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Palmer's Post

Happy Summer! The OSRT is ramping up for another year of success! Committees have started communicating and some have even started their charges for the year! If you are a current volunteer and have not heard from your committee chair, please let me know. If you are interested in volunteering, we are always looking for new volunteers! Email osrt@osrt.org for more information.

During a recent SWOT analysis from the Board of directors, the directors noted that one of our biggest strengths as an organization is health policy. Did you know the OSRT has a contracted legislative consultant that reviews legislation on a monthly basis to protect our medical imaging and therapy profession? In addition to the legislative consultant, we are well represented within the Radiation Generating Equipment Committee meetings at the Ohio Department of Health through our health policy committee. Members of the health policy committee attend these meetings and provide feedback to the rules that are being reviewed. Lin Hopewell, OSRT life member, is also an official member of the REC committee and attends these meetings as well. We are so fortunate to have state licensure and be able to be actively have a voice in keeping the licensure and making it stronger for our profession and our patients.

The OSRT also supports Federal proposed legislation that is monitored through the ASRT. For example, an OSRT letter of support for the MARCA bill was sent to the ASRT to help show the importance of radiologic assistance in the profession. You can also support this bill yourself by writing a letter to your congressmen! Visit <https://www.asrt.org/main/standards-regulations/federal-legislative-affairs/legislative-efforts> for details on all legislation of interesting, including the MARCA bill.

News and Events: The ASRT Annual Meeting was held in Orlando Florida June 22nd-25th. At this year's House of Delegates meeting, the Practice Standards revisions were passed for Computed Tomography, Radiography, Limited X-ray Machine Operator, and Nuclear Medicine. Nuclear Medicine chapter sought an amendment to the motion to amend the education and certification section of all practice standards and after deliberation and further amendments it was passed, in hopes that state licensing agencies would recognize exactly what they can do as Nuclear Medicine Technologists. There was one main motion that created many good discussions throughout the meeting that was then referred back to the Practice Standards Council, PSC, for review: *Level of Education for the Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professions*. The PSC will report out next year, after extensive research is done over the next year. There was one late motion that did pass for the ASRT to investigate and bring information to the 2018 House of Delegates Meeting in regards to combined ASRT and Affiliate memberships.

There is so much to be thankful for in this profession and I want to thank you for being a member and supporting your Professional State Organization and all the work is done to protect our profession through this organization.

Emma Palmer, OSRT President

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OSRT Was Well Represented at the ASRT Annual Meeting

The 2016 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting was held June 22nd—25th in Orlando, Florida. The OSRT was well represented by a number of individuals across multiple modalities. Attendees include: Jackie Turk, Emma Palmer, Tiffany Roman, Tina Manger, Ryan Smith, Lauren Huffman, Heather Moore, Deb Myers, Phil Ballinger, Kevin Rush, and Tricia Leggett.



Thanks to the following individuals who actively represented Ohio well!

Ohio Affiliate Delegates: Tiffany Roman (OSRT President-Elect) & Lauren Huffman (OSRT Junior Board Chair)

Chapter Delegates:

Emma Palmer, Computed Tomography
Heather Moore, Education
Jackie Turk, Magnetic Resonance Imaging:
Ryan Smith, Nuclear Medicine
Debra Myers, Sonography

Tina Manger participated in the **Student Leadership Development Program**.

The OSRT is excited to report that a number of our delegates were elected to leadership positions in their chapters for 2017.

- ◆ Kristin Seitz, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Vice Chairperson
- ◆ Ryan Smith, Nuclear Medicine Chairperson
- ◆ Debra Myers, Sonography Chairperson

Please visit www.orst.org for a complete report.

Congratulations!

Ohio Shows Competitive Side!

The Ohio Society won the award for the most tickets sold for the ASRT Foundation fundraising event, and received a check for \$750.00. Thank you to those of you who purchased tickets!

The Most Active Chapter Award went to two Chapters with Ohio Delegates, Heather Moore - second place with the Education Chapter, and Emma Palmer - first place tie for the Computed Tomography Chapter.

Have you ever thought about serving as a chapter representative or officer for the ASRT House of Delegates?

If so, WE NEED YOU. Nominations are now open. Please submit your name to an OSRT board member and you will be nominated to be on the ballot and hopefully serve the national medical imaging and therapy community. This experience is very rewarding, educational, and it directly effects our practice. Please visit the ASRT website for more information and eligibility requirements at the following link: <http://www.asrt.org/main/about-asrt/asrt-governance/election-criteria-and-forms>



Representing your profession by voicing your opinion at the House of Delegates meeting like Tricia Leggett.



Networking and socializing with professional colleagues like Max Maxwell, Lauren Huffman, Tricia Leggett, and Heather Moore.

This could be you next year!!!



Acting as a Chapter Delegate like Jackie Turk. (pictured on the right) and Emma Palmer (pictured on the left).



CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

The knowledgeable dedicated individuals that lead our organization work very hard to make sure that our profession remain untouched by government policy. This is not possible without a supportive membership, so please spread the word to your student, technologist, professional, and education colleagues. In addition, the OSRT provides you with some of the greatest networking resources, health policy information updates, opportunities to meet other professionals, continuing education and so much more! Help us improve the advocacy power the OSRT has for our profession.



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Summer greetings, everyone! If you are fortunate enough to have a break from your program like me, I hope you are enjoying your time off and getting caught up on whatever you consider to be your leisure time. If you are still in the middle of your program, I hope that your learning and studies are coming along successfully!

There is definitely one student still in class and spending her summer studying and working hard at clinicals: one of our current Student Leaders, Becky Jones. For this edition of the Cardinal Rays, she spent the extra time to interview one of the technologists at her clinical site:



***Katie Shilling** is a Radiologic Technologist at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. She loves working in the medical field and has worked at Aultman Hospital for the past twelve years. Katie knew that she wanted to do something in the medical field, but she didn't realize that it would be radiography until she broke her neck at the age of seventeen. After getting her first x-ray, Katie got really curious about the radiology field and decided to pursue it as a career. Working in the healthcare setting is very rewarding for Katie because she loves being able to help people. She also enjoys dealing with different situations every day and the fast-paced environment.*

Do you follow The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists on Facebook? If so, then you know that the state of Ohio was very well represented at the 2017 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting that took place June 22-25, 2017 in Orlando, Florida. At the ASRT annual meeting, the House of Delegates discuss and vote on motions and proposed changes to the bylaws that could possibly affect clinical practices and standards in radiologic education. The Ohio Affiliate Delegates, Tiffany Roman and Lauren Huffman, and Ohio Student Leader, Tina Manger, were among those in the group representing our great state. Thank you to those Ohio technologists and OSRT Board members who were in attendance on behalf of our state and the current technologists and the students working hard to enter into the medical imaging profession!

Please everyone, whether you are in classes or not, enjoy the rest of the Ohio summer and the opportunities we have for both learning and relaxation! As always, if you have any questions about volunteer opportunities or what membership with the OSRT means for you as a current technologist or a student, please feel free to email me at any time! I am passionate about the field of medical imaging and I would love to hear from you!

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OSRT VISION

The OSRT will be the voice of Ohio medical imaging and radiologic science professionals.

OSRT MISSION

The OSRT will advocate for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

The Foundation Corner

Thank you to all the Educators who responded to our survey in April 2017. Because of your responses, the OSRTERF is excited to announce that we will be adding a new category to the 2018 OSRT Annual Meeting competitions! We will be accepting applications for case study presentations. It has not been decided if the case studies will be poster or essay submissions (maybe both), but we will have details by September 2017.

The Foundation is also planning a mailing campaign fund raiser. If you have the name or contact information of a potential professional or corporate sponsor, please forward to the OSRT Executive Office at osrt@osrt.org.

Have a great summer!

Sheryl Bacon

OSRTERF Chairperson



Thanks to you, our dedicated members, for your continued support!

Do you have a topic you would like to see included in the next edition? Send it in so others can hear your voice!

We would like the membership to notify us of any members who have passed away during the last year. Any information on the technologist would be appreciated.

Please send notice to domrt62@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance,

Deborah O'Mellan, R.T.

A Note from the Editor

Hello readers!

I hope you are enjoying your summer so far! I feel like I just blinked my eye and it is halfway through already! Enjoy the rest of what's left and be safe!

Thanks for reading! I welcome feedback or suggestions for improvement.

Please feel free to contact me:

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Thanks!

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