

## Alaska Affiliate Delegate Report

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After another epic journey from Ketchikan to Albuquerque that left me arriving late to the meeting, everything got better quickly. I was not able to get to the meeting until noon on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. I spoke to the ASRT staff and found out that there were many who had similar problems and the Speaker of the House had excused us without any action towards our affiliates.

I attended the compliance and governance education given by Liana Watson and Dana Aragon. There were many changes they updated us on including new deadlines for getting our affiliate information and tax forms in. Also, included was a detailed update on the new tax exempt process with the IRS.

The first seating of the house of delegates followed the education as well as an ASRT update. Usual formalities including credentials report, agenda adoption and introductions were followed by reports from the ASRT and the ASRT foundation. Topics from those updates included MIPPA, Image Gently, Tip TV and ODIA. Nominations for speaker and vice speaker were heard. Advocacy awards were given to David Hill as an individual and Ohio as an affiliate.

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> started with the open forum on bylaws in which an enormous task was presented by the committee on bylaws. The changes of the bylaws were so extensive that a revision was presented. In essence, it would open up the entire document to the house in the second seating and each section would need to be approved. A thorough presentation was given by the committee through its Chair, Jeffery Vaughn, without much debate in the forum. The changes were many, but minor. There were many proposed changes in the sections including the military chapter to include the Coast Guard. Commission hearing followed and there were really two topics generated the most debate and ended up using most of our time were C-09.01 a resolution that would set a position for the preferred credentials for

radiology management to be Certified Radiology Administrator,(CRA), a credential granted by Radiology Administrator Certification Commission, (RACC) and C-09.02 ASRT recognizing certificate program graduates as entry level into the field, both of which would be either voted down, or withdrawn in the second seating of the house.

That afternoon delegates attended the chapter meeting of their choice. I attended the management chapter meeting. The management chapter had introduced C-09.01 and this discussion occupied the entire meeting with an end result decision for the management chapter chair to withdraw the resolution in the second seating.

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> was dedicated to the second seating of the house. The bylaws revision was passed with many if not all of the the proposed changes passing in the final document, (again most were around military chapter). The consent agenda was a huge time saver during the commission report and the debate around resolutions. It basically approves all uncontested resolutions or sunsetting with one blanket vote. Several were pulled our for discussion however. The most debated was mentioned earlier in my report, (C-09.02). Ultimately being voted down. More nominations were accepted for speaker and vice speaker. We then heard the campaign speeches from candidates and an election took place, with Donna Long becoming the 2010 speaker and Sandra Hayden the vice speaker.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Alaska Affiliate Delegate and I encourage any and all interested members to become active at the national level.

Thank you and have a remainder of your summer,  
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