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<u>Keegan's Comments</u> Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! The New Year is a time of reflection and rejuvenation. This is a time to look back over the past year and evaluate how your profession is advancing. Take a few minutes and be honest with yourself and decide if you are content with the way your professional life is progressing. Maybe this is the year you advance into CT or MRI or go return to school to obtain your Bachelors or Masters Degree. If you are happy with your career choice then maybe it is time to volunteer. We could always use an extra hand at the OSRT, also the ASRT is always seeking volunteers. I know some of you think we have enough volunteers but we can never have enough high energetic enthusiastic people! Please contact our Executive Secretary, Cheryl Bacon, at osrt@osrt.org and let her know you are interested in volunteering to serve on a committee.

If it is time to renew your membership all you need to do is go to osrt.org and do it through Paypal. That's right, we are live with renewing online! I think we have all the major issues worked out and things are running smoothly for the Executive Secretary and the Financial Manager. Jay, Sheryl, Denise Moore, & John Schaub (our web coeditors) have been working very hard to get the online payment



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process in working order, so when you see them at the annual meeting you might want to let them know what you think about it.

As a technologist, have you thought about entering in the poster display and/or essay competition? These awards are not just for students; they are for our dedicated and energetic technologists, as well! Please check the web site for the qualifications for the applicants. As a technologist, I am sure you see new technologies in the work place every day that could make great submissions.

The Annual meeting is just around the corner in my home city, Cincinnati, starting with an AEIRS/OSRT conference for educators on Thursday April 22. We hope to attract educators from Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and hopefully they will stay for the entire conference. Denise Moore and John Schaub have been working very hard to get the web site up so we can submit our forms for the conference electronically. All the committee chairs have stepped up to recreate forms to give to Denise and John to put on the Web. This has been a busy year for everyone. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the annual meeting! Please also keep in mind deadlines for the majority of submissions are February 1<sup>st</sup>, please check our website for further information at www.osrt.org.

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Letters to the Editor

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Just a reminder that while you making that list of resolutions, to add one concerning your professional life and strive to meet that goal by next years end! Cardinal Rays welcomes any and all letters to the editor. Please be reminded this is an opinion reflective solely of the author and not necessarily the opinion of the OSRT. Please feel free to send your submissions to the following e-mail address: llarnold@seormc.org Cardinal Rays Editor Leisa Arnold, MHA, RT(R)(M)



## OSRT VISION The OSRT will promote

the excellence of professionals in medical imaging and radiologic science.

## **OSRT MISSION**

Advocate for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice and educational standards, and providing leadership in health policy.

Remember we are looking for new Board members now! See the website for more details! <u>www.osrt.org</u>



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<u>Meet the Board</u> Imagine your name here! The OSRT would like to take this opportunity to invite you to run for the OSRT Board.

The Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for trustees. To nominate an individual or yourself, contact <u>Beth McCarthy</u> and forward the following information:

- Nominee name
- US Postal mailing address
- Telephone number(s)
- Email address
- Resume or curriculum vita

Nominations are accepted throughout the year. Elections take place by mail ballot prior to the OSRT Annual Meeting held each spring (April). To be included in the slate of nominees, submissions must be received by **February 1**<sup>st</sup>



A Note from our Student Director...please share this with your students!

The New Year is the beginning of a new start. The OSRT offers a student intern program for a radiology student with twelve months remaining to graduation. What a great opportunity to represent your radiology program! As Student Director, I



encourage all students to apply for this unique opportunity to become involved in your state's professional organization. The deadline to apply for the OSRT student intern program is February 1, 2010.

Applying for the OSRT student intern program is three very simple steps. First, you need to become a student member of the OSRT and the membership fee is \$30.00. Secondly, you would need to go to www.osrt.org website and print off the student intern application and make sure you meet the qualifications if you do, then fill out the application, sign it and then have your program director sign the application too. The last thing you would need is to write your personal statement on "Why you want to be involved in the OSRT." The personal statement is easy it's only 150 words, which equals a paragraph.

Once the deadline has passed the OSRT Executive Committee will meet and read all the applications submitted and the applicant's personal statement and then select the four student interns, one of the final four interns will then be appointed to serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors, as the position of Student Director.

The duties and responsibilities of the interns and Student Director is to act as a role model for all medical imaging students, serve as liaison between all medical imaging students and the OSRT. The student interns and Student Director needs to encourage student membership and participation in OSRT events and other professional organizations, also keep informed of issues related to the profession and in your assigned committee. The board meets twice before the annual meeting as an intern and Student Director you will need to attend and actively participate in committee meetings, Board of Directors meetings, the Annual Meeting, and any other meetings as directed by an OSRT officer. As



an intern or Student Director, you will need to plan and attend and actively participate in the student open forum at the Annual meeting. If you are selected as Student Director, you will write the Student Cardinal Rays newsletter.

I applied for the student intern program in January and less than a month later I was notified via email that I was selected as Student Director. I was excited and nervous at the same time. I had great support from my teachers that are involved with the OSRT on making me understand what was expected of me as the Student Director. I was prepared for my first Annual meeting that was last April in Cleveland, Ohio. That was a great experience for me! The OSRT not only insures to meet the needs of technologist but they also meet the needs of students as well. They do this by having Quiz Bowl competition, Philip W. Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Examination, and the Student Open Forum. As Student Director the interns and I have worked together to present the Student Open Forum for the 2010 Annual meeting. The Student Open Forum is for any student in the medical imaging program to present a concern or a question to a group containing, radiologic technologist, CT and MRI technologist, and students in the radiologist assistant program and more. I had a positive experience at last years meeting that I am extremely excited about the 2010 meeting. I hope to see you in April at the 2010 Annual meeting in Cincinnati. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at morgan1983@aol.com.

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