

AKSRT 2007 Delegate Report

Delegate Report (2007 ASRT HOD)

Instructions: Each delegate must submit a full typed report in a Word document using this template as a guide **ONLY**. Any reports submitted on this template or submitted after the deadline, **WILL NOT** qualify for funding. Include your perspective on each item listed, if attended.

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Term: 04-2007 – 04-2009

ASRT Activities attended for 2007 House of Delegates

June 1, 2007

AEIRS 6.5 educational credits

June 2, 2007

ASRT Update

June 3, 2007

Delegate Check-In

First House of Delegates meeting

Commission Hearing

Committee on Bylaws Open Forum

Commission Meeting (5:30-6:30)

Sonography Chapter Meeting (6:45-7:45)

June 4, 2007

Delegate Check-In

Second House of Delegates Meeting

Grass-roots Meeting:

Did not attend

ASRT Update:

State issues affecting your chapter, your position and how you will work to make the necessary changes.

The Alaska affiliate will maintain its support of the ASRT in all activities. The new format of this meeting will provide opportunities for adjustment over the next five years. As a delegate and affiliate society officer I support this change and encourage suggestions for future meetings.

ASRT Delegate check in

First House Meeting: Yes

Second House Meeting: Yes

Delegate Orientation: Yes

Commission Hearing:

State any issues addressed in the hearing that affect your practice or the chapter you represent: Also state what steps will be taken to address those issues.

Yes. As a member of the Commission, I was required to attend. However, even with the diligent oversight on the part of the commission chair and members some information generated by the commission from the February meeting did not transfer faithfully to the other sections of the HOD Handbook. Specifically, the wording in Resolution C-07.01SA, page 3 of the Commission report was what I know to be the action of the Commission; however, the Resolution C-07.01SA in the Resolution section included a strict through “employed” and “by the sponsoring institution.” I am not sure where this came from and I did address it on the House floor without resolution to my question. In retrospect, I wish I had asked for a 10 minute recess for Commission conference to clarify the wording of this resolution.

Report attached.

Open Forum on Bylaws:

State any issues addressed in the Bylaws hearing that affect your practice or the chapter you represent. Also, state what steps your chapter plans to take to address those issues.

Aligning the affiliate bylaws with that of the ASRT is an ongoing process. The bylaws committee conducts review of the bylaws annually. Major changes are addressed at the annual meeting.

Report attached.

Open Forums:

ARRT Report: Did not attend.

JRCERT Report: Did not attend.

Chapter Meeting:

Facilitator of meeting: David Hill

ASRT staff assigned to meeting: Christine Lung

Total number in attendance: ~12

Did you have a full complement of chapter delegates to fill all four seats? Good question. I cannot comment on this, as I am uncertain that Sonography seated all delegates.

Where meeting was held, time of meeting, what was discussed/resolved in meeting: Time was fine; however, I was tied up in Commissions that overlapped slightly. Location was fine. Clarification of sonography curriculum proposal being shopped around was addressed. Unfortunately, no discussion was held on this as no one present had knowledge of or had seen a copy of this curriculum proposal.

State resolutions to come to House from chapter: None.

Current chapter delegates: Three of four noted. David Hill, Dawn McNeil, and Claudine Fairchild serving through June 2007.

Prepare names for nominations to the chapter for next ballot: Was discussed. I do not know who was taking notes of this.

Prepare a synopsis of all your activities as the chapter delegate throughout the year. (Attach to this report) This will be utilized as a resource when members from your chapter need information regarding the chapter's activities.

Voting record in the House:

Attach a copy of your voting record from both House meetings so the document is on file for your constituents.

See attached copy.

House Issues

First House Meeting: First meeting went smooth as it usually does.

Second House Meeting: As noted above some confusion on wording within one resolution specifically, however other points of clarification or rationale were not included or recalled for HOD information. Perhaps this can be looked at in the future for presenting resolutions, sub-resolutions, amendments, rationale, etc. for the HOD to see and ponder.

Went smooth otherwise.

On issues facing the House and the ASRT, please be sure to state your opinions for or against an issue so the ASRT can better address those issues: The only suggestion would be formatting the HOD Handbook and resolutions, commission action, old position statements that are to be editorialized, etc. See Attachment.

Resolutions before the House that were an issue for your chapter: No major issues for the Alaska affiliate.

Resolutions before the House that affected your chapter and what follow-up will be required by your chapter and the ASRT: None.

Resolutions that were created by your chapter and were they adopted or not adopted: None.

Other issues addressed in the chapter meeting: A concern over committee charges and resolutions proposals being submitted as late resolutions when ample time was given for producing and submitting resolution.

Professional Issues

State any professional issues that you addressed that may require resolutions to the House for next year: Move to address the qualifications of Clinical Instructors. Should these individuals possess a minimum degree with some form of education/teaching theory or orientation requirement equivalent in supporting the mission of the sponsoring program? Simple programmatic CI workshop could fulfill this requirement as a preliminary step.

House Elections Results

Speaker: Unopposed. Cathy Kukec

Vice Speaker: Donna Thaler Long

Chairman of the chapter: ?

Miscellaneous Professional Issues

Identify any other issues that you believe impact not only your chapter but your affiliate, the ASRT and the profession: None at present.

List ideas for resolutions (with rationales) and any other practice issues coming from your chapter and your affiliate: None at this time.

Educational courses:

State how many you were able to attend: 6 total with AEIRS

Fellows and Life Member Ceremony: Did not attend.

President's Reception: Very nice.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale E. Collins

Delegate, Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists.

ASRT House of Delegates Adopts 30 Resolutions

June 05, 2007

Delegates Advocate Educational Levels, Adopt Practice Standards for Profession

ALBUQUERQUE - The ASRT House of Delegates voted on 39 resolutions and adopted 30 during its June 3-4 meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. The House of Delegates sets policy for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and establishes direction for the radiologic science profession.

Delegates approved three position statements on educational levels, advocating the associate degree as the entry level for radiographers, the baccalaureate degree as the entry level for radiation therapists, and the baccalaureate degree as the professional level of radiologic science education. Position statements reflect the official beliefs and opinions of the ASRT.

Delegates also voted to adopt revisions to the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy. The document guides R.T. practice, defines the R.T.'s role and sets the criteria used to judge performance. The most significant change was the addition of a scope of practice for each discipline and specialty of radiologic technology. The scope of practice outlines the actions generally considered to be within the technologist's role, thus offering the protection of reasonable boundaries. The Practice Standards are available on the ASRT Web site at www.asrt.org.

In other business, delegates elected Catherine Kukec, B.M.E., R.T.(R)(QM), of La Grange, Ill., as speaker of the House and Donna Thaler Long, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT, of Plainfield, Ind., as the vice speaker of the House. They will join other members of the 2007-2008 Board of Directors: Cynthia Daniels, M.S., R.T.(R), chairman; Connie Mitchell, M.A., R.T.(R)(CT), president; Linda Holden, M.S., R.T.(R)(QM), RDMS, president-elect; Diane Mayo, R.T.(R)(CT), vice president; and James B. Temme, M.P.A., R.T.(R)(QM), FASRT, secretary-treasurer.

The resolutions adopted by the 2007 House of Delegates are pending final review by House officials. They were:

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 postprimary 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 communication 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 radiologic 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."

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