

Preliminary Delegate Report from 2006 ASRT meeting in Denver, CO.

Greetings all,

This is a preliminary report just to thank each of you who sent petitions concerning the re-testing resolution. Over 130 were sent from Alaska. That's nearly 30% of the technologist population in the state. I was very pleased to see this kind of involvement. This is what the ASRT has been looking for as far as technologist interest. Perhaps such a controversial topic is necessary to get us going. Well, I am pleased to say that both your state delegates opposed the resolution as it was originally written. Your voice was loudly heard across the country as many of your fellow technologists were opposed to the resolution as well.

A substitute resolution was offered that has considerably less of a bite than the original. No mandate was established, however, several interested entities will be working together to see what might be a better solution to assisting technologists in maintenance of their professional development. Meaning that an effort will be made to monitor professional development activities and perhaps tie them into your active specialty area to make the underlying premise of continuing education more relevant. It appears that the testing angle was met with significant resistance and will be difficult to execute. Another option included portfolios of continued professional development, which would provide the technologist with more autonomy in determining what is applicable to their specialty area.

Please visit the ASRT web site for more information on the many resolutions adopted. I will be posting a complete report soon.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. The state society has a delegate opening for next year and I would like to offer to those interested, and who meet the qualifications, contact me so that I can bring it to the board.

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Final Delegate Report for 2006 ASRT Annual Meeting, Denver CO.

Alaska Delegates: Dale E. Collins, Scott Smith

The conference in Denver Colorado was an extremely busy one. This year the AKSRT had two delegates in attendance. Scott Smith's first time as Delegate seemed to be one of learning and enjoying the opportunities that the annual meeting provides. If you were to visit the ASRT site:

<http://www.asrt.org/content/News/PressRoom/PR2006/asrthouseo060615.aspx>

you will be able to navigate to a report on the conference which outlines the 30 plus resolutions considered by the House of Delegates (HOD).

One controversial resolution regarding the prospect of retesting every 10 years in order to demonstrate some level of competence was aggressively discussed prior to the formal house meeting on Tuesday. As substitute resolution with far less pointed and controversial language was proposed and accepted.

As with past annual meetings, of which I now have attended 4, work done by the reference committees has often been scrutinized by the House with little or no prior understanding of the material or the subject matter. This was the case this year on a couple of resolutions: **Resolution 05-3.03: ASRT Position Statement for Evaluating Medical Images for Technical Adequacy; and Resolution 06-2.06: Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Standards of Education and Regulation for Radiologic Sciences"** Both of these were discussed and reworked during the second House session. I spoke out regarding the need to do this type of work outside the HOD since time is a limiting factor in addressing all business before the House. It concerns me that the HOD meets just 1.5 days a year to do the business that directs this professional organization. Perhaps we need to look at alternative ways in doing the house business similar to other legislative bodies.

The House eventually passed 26 resolutions which can be reviewed at the above website. I would like to thank the AKSRT for supporting both delegates financially to off-set the costs associated with this annual trek. Each year I have personally incurred a loss to attend these meetings. I would like to think that the opportunities and acquaintances made make up of the out of pocket cost to me. Also, the amount of time spent on legislative matters significantly impacts participation in continuing education activities which is why next years meeting in Albuquerque will be formatted differently.

The AKSRT is still looking for qualified candidates for delegate representation of our society. We need one more primary delegate for next years meeting and we need to notify the ASRT by April 1, 2007. No fooling, really.

Respectfully submitted
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