out on. You live in Wyoming and this is a group of Wyoming technologists, educators and students, so why wouldn't you want to be there? I love this state, I love this profession and I love the people who are this profession and being able to be an active part of that is both a pure joy as well as a true responsibility. So, explain to me, why don't you? Why weren't you there?

Yes, I am a little angry. I am tired of trying to promote what you as a professional should be doing without anyone's prodding and pushing. You need to be a professional and be involved in your professional society's efforts, which by the way are done with you in mind. You owe it to yourself, to your facility, to your professional colleagues and more than anything to the most important person, your patient.

So, why weren't you there?

## In Memory of Jean

Chris Cohagan

As many of you know, Casper College radiography student Jean Vlastos died last year after a courageous fight with cancer. What many people don't know is who Jean really was and what she meant to the profession of Radiography. As a fellow student in her class and as her friend, I want to share with you a few of the fondest memories I have of Jean to hopefully relay to you what kind of person she was and just how important her scholarship is to the field of Radiography.

Jean was a mother of two radiant sons, Pablo and Lucas, and together with her husband George, they were a family of undeniable love and spirit. Her greatest times were those spent with her family and she loved telling all of us in her class about the silly times with the boys and of course just how much she loved George. She was always the first to express how important family was and just how precious those times are. She never once told a story about the boys or George without a glowing smile on her face. We all had the honor of meeting the boys and George numerous times. She was one of the best mothers and wife I have ever met. She held her family close to her heart and shared that with all of us. Thank you Jean.

In class, she was by far the most inquisitive person I have ever met. Question after question after question and even questioned her question. I hope you are getting the idea that a lot of us thought she asked too many questions. But what she taught us all in that class was to question everything. Question life because at no time will we ever have all the answers. And by not asking the question, how can you ever gain knowledge. In clinical Jean was absolutely the most thoughtful, kindest, most gentle, sympathetic technologist, period. Jean took the time to extend a very warm hand out to our patients and had a blast visiting with every patient, young or old, and listening to everything they had to say. In this very busy profession, so often we hurry and just get the exam done. Jean never once took that approach and always made the patient the number one priority and always listened. I think that Jean's bedside manner set her apart among all that were in her class. Jean's patients were all very appreciative of everything she ever did and especially thankful that Jean took the time to listen and appreciate them as a person.

Jean had always been one to jump into any organization that would benefit those in need. Jean had beat cancer once and had become very active the Casper Angel Program, designed specifically to assist cancer patients. This organization is also one that the Casper College Radiography program has been involved with for numerous years. A few months before Jeans passing, Jean was honored as the very first "Angel" of the year. This honor was very much deserved by Jean as her overwhelming time, commitment, and kindness, exemplified what type of person Jean was.

I hope that this paints a small picture of just how important Jean was not only to radiography and Casper College, but to the community and our state. The graduates of the 2006 Casper College Radiography Program have helped establish the Jean Vlastos Radiography Scholarship in her honor. We want this scholarship to be a part of the radiography program for decades to come here in Wyoming. Jean's passion of the field and love of patients needs to live on through the years and what

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better way to do that than to honor a student enrolled in the field that exhibits those same qualities and that will instill those qualities in others. We are still accepting donations for this scholarship and if you would like to donate, please contact Laurie Weaver at 307-268-2100.

Jean Vlastos was a blessing to all of us here in Wyoming. She was a woman who loved life and smiled every moment she could. I hope you all will do the same.

## Casper College News

Two Casper College students were selected to attend the 2007 ASRT Leadership Academy to be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 24-27.

Laura Camilleri, a second year student in the program and Ferris Rorabaugh, a first year student attended the academy where they worked side by side with technologists from throughout the United States to learn how to become leaders in the imaging profession.

Casper College would like to thank the Wyoming Medical Center for donating a C-arm for the college radiography lab. This will be a great edition to the lab and help the student gain hands-on experience with this type of equipment. Currently Casper College has 3 energized x-ray rooms, a portable, and a Computed Radiography System.

Congratulations to the class of 2006 for a 100% pass rate on the ARRT exam. Welcome to a wonderful profession!!!!

The Casper College Health Science Division was held an open house on November 3rd from 11-1 in the Saunders Health Science Building located directly behind or to the west of the main Administration Building.

**SPRING SEMINAR:** The Casper College Radiography students held their spring seminar at the college on April 21st.

**Jean Vlastos Scholarship:** As many of you may know we lost one of our second year students last April to breast cancer. Jean Vlastos was an inspiration to all of us, her strength and care for others has made a lasting impression in my life and the lives of her classmates. She continued with the program even during chemotherapy and radiation treatment, never missing a class. Although we could see that she was weak and tired she had a desire to finish the program and work in the profession. Jean had a special way with her patients. You could not help but feel good when she walked into a room because you knew at that moment she truly cared about the most important person in the room, the patient.

I had the honor of presenting Jean with her graduation pin a few weeks before she passed away, this is a moment that will live in my heart forever. I want every student who goes through our radiography program to remember what Jean showed all of us; compassion, strength and love. For this reason we have established a scholarship in Jean's name that will be presented to a radiography student each year. Jean left behind a loving husband and two young sons and what better way to honor and remember their wonderful mother each year. If you are interested in contributing to the scholarship please contact Laurie Weaver at 307-268-2587.

## LCCC News

Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists (WSRT) Honors - The radiography faculty and eighteen radiography students attended the Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Rock Springs from September 14-17. Kelly Hartigan, the program's

Clinical Coordinator, served as Conference Chair. Program Director, Starla Mason, and Linda Holden, LCCC's Medical Sonography Director, served as speakers at the conference.

Several LCCC students received awards and recognition at the Awards Banquet held on September 16, 2005:

- Members of the winning Student Bowl team were Lindsay Hager and Matt Holland. Second place team members were: Erin Moulton, Amber Ortega, and Bob Green. Each member of the winning team received a \$25 check from the WSRT.
- Student Paper Competition: First place (\$100) – Cheryl Robinson (a 2006 graduate) of Wheatland, WY Kelly Hartigan was also recognized for her service to the WSRT with an Elizabeth Escobedo Award of Excellence and a Lifetime Membership Award.

Two LCCC students served as Student Interns in the American Society of Radiologic Technology's (ASRT) House of Delegates held in Denver this past June. Rich Heckart and Laci Harding were two of only twelve student interns selected nationally for this honor. Linda Holden, Sonography Program Director, served as the Speaker of the House, and Starla Mason served as the Radiography Chapter Delegate for Region 3.

Another LCCC radiography student, Billy Mackey, was selected to attend the ASRT's Leadership Academy in January. This four day intensive workshop is held in Albuquerque, NM each year, and is designed to equip technologists to take on leadership roles in their societies and their profession. Only two or three students are selected to attend each year, along with approximately twenty registered technologists.

Also--just published in the July/August ASRT Journal: "Radiography Student Perceptions of Clinical Stressors" by Starla Mason. This is Starla's first published research and peer-reviewed article, and she would like to thank Roz Schliske for all of her editorial assistance!

## From the Editor

Mike Lewis

**About the Cathode** - Greetings to all of you! It's been some time since I've put out the Cathode and I am truly sorry that it's taken this length of time. I had retired last year from doing the Cathode after 12 years; however things didn't work out for the new editor and I agreed to take it on again until there was another editor found. So far, that hasn't happened, so here I am.

There actually haven't been many editors of the Cathode that I can remember. I can still remember the days when I was watching Linda Holden cutting and pasting articles and ads into the Cathode. And not cutting and pasting like many of you may think on the computer! Nope - really cutting and pasting with pieces of paper from copies made on a real copy machine! Boy, those were the days of really being dedicated.

Now I have the benefit of computer programs and e-mail and full size color printers. And yet, I still find it difficult to get this important piece of information out to each of you four times per year. It truly is **time to retire** and have some of you take over.

**Being a Member of the WSRT** - I'm not sure how many technologists really realize how very important a **professional society** is for any organization, not just in radiography and all of the associated modalities. A professional organization

such as the Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists really **IS the voice for ALL technology professionals** in any state, not just Wyoming. Government agencies and professional sites such as hospitals and clinics often look to a professional society for assistance and information. We often times (VERY often) are instrumental in the direction that your own laws take in deciding how you will practice where you work.

So what does this really mean for the radiologic technologists in Wyoming? It's likely that the WSRT will remain in Wyoming for a very long time and as the only professional organization in Wyoming recognized by the State of Wyoming, it will remain as the voice for radiologic technologists in the future. The only dynamic, changing feature of the WSRT is its own membership. Therefore, **the members of the WSRT, whoever they may be at any given time, speak for the technologists** in Wyoming.

**Changes** - Several major changes are coming down the road at all of us in the future. Probably the most important is the passage of the **National CARE bill**. For the first time ever, all three of our people sent to Washington (Senators Enzi and Thomas, and Representative Cubin) pledged their support of this bill. Senator Enzi, in fact, introduced this crucial legislation in the United States Senate. Unfortunately, Senator Thomas has since passed away and we hope that Senator Barasso will also support it.

This bill, if passed into law, will ensure that ALL radiologic technologists in the United States are held accountable to minimal standards of education and practice in their respective states and therefore, are fully qualified to perform the examinations that they are doing. We're fortunate in Wyoming that we've had licensing for some time, but very soon I expect that **ultrasound and MRI technologists** will also be required to be licensed in Wyoming.

As a radiologic technologist in radiography, I am very excited to welcome my fellow technologists in ultrasound and MRI to this new level of recognized **professionalism**. The individuals are not likely to be required to achieve any more education than they currently are to maintain their certifications, but being licensed by the State is the State's promise to its citizen's that the person performing their examination is fully qualified to do so. It's a good thing and the current members and officers of the WSRT have worked hard to make sure that only good things happen.

Let's imagine for a moment that some evil faction of technologists (could any really exist??) is formed. In our scenario, suppose membership of the WSRT has dwindled down to some 20 or so members. The education of students has gone to a single radiology program scattered through 5 sites in the states. It's become policy to put students through on a fast track program of 10 months of education. Physics and radiation biology & protection are now items of the past. The school program is quick to realize that students have full voting privileges in the WSRT and quickly enrolls all 100 members in the WSRT.

I could go on and on setting up a sequence of events that these students might do, but what I'm getting at is that without our membership continuing to grow, some very different and perhaps bad things in our own state could happen. We need two things: First and most importantly - dedicated individuals that care about this profession and the direction it's headed. Second, people that care enough to at least help fund the activities of the WSRT and the people who work hard in it. To those who don't want to get involved directly I say, "Okay, but **please help us**

**by joining with your membership fees** anyway!" Really - if you don't wish to be bothered by the WSRT, I want to change your mind but if not, please send in your membership fees anyway and we'll just go on and continue to do the work that is necessary each and every year to protect your profession.

How many of you know anything about the **RA and RPA programs** currently being discussed and debated nationally. Do you care? You absolutely should because the outcome may very well change what you do and how much you may be paid in the future as an R.T. and what avenues for growth you have available to you in the future. How many of you know if the WSRT supports the RPA program, or the RA program, both or neither? You'd better find out because one affiliate society of the ASRT (Hawaii) has been sanctioned over this issue. This could mean that Hawaii could have some very difficult issues getting accreditation for education for its technologists.

Now that I've complained about membership, let me make a confession and also tell you about **some very good things**. First - my confession. Much of the decline in membership I believe truly is my fault and as I said at the beginning, I am sorry. In a state this large and unpopulated, there isn't a lot of opportunity for one on one communication very often and so a newsletter such as this is critical. **I feel personally responsible** for some of the decline in membership we've seen lately due to my own lack of getting this out to you.

That being said, I'll make this offer to you. I am a life member so my dues to the WSRT don't exist. However, **I will pay the membership fees for at least one person** who contacts me and wants to be involved in the WSRT who is currently not a member. I will do this for at least three years and if you run for the board or take over the Cathode, I will continue to pay for your membership dues until you have served your term(s). I'd like to extend this invitation to any other Life Member to do as well for someone, although no life member should ever feel obligated to do so. A **Life Member has already paid their dues** by their outstanding works to the Society in the past and should feel no obligation to pay further.

I will also extend this offer to you as well: If you are the person I choose to assist with membership fees, I also promise to mentor you as a board member and officer if you are elected.

## And Now For the Better Stuff

Where to begin?!?!? I suppose it's only appropriate to announce first and foremost the election of **Linda Holden as the President Elect of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists**. We are all so very, very proud of Linda and her journey as a leader in the national organization of radiologic technologists which boasts well over 100,000 members. Linda served all of use very well as the Speaker of the House of Delegates in the past few years at the ASRT and will take over the reins as Present Elect at the conclusion of the ASRT National Conference in Albuquerque.

But wait! That's not all! **Kelly Hartigan** of Cheyenne also won the national election as a **delegate for the Ultrasound Chapter** of the ASRT House of Delegates! As many of you know, the House of Delegates has been restructured from having nine delegates for each of the 13 chapters elected from the nine regions, to only two delegates elected in a national ballot to represent each Chapter. This is quite an achievement for

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Wyoming! Kelly attended this year's national meeting in Albuquerque June 1 - 4. Also attending was Angela Foy and Fred Kuck as the Wyoming Affiliate Delegates as well as myself, Mike Lewis, as the last Management Delegate from Region 3 (WY, CO, NM, TX and OK)

The Casper Radiography Students held their annual Spring Seminar on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Casper College. I was my distinct pleasure to attend this one day conference and let me be the first to convey what a first class operation it really is. What a truly fun and educational experience this was for me and I sure wish I'd have made the effort in the past to go. Please, please, please - if you do nothing else next year, GO TO THIS!!!! These folks really knock themselves out. There was plenty to eat, drink and learn from as well as enough time to socialize and talk with each other. 4 ★★★★★'s!!!!

## BYLAWS

**NOTICE: This will serve as your official notice of by-laws changes to be approved at the Annual Conference.**

Because we are an affiliate society of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, our own bylaws must be in compliance with theirs. This applies to all affiliate societies. That being said, we need to make some changes concerning the delegates and how they are to be selected. The bylaws will define it and the policies & procedures manual will outline the actual procedure.

In short, the ASRT requires that all delegates be an ASRT member for at least two years prior to being a delegate. Many times, an officer may be elected who hasn't joined the ASRT yet and therefore, is ineligible to serve as a delegate. Therefore, we would propose that the delegates be chosen by the board at the post conference board meeting and be chosen in this order: Past President, President, President Elect, other eligible members.

The second change would be to send three people to the ASRT Annual Conference; Two delegates and an alternate. Any affiliate society unable to seat two delegates for the entire conference will be put on probation and subject to losing their charter with any further violations. Because the ASRT is now reimbursing delegates, we are actually able to send three people and ensure that we are covered for less money than it has cost in the past.

## Change of Address?

**Notify the WSRT as soon as possible!**

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The proposed bylaws are posted on the web site by clicking on the link on the main page. Please review them and have your questions ready at the conference. If you don't have access to the web site, please contact me and I can mail or fax the proposed bylaws to you.

## Membership Stats

Although our numbers are holding steady we would love to see an increase, especially in students continuing membership after graduation. The benefits of belonging to your state professional society are great. All active members are eligible to vote in state elections. The annual WSRT conference provides educational opportunities to all registered technologist, but members receive a discounted price. The society acts as an advocate to ensure that professional standards of quality and ethics are maintained. We strive to be responsive to the professional needs of our members. Please encourage your peers and coworkers who are not members to join. A membership form is available online at the WSRT website ([www.wsrt.org](http://www.wsrt.org)). There is power in numbers. This is your society!

Here are the most current membership statistics as of July, 2007:

Current Life Members -	24
Current RT Members -	63
Current Student Members -	24
Current Non-RT Members -	2
Current Support Members -	3
Current Inactive RT Members -	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>

## 2007 Delegate Report

Mike Lewis, R.T. (R)

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists held our Annual Conference and House of Delegates on June 1 - 4, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was my pleasure to serve as the last management delegate from Region III and this was my 11<sup>th</sup> year as a delegate.

I was able to attend all mandatory meetings for delegates. Unfortunately, I received no educational credit this year as my class schedules interfered with my required meetings as a delegate. I'm still left wondering why this continues to be a problem with the Annual Conference every year. While many employers will allow for time off for their employees for ECE, they won't allow for that same time off for delegate activities.

Saturday morning I attended the first part of the 001 lecture, however I wasn't able to attend the second part and receive credit as I attended the ASRT Update at 10:00. I am pleased to see the number of applications for scholarships has increased significantly from years past. This year 58 scholarships were awarded at a total of \$217,500. Cathy Parsons addressed the continuing growth of the ASRT and the governance evolution and Lynn May also brought additional information about the ASRT corporate and their commitment to assist affiliates.

Saturday evening I attended the reception honoring Joan Parsons and her retirement from the ASRT, and then the '70's Rock Party which was a lot of fun.

The first seating of the House of Delegates took place on Sunday morning. I have to agree with many of my colleagues that the traditional opening ceremonies are missed, including the flag ceremony and the personal rendition of the National Anthem. I have to wonder if we are just trying to become too efficient at the cost of traditional values and ceremonies that the House was built with. For the first year, seating wasn't assigned by region and it seemed to work fine. Most areas seemed to be arranged by region still and I am curious how future seating patterns will evolve.

Laura McKay opened the meeting as Speaker of the House and we went through the traditional delegate orientation. A new numbering system for the resolutions was introduced. Ann Chapman from the ARRT addressed the House and announced funding of on line education for CR/DR and a donation by the ARRT of \$500,000 to the Royce Osborne scholarship.

There were 156 delegates seated with 1 outstanding. 87 affiliate delegate and 69 chapter delegates. The conference standing rules were adopted and the Memorial resolution in honor of those members who have passed away in the previous was adopted and observed.

Cindy Daniels, President of the ASRT gave the Annual Report with the new Mission and Vision Statements. Robert Walker presented the Annual Report for the ASRT Education & Research Foundation. The Financial Impact statement, inflation report and election results were handed out on hard copy to all delegates. Nominations were opened for Speaker and Vice Speaker. One late resolution was introduced and accepted for debate. The meeting was adjourned.

The Commission Hearing began at 1:00. All resolutions are now originated from one commission according to the new governance and the open forum was conducted by Pam Tubbs. There was much debate on several of the resolutions and the final results of what was eventually adopted by the House will be covered later.

The Bylaws Open Forum began at approximately 2:30 and was chaired by Bart Pierce. The attending delegates were asked for a consensus on each proposed bylaws change and the final results of what was eventually adopted by the House will be covered later.

ARRT Open Forum – Key points: 1. Online CE's at no cost to those using them are being developed. 2. Category B credits will no longer be accepted by the ARRT as of January 2008. 3. Probationary status will be reduced from 1 year to 6 months by January 2008 and a fee of \$50 will replace the penalty credits. 4. Reinstatement of expired ARRT certifications will be by reexamination for each category in the primary and secondary disciplines. 5. ARRT certifications obtained after 2010; beginning January 1, 2011, will be valid for ten years. Recertification requirements are not defined yet. Certifications obtained prior to 2011 are not affected.

I attended the Management Chapter meeting which was combined with the QM Chapter meeting this year. The possibility of combining both chapters together was discussed with many great points for doing so considered. I personally asked where PACS Administrators would fit into the ASRT Chapter structure and it was felt that they belonged in this combined chapter. I agree and would like to assist in any future discussions concerning this. Review if the new SIIM testing and certification was discussed, along with the new American Board of Imaging Informatics.

The second seating of the House of Delegates opened Monday morning. There were 157 delegates seated.

The discussions between the ARRT and CBRPA have been submitted to a non-disclosure agreement, so there was no

update available at this time. I'm disappointed that this still continues to be an issue with what appears to be little progress at this time. This non-disclosure agreement has effectively excluded the House of Delegates from being able to assist in this matter.

In bylaws, most changes appeared to be a matter of house keeping and clean up. However, there was some confusion and questions from the House about bylaws changes concerning life members and honorary members, specifically  $\frac{3}{4}$  and majority vote of the Board. The bylaws commission will review and resubmit next year.

Resolutions – most resolutions submitted appeared to be for house keeping purposes.

**Resolution 06-2.05, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Level of Education for the Radiologic Science Profession"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Level of Education for the Radiologic Science Profession" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) endorses the baccalaureate degree as the professional level of radiologic science education if it contains upper division coursework in radiologic science."

**Resolution 06-3.04, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Limited X-ray Machine Operator Scope of Practice"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Limited X-ray Machine Operator Scope of Practice" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that the limited x-ray machine operator's (LXMO) scope of practice be restricted to practices covered in the ASRT curriculum for limited x-ray machine operators. Procedures excluded from the LXMO scope of practice include fluoroscopy, contrast procedures, computed tomography, mammography and mobile imaging.

**Resolution C-07.03, Entry Level of Education for Radiographers** Resolved, the ASRT adopt the position statement "Entry Level of Education for Radiographers" that reads: "The ASRT advocates the associate degree as the entry level for radiographers."

**Resolution C-07.04, Graduate Bridge Membership Category Dues** Resolved, the dues for the graduate bridge membership category will be 70 percent of active or associate member dues.

**Resolution C-07.05, Adoption of ASRT Position Statement "Majority Representation on State Radiologic Technologist Licensure or Regulatory Boards and Committees"** Resolved, the ASRT adopt a position statement "Majority Representation on State Radiologic Technologist Licensure or Regulatory Boards and Committees" that reads: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that the majority of members appointed or designated to serve on state radiologic technologist licensure or regulatory boards and committees should be practicing registered radiologic technologists with expertise in the disciplines licensed or regulated by that entity."

**Resolution C-07.06, Adoption of the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Revisions** Resolved, the ASRT House of Delegates adopts the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy as revised by the Practice Standards Advisory Council and adopted by the relevant chapter steering committees and other appointed review committees.

**Resolution C-07.07, Use of Imaging Specialties in Radiation Therapy** Resolved, the ASRT adopt the position statement "Use of Imaging Specialties in Radiation Therapy" that reads: "It is within the radiation therapist's scope of practice to utilize plain film radiography, fluoroscopy, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and sonography for the explicit intent of simulation, treatment planning or treatment delivery with

appropriate clinical and didactic education and the demonstration of competency, where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.10, Entry Level of Education for Radiation Therapists** Resolved, the ASRT adopt the position statement "Entry Level of Education for Radiation Therapists" that reads: "The ASRT endorses the baccalaureate degree as the entry level for radiation therapists."

**Resolution C-07.11, ASRT Position Statement on Regulatory Compliance Associated With Contrast Media and Other Pharmaceuticals** Resolved, the ASRT adopt the position statement "Regulatory Compliance Associated With Contrast Media" that reads: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that radiologic technologists understand and maintain compliance with the Joint Commission (TJC) standards, state laws and regulations, and institutional policies regarding the dispensing and administration of contrast media and other pharmaceuticals."

**Resolution C-07.12, Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Performance of Fluoroscopy and Contrast Examinations by Limited X-ray Machine Operators"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Performance of Fluoroscopy and Contrast Examinations by Limited X-ray Machine Operators" be sunset.

**Resolution C-07.13, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Unification of the Profession"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Unification of the Profession" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) will foster unification of the profession."

**Resolution C-07.14, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Radiologic Science Program Standards"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Radiologic Science Program Standards" be retitled "Radiologic Science Educational Program Standards" and be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) opposes any abbreviated primary educational program for radiologic technologists that does not meet the minimum standards equivalent to those established by the Joint Review Committees or equivalent accreditation agencies."

**Resolution C-07.15, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Brachytherapy Remote Afterloading Equipment"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Brachytherapy Remote Afterloading Equipment" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that brachytherapy utilizing remote afterloading equipment be performed by credentialed personnel, who may include registered radiation therapists, certified medical dosimetrists, board-certified radiation oncologists and board-certified medical radiation physicists."

**Resolution C-07.16, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Breast Sonography"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Breast Sonography" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that breast sonography is within the scope of practice for mammographers and sonographers with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.17, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Diagnostic Radiographic Imaging"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Diagnostic Radiographic Imaging" be retitled "Diagnostic Medical Imaging" and revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) defines diagnostic medical imaging as the art and science of applying ionizing or nonionizing radiation for diagnostic purposes."

**Resolution C-07.18, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Drug Administration by Radiologic Technologists"**

Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Drug Administration by Radiologic Technologists" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that preparation, identification and administration of contrast media, radiopharmaceuticals and/or medications are within the scope of practice of radiologic technologists with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.19, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Fluoroscopy by Radiologic Technologists"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Fluoroscopy by Radiologic Technologists" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that fluoroscopy is within the scope of practice of radiologic technologists with the appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permits."

**Resolution C-07.20, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "HIV and Hepatitis Testing for Health Care Workers"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "HIV and Hepatitis Testing for Health Care Workers" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) opposes mandatory human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis testing for radiologic technologists. ASRT supports voluntary testing of radiologic technologists for HIV and hepatitis only as a result of occupational exposure."

**Resolution C-07.21, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Identification of Registered Radiologic Technologists in the Workplace"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Identification of Registered Radiologic Technologists in the Workplace" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that:

- Registered radiologic technologists should at all times when on duty wear an insignia that identifies them as registered radiologic technologists;

- Registered radiologic technologists should verbally inform patients of who they are and their role in providing care;

- Patients should be informed that the registered radiologic technologist demonstrates specialized knowledge in radiologic technology through identification of the credentials earned through certification examinations;

- Registered radiologic technologists who have passed a post-primary examination should identify themselves as a radiologic technologist credentialed in that specialty;

Health care facilities should never prohibit personnel from wearing insignia that identifies credentials.

In the event that a facility, including private offices, ambulatory clinics and home care agencies, prohibits or discourages identification of staff credentials, staff members and consumers should submit written protest to facility administrators, the state's affiliate society, the state's board of health and the Joint Commission (TJC) or equivalent. Registered radiologic technologists should advocate that their state practice act mandate identification of professional title and credentials."

**Resolution C-07.22, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Monitoring Patient Exposure During Utilization of Digital Radiography Systems"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Monitoring Patient Exposure During Utilization of Digital Radiography Systems" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that health care facilities using digital radiography systems should monitor patient exposure. Exposure indicator data should be included in the Digital Imaging Communications in Medicine (DICOM) header for images sent to picture archiving and com-

munication systems (PACS) or in the patient demographics field for images printed to film, and in either case should be part of the permanent patient record. The exposure indicator should not be altered to modify image appearance and should accurately record the exposure or exposure factors used in producing the image. Health care facilities should collect patient exposure range distributions and reject analyses as part of the quality assurance program. This exposure data should be reviewed routinely by the health care facility."

**Resolution C-07.23, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Lines or Ports for Power Injectors"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Lines or Ports for Power Injectors" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that the use of power injectors with peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) lines or ports is within the scope of practice for radiologic technologists with the appropriate clinical and didactic education when a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved PICC line catheter or port specifically for power injectors is used, when manufacturer guidelines regarding infusion rate and pressure are followed and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permits."

**Resolution C-07.24, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Pregnant Technologists and the MR Environment"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Pregnant Technologists and the MR Environment" be retitled "Pregnant Radiologic Technologists and the Magnetic Resonance Environment" and be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that the pregnant radiologic technologist should not enter the magnetic resonance (MR) scanner/magnet room while scanning is in progress due to limited knowledge of the effects of gradient magnetic/radiofrequency fields. It is safe for pregnant technologists to enter the MR environment for patient care duties while scanning is not in progress."

**Resolution C-07.25, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Radiologic Science Professionals Performing Diagnostic Medical Sonography"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Radiologic Science Professionals Performing Diagnostic Medical Sonography" be retitled "Radiologic Technologists Performing Diagnostic Medical Sonography" and be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that diagnostic medical sonography is a scope of practice for the radiologic technologist certified in sonography. Sonographer describes the radiologic technologist certified in sonography."

**Resolution C-07.31, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Radiographic Technique Charts"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Radiographic Technique Charts" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that radiographic technique charts should be used by persons performing radiography and that all health care facilities make radiographic technique charts available to persons performing radiography."

**Resolution C-07.32, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Removal of Devices for Invasive Radiological Procedures"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Removal of Devices for Invasive Radiological Procedures" be retitled "Removal of Devices for Invasive Radiologic Procedures" and revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that the removal of devices for invasive radiologic procedures is within the scope of practice for ra-

diologic technologists with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.33, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Spot Filming a Voiding Cystogram Study"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Spot Filming a Voiding Cystogram Study" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that spot filming of a voiding cystogram is within the scope of practice for radiographers with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.34, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Vascular Access"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Vascular Access" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that accessing existing peripheral or central vascular implanted devices or external access lines to administer contrast media, radiopharmaceuticals and medications or maintaining line patency is within the scope of practice for radiologic technologists with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.35, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Venipuncture"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Venipuncture" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that performing venipuncture to administer contrast media, radiopharmaceuticals and/or medications is within the scope of practice for radiologic technologists with appropriate clinical and didactic education and where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.36, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Verbal and/or Telephone Orders"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Verbal and/or Telephone Orders" be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that it is within the scope of practice of radiologic technologists to receive, relay and document verbal, facsimile, electronic and/or telephone orders in the patient's chart where federal or state law and/or institutional policy permit."

**Resolution C-07.37, Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Support of Safe Handling of Radiographic Chemicals"** Resolved, the ASRT position statement "Support of Safe Handling of Radiographic Chemicals" be retitled "Safe Handling of Radiographic Chemicals" and be revised to read: "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) advocates that radiologic technologists and health care facilities be aware of and follow the current Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) regulations for occupational exposure to hazardous chemicals in laboratories including photographic and radiographic processing chemicals."

Cathy Kucek was elected as the Speaker of the House and Donna Thaler-Long as the Vice Speaker.

Even though this was my last year as a delegate, at least for the foreseeable future, I would like to remain actively involved in some manner and have submitted a volunteer form to the ASRT. I am quite interested in any upcoming projects involving PACS Administration and the involvement of PACS Admins with the ASRT.

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