



*Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists*

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## **Affiliate Delegate Report**

### **I. Personal Information:**

***Cecilia Del Rio RT(R) - Secretary of the AK SRT***

Affiliate for the Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists

1<sup>st</sup> Term Alaska Affiliate Delegate

### **II. ASRT Activities attended for ASRT House of Delegates 2008**

- a.*** ASRT registration June 13, 2008
- b.*** 1<sup>st</sup> seating of the House
- c.*** Bylaws open forum, ARRT Report, JRCERT Report, ASRT Report
- d.*** Continuing Education Sessions:
  - i.*** Parliamentary Procedure: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
  - ii.*** Health Policy Issues Affecting Medical Imaging
  - iii.*** Medical Imaging Technology Advances: A Disruptive Innovation in Action?
- e.*** Focus Group Breakout - Group 2
- f.*** Chapter Meeting Sonography and Mammography
- g.*** Fellows Elevation Ceremony
- h.*** ASRT-PAC Fundraising Event *Casino Royale*
- i.*** 2<sup>nd</sup> seating of the House
- j.*** ASRT Installation Of Officers
- k.*** Closing June 15, 2008

### **III. Delegate Orientation**

Information was provided by the ASRT from different sources; friendly faces willing to help with any questions, hand-outs with information before the activities, etc. The most helpful for me was the Parliamentarian Procedures class; it was informative and educational.

### **IV. Recommendation for next years topics**

Projections for the next 5 years: New Graduates and Employment Placement. The work opportunities decreased in certain areas in our country, it will be important to have an idea of the projections for the oncoming years and the medical imaging demands in relationship with the number of new graduating technologist.

### **V. House Issues**

#### **First House Meeting**

**Friday, June 13, 2008**

**7:30 AM - Delegate sign in**

**8:10 AM - Call to Order**

Catherine "Cathie" Kukec, B.M.E. RT(R)(QM)

Speaker of the House

## **Invocation**

The ceremony was performed by a Native American. Beautiful music was played and also he ended the invocation in his native language; the presentation of the American flag was done by the military chapter members.

## **Delegate Orientation**

The parliamentary process was presented by the ASRT parliamentarian Betsy McUne. The orientation included information to the house and chapter representatives about our responsibilities and duties. The rules that apply for the decision making, our responsibility for voting reflecting the representation of our delegate affiliate members, and also our responsibility to give a report of all the activities we attended. Betsy also gave an explanation of the resolutions, the commissions and the bylaws and made emphasis on assistance and punctuality.

A new format for the resolutions will be take effect this year: the Consent Agenda: some resolutions that are grouped under that name will be submitted for vote with out discussion. If wanted any of them can be moved to the floor for discussion; no questions. Also this year will be the first time that The House will use an electronic handheld device for voting.

Introductions of Head Table, Committees, Sergeants-at-Arms, Tellers, Commission, Student Interns, ASRT Board members and staff.

## **VI. Nominations and House Election Results**

### **Speaker of the House**

Catherine "Cathie" Kukec, B.M.E. R.T.(R)(QM)

### **Vice Speaker of the House**

Donna L. Thaler Long, MSM, R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT

## **VII. Announcements**

Kristin presented the information.  
2005 had changes on the bylaws  
2006 implemented those changes

42 affiliates are currently in compliance with the ASRT. Only 5 affiliates are not, and mostly is due to the lack of communications form those societies with the ASRT. They are:

- Guam
- Puerto Rico
- Hawai
- Nevada
- Rhode Island

If those affiliates will no send documentation to be in compliance, the house will vote next year to remove their affiliation. This information is important for the 2009 representative(s) of Alaska, because the issue will be discussed on the National ASRT 2009 Conference.

## **VIII. Advocacy awards**

**State:** The award was granted to Wisconsin State Society. They also got their state licensure. Congratulations to them.

**Technologist:** The award was granted to Kent Robert form Illinois. He was not present and representatives form the state of Illinois accepted the award on his representation.

## **IX. Memorial Resolutions and Courtesy Resolutions**

Memorial Resolutions

Laura (student intern) read all the names of Technologists who passed away and a moment of silence was observed.

Adopted

Courtesy Resolution

It was granted to the "GEEK" Squad.

Adopted

## X. Commissions

### **Resolutions Commission**

Introduction of Mr. William H. May, M.Ed.,R.T.(R), FASRT, Chairman of the ASRT Resolutions Commission

Mr. May introduced all the committee members and the intern student. For the last 3 years the Commission is been working on revising all the position statements and the work was divided on 3. 2008 is the last third to be revised and from now on it will be done yearly. He mentioned that is important to understand that the CARE bill will be fundamental for future changes on the resolutions. For now and until the bill passes, some of the statement will be kept and later on sunsetting will be the next action. The commission made all the recommendations based on a time frame until the CARE bill passes.

All the resolutions were read and some discussion was done.

### **Bylaws Commission**

Introduction of Bartram J. "Bart" Pierce B.S., R.T.(R)(MR)

Chairman of the Bylaws commission

Mr. Pierce introduced all the committee members and the intern student

Adjournment at approximately 6:30 PM

## XI. Commission Hearing

- Resolutions

Consent agenda included 21 resolutions

30 resolutions were presented for discussion.

- Credentials Report

135 possible votes

Form 166 eligible members (available seats), present on the House we were 135 in total, form those, 89 were Delegate Affiliates and 46 Chapter Delegates seated.

Since some changes were made on the House of Delegates Standing Rules, the Hose vote, 129 vote YES - 3 vote NO. Quorum establishes. Report adopted

House Standing Rules adopted

- Late resolutions

**Resolution Title** C-08.45. Sunset of the Position Statement "Entry Level of Education for Radiographers".

**Whereas**, certificate programs exist in 2 year technical vocational institutions, 4 year colleges and universities, the military, proprietary schools and hospitals, and;

**Whereas**, certificate graduates as well as associate and baccalaureate or higher represents the "entry level" cohort, and;

**Whereas**, The ASRT position Statement 95-2.07 entitled "Professional Advancement in the Radiologic Sciences" says "educational levels for the registered radiologic technologist are certificate or associated degree, baccalaureate degree and graduated degree" and therefore entry level need not be redefined;

**Resolved**, the 2007 position statement C-07.03 "Entry Level of Education for the Radiologic Sciences" be sunset.

**Sponsor:** New York Society of Radiologic Sciences

**Author:** New York Society of Radiologic Sciences

## XII. Open Forum on Bylaws

Chaired by Bartram J. "Bart" Pierce B.S., R.T.(R)(MR)

Consensus of opinion appeared to be in favor of all changes with some exceptions, particularly Article IX, Section 1, letter 3 that the commission proposed to be resend to the committee. A lengthy discussion was done.

### **XIII. ASRT Report and Educational Foundation**

The ASRT annual report was presented by Connie Mitchell MA RT(R)(CT) president of the ASRT. Her presentation made emphasis on the ASRT as a community and how all communities should work together. The Diversity of our profession with the new technology we work with constant changes; ASRT value education and advance. The membership brings a sense of belonging, and if any individual share the values and beliefs, is welcome to be part of this community, the ASRT.

She also talked about trust, criticism, expectation and obligations; most importantly though, how the ASRT is raising the standards and the need for each member to participate. She announced the new elected officers.

The ASRT Education and Research Foundation Annual Report was presented by Dr. Robert Walker Ph.D., R.T.(R)(CT)(MR)(QM), FASRT, introduced the Board of Trustees Currently there are 3 entry-level scholarship programs and 5 professionals. 120,000 dollars were awarded in grants since the year 2000; more than 1 million since 2000. Dr. Walker mentioned some of the biggest donors. For 2009 it will be a Virtual Poster Competition (more information will be available on the ASRT website). He thanked the Foundation staff. Currently there were at the meeting 3 recipients and they were recognized. He mentioned the swimming pool party as another fundraising event to be hosted that night.

### **XIV. ARRT and JRCERT Report**

The ARRT report was done by the President Bettye G. Wilson, M.A. Ed. R.T.(R)(CT)(ARRT), RDMS, FASRT. A has provided more information on "CQ/2011", which is the acronym for Continued Qualifications Requirements. As a delegate of Alaska I presented two issues to the ARRT officers

- First one was in relationship to the CQ/2011 (Continued Qualifications Requirements). The concern come form colleagues in regards to the changes that will take effect after 2011 when all new technologists will be required to take a test to renew their registry. That will happen also to those who will acquire new modalities. For example, if you become an RT in 2010 you won't have to take the test to renew your registry as an RT on the years to come. But say in 2012 you became a CT tech then the CQ/2011 will make you take the test for the renewal of your registry on CT only. In conclusion if you were contemplating to obtain new modalities, now is the time to do it before CQ/2011 will be in effect.
- The other issue that I presented to the ARRT was in relationship with the lack of testing centers in Alaska. Anchorage is the only place that students and technologists can take their registry test. I presented the case of the ARDMS (American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers) that offer 3 testing centers in Alaska: Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks. They told me that the case will be considered on the oncoming months.

### **XV. Educational Sessions**

Three presentations (1CE each)

- Parliamentary Procedure: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly:  
The main objectives were for the participants to
  - use parliamentary procedure for decision -making in the professional environment
  - effectible participate in meetings
  - develop the ability to become a dynamic voice for the profession
  - assume a more active leadership role
- Current Health Policy Issues Facing Radiologic Technologists  
Overview
  - Electronic Health Records
  - Reimbursement Policy
  - Imaging Utilization
- Technological Advances in Medical Imaging: A Disruptive Innovation in Action?

## XVI. Open Forum

After the Educational Session Group discussions were formed to exchange ideas and talk about the last presentation: *Technological Advances in Medical Imaging: A Disruptive Innovation in Action?* The experience was exciting and informative.

## XVII. Chapter Meeting

**Sonography Chapter, Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

*Kelly A. Hartigan, B.S., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), RDMS*  
**Chairman**

*David L. Hill R.T.(R) RDMS,*  
**Vice Chairman**

- Welcome and opening of the meeting at 1:00PM by chairman, Kelly Hartigan.
- Old Business - The 2007 meeting minutes were presented and approved.
- Review of Resolutions and Bylaws Changes -

### **Resolution C-08.35 Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Sonography Procedures”**

Is the position of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) that only radiologic technologists personnel working in any discipline or specialty area of Radiologic technology credentialed/certified in sonography by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical **Sonographers** (ARDMS) or the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or equivalent in sonography should perform all diagnostic and interventional sonography procedures and examinations.

The commission recommended adoption of C-08.35 as revised.

Rationale: Edited for consistency and clarity.

The Chapter agreed to propose the correction of the ARDMS to the correct wording: The American Registry for Diagnostic Medial Sonography.

### **Resolution C-08.28 Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Breast Sonography **Procedures**”**

The Chapter agreed to propose to keep the word Procedures.

- Selection of Steering Committee Chapter Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2008 - 2009 -

Since only three members in sonography were present ant the meeting, the proposed and new elected Chairman and Vice chairman are:

*Kelly A. Hartigan, B.S., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), RDMS*  
**Chairman**

*David L. Hill R.T.(R) RDMS,*  
**Vice Chairman**

- Position Statement review for 2009 -

The position statements were read for the sonography chapter. It reached quorum. Meeting adjourned.

**Mammography Chapter, Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

*Donita L. Shipman, R.T.(R)(M)(QM)*

## Chairman

*Debora W. Berry, R.T.(R)(M)*

## Vice Chairman

- Welcome and opening of the meeting at 1:20 PM by chairman, Donita Shipman.
- Discussion about chapter's length for election. Up to 2 terms plus 2 of reelection.
- Review of Resolutions and Bylaws Changes -

### **Resolution C-08.28 Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Qualifications for Performing Breast Sonography Procedures".**

Discussion of getting the inclusion for mammography technologists to perform breast ultrasound was brought to the meeting. The Sonography Chapter present at the meeting is in disagreement. Some members will like to have the option for those who make this kind of procedure currently. Both groups agreed that we should all keep our goal standards as the ASRT propose; no changes will be proposed for this resolution.

Another area of discussion was related to Hologic's new technology for breast tomosynthesis, some technologists wanted information related to procedure, dose, etc. DR is the only media for using it is expensive but the quality of imaging is impressive.

The conversation moved to the necessity to keep QC record for inspection and that they have to be carefully done by the specifications of the manual manufacturers: it has to be the latest manual.

Other areas of dialogue were: cut of dose for digital mammography; patient's requirements for more service; changes in the curricula for mammography based on the differences for QC in digital vs. analog; revision of the examination form the ARRT; the President Bettye G. Wilson, M.A. Ed. R.T.(R)(CT)(ARRT), RDMS, FASRT gave input on the issue. The position statements were read for the mammography chapter. It reached quorum. Meeting adjourned.

## **Second House Meeting Sunday, June 15, 2008**

- 7:30 AM - Delegate sign in
- 8:02 AM - Instructions for electronic voting system.
- 8:20 AM - Call to Order  
Catherine "Cathie" Kukec, B.M.E. RT(R)(QM)  
Speaker of the House

### **XVIII. Voting record in the House**

- ***Consent Agenda***

A Consent Agenda may be utilized when there are motions that, after careful review, the Speaker of the House believes deals with routine or minor matters; such changes or proposals that do not appear to be controversial, or would not require debate. These motions are grouped together, voted upon in a block, without debate.

<b>Resolution Number</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
C-08.02	Personnel Performing Image-guided Procedures
C-08.04	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement "ASRT Role in Health Care Delivery Systems and Health Care Policy"
C-08.07	Cultural Competency in the Radiologic Sciences
C-08.08	Life Long Learning in the Radiologic Sciences
C-08.13	Restricted Supervision by Limited X-Ray Machine Operators
C-08.14	State Licensure Exams by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
C-08.16	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Breast Assessment by Radiologic Technologists"
C-08.18	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Definition of Multicredentialed Radiologic Technologist"
C-08.19	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Fluoroscopic Guidance for Contrast Studies of the Gastrointestinal System"
C-08.21	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "International System of Units"
C-08.23	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Multiskilled Radiologic Technologists"
C-08.24	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Nondiscrimination in the Practice of the Radiologic Sciences"
C-08.26	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Placement of Intravascular Closure Devices"
C-08.33	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Qualifications for Performing Medical Dosimetry"
C-08.34	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Qualifications for Performing Nuclear Medicine Procedures"
C-08.36	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Radiologic Technologists Performing Diagnostic Radiography"
C-08.37	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Radiation Therapy Discipline Name"
C-08.38	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Radiation Therapist Universal Title"
C-08.39	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Stereotactic Radiosurgery and Radiation Therapy"
C-08.41	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement "Use of Diagnostic Medical Ultrasound for Nonmedically Prescribed Purposes"
C-08.43	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement "Infection Control Precautions for Health Care Professionals"

- *ASRT House of Delegates Resolutions*

Resolution Number	Resolution
C-07.26	Revision of ASRT Position Statement : “Radiologic Technologists Performing Bone Densitometry”
C-07.27	Revision of ASRT Position Statement : “Radiologic Technologists Performing Cardiovascular-interventional, Cardiac-interventional or Vascular-interventional Technology”
C-07.28	Revision of ASRT Position Statement : “Radiologic Technologists Performing Computed Tomography Technology”
C-07.29	Revision of ASRT Position Statement : “Radiologic Technologists Performing Magnetic resonance Technology”
C-07.30	Revision of ASRT Position Statement : “Radiologic Technologists Performing Mammography”
C-07.38	Documentation of Patient Radiation Exposure and Shielding for Computed Tomography, Fluoroscopic and Other High Radiation Dose Diagnostic Medical Examination and Procedures
C-08.01	Computed Tomography Exams on Pediatric Patients
C-08.03	Qualifications for Performing Radiation Therapy Procedures
C-08.05	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Campaign Guidelines”
C-08.06	Revision of ASRT Position Statement : “Conjoint Evaluation of Educational Programs”
C-08.09	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement “ Patient Advocacy in the Radiologic Sciences”
C-08.10	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement “ Professional Advancement in the Radiologic Sciences”
C-08.11	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “ <del>Professional</del> Continuing Education for the Radiologic Technologist”
C-08.12	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Certification of Personnel Practicing in the Radiologic Sciences”
C-08.15	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “ <del>Supervising</del> Supervision and Training Responsibilities for Radiologic Technologists”
C-08.17	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Definition of Limited X-ray Machine Operator”
C-08.20	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “ Hyperthermia”
C-08.22	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement “Multiloading of Film Cassettes”
C-08.25	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Operation of Simulation and Radiation Therapy Treatments Units”
C-08.27	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Bone <del>Mineral</del> Densitometry”
C-08.28	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Breast Sonography <del>Procedures</del> ”
C-08.29	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Computed Tomography <del>Procedures</del> ”
C-08.30	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Diagnostic Radiography”
C-08.31	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Magnetic Resonance <del>Examinations</del> ”
C-08.32	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Mammography <del>Examinations and Procedures</del> ”
C-08.35	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Qualifications for Performing Sonography <del>Procedures</del> ”
C-08.40	Proposed Sunset of ASRT Position Statement “Teaching Breast Self-examination”
C-08.42	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Full-body Computed Tomography (CT) Screening on Asymptomatic Patients <del>Individuals</del> ”
C-08.44	Proposed Revision of ASRT Position Statement “Staffing <del>Pattern</del> for Radiation Therapy Treatment Delivery”
C-08.45	Sunset of the Position Statement “Entry level of Education for Radiographers”

• *ASRT House of Delegates Summary Form*

Resolution Number	Member Count Vote		My Vote		Hose Vote		Rationale
	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	
C-07.26 *	134	0	X		X		
C-07.27 *	134	0	X		X		
C-07.28 *	134	0	X		X		
C-07.29 *	134	0	X		X		
C-07.30 *	134	0	X		X		
* The vote was done in 3 parts: 1 <sup>st</sup> To Group: 128 YES 2 NO - 2 <sup>nd</sup> To adopt: 5 YES 126 NO - 3 <sup>rd</sup> To sunset: 134 YES 0 NO							
C-07.38	120	13	X		X		Replaced
C-08.01	128	5	X		X		With words stroked on the last portion
C-08.03	131	1	X		X		
C-08.05	130	3	X		X		Consistency and clarity
C-08.06	132	1	X		X		Consistency and clarity
C-08.09	130	1	X		X		Agree with the committee recommendation
C-08.10	108	8	X		X		Goal standards and advancement for education
C-08.11	125	8	X		X		CE's maintain competency. Adopted as amended
C-08.12	124	7	X		X		Consistency and clarity
C-08.15	127	3	X		X		Strongest statement
C-08.17	121	7	X		X		Changing of wording make more defined and avoid the use of "fluoroscopic"
C-08.20	124	8	X		X		
C-08.22	37	96		X		X	Due to some places still in use of the double loaded cassette.
C-08.25	128	4	X		X		
C-08.27	125	5	X		X		
C-08.28	131	1	X		X		With changes to keep diagnostic and interventional.
C-08.29	112	1	X		X		
C-08.30	123	7	X		X		With changes, insertion of interventional.
C-08.31	131	1	X		X		
C-08.32	130	1	X		X		All inclusive of screening, diagnostic and interventional.
C-08.35	130	1	X		X		As corrected : ARDMS
C-08.40	129	2	X		X		On curriculum and practice
C-08.42	122	9	X		X		
C-08.44	131	1	X		X		As amended, strike "established".
C-08.45	26	104		X		X	ASRT goal standards are to have a higher education level than certificate.

**XIX. Bylaws**

Chaired by Bartram J. "Bart" Pierce B.S., R.T.(R)(MR)

Consensus of opinion and adoption of all the bylaw changes presented on June 13<sup>th</sup> except

- a. Article IV section 6, letter E and F. Committee going back to committee - out of scope.
- b. Article VII, section 5, letter E and F withdraw and send back to committee
- c. Article IX, Section 1, letter 3 proposed to be resend to the committee. Was defeated by 33 yes and 98 no.

## **XX. Miscellaneous Professional Issues**

- Microphone Award was for April S. Apple R.T.(R)
- The student's intern made a very humorous presentation and song as a thank you for the opportunity to be part of the conference.

Catherine "Cathie" Kukec, B.M.E. RT(R)(QM) Speaker of the House adjourned the ASRT National Meeting 2008.

## **XXI. Fellows Ceremony**

June 14th, 2008-07-29

The ceremony was a beautiful event, with the presence of a good number of fellow's members.

The elevation was for:

- April S. Apple R.T.(R)
- Linda "Linda K" Holden, M.S., R.T.(R)(QM),RDMS
- Salvatore "Sal" Martino, Ed. D., R.T.(R), CAE

A presentation was made for every individual, and it was all together a very emotional night. Congratulations to the new ASRT Fellows.

## **XXII. President's Reception**

The last part of the Conference, the Presidents Reception was an emotional and beautiful presentation. The speeches and closing words of the officers were moving and inspirational. Congratulations to all.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cecilia Del Rio RT(R)*