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Happy Radiologic Technology Week!

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“Rizzo’s Remarks”

by Linda Rizzo-OSRT President BS, RT(R)

In the upcoming year of 2013 the OSRT will be celebrating our 75th anniversary at our annual meeting. Let us take a moment and consider the thought that what if those 48 individuals had not donated their time and efforts to start our society. It takes a number of people and coordination to maintain a functioning society. The OSRT has approximately 60 volunteers who are working for you. The OSRT has the following areas for which you may volunteer your time to benefit the organization.

OSRT Committees:

- Health Policy
- Education/Quiz Bowl
- Honors
- Marketing/Sales
- Organizational Management

OSRT Task Forces:

- Technology & Innovations
- Board of Directors Structure & Composition



OSRT Appointed Positions:

- Historian
- Parliamentarian
- Resolutions
- Web Editors
- Survey
- Recording Secretary
- Photographer
- Minutes
- Nominations
- Leadership
- Social Media
- Fundraising
- Student Liaison
- Editorial Review Board

How do you get involved? You may contact me osrt@osrt.org Also, there is a box you can check on your OSRT renewal or membership form that asks if you would like to serve on an OSRT Committee. Volunteers who check this box are collected by our Executive Secretary and then given to our Leadership Appointee. The Leadership appointee

will provide a list of committees and elected positions to the volunteer, that’s you! You would then have the opportunity to communicate your interests back to the OSRT. The committee chair of your assigned committee will then contact you and provide information about the committee and your involvement.

In closing I would like to mention and thank the following people who have newly joined our volunteer team; **Amber Goshe, Joseph Highman, Tina Pfleeger, Linnea Ray, Bryn Smathers, Whiney Wolfe, Kate Zale, Christine Smith, Alice Kreutzberg, Elizabeth Gildone and Tiffany Romans.** While this is not an exhaustive list of all of the volunteers from whom the OSRT has benefited over the years I would also like to offer them a huge thanks as well! If you would like to influence and impact the future of imaging professionals consider joining our team! Please feel free to contact myself, any board member, or our Executive Secretary for more information on how to become more involved. We will be glad to work with any time you can donate, however great or small.

Until next time!

Your President, Linda Rizzo

Save the Date!

The 2013 Annual Meeting Co-Chairs, Julie Gill and Lauren Huffman, along with The Annual Meeting Committee would like to cordially invite you to attend the 2013 annual meeting to be held at the Columbus Marriott Northeast, Dublin Ohio. Please join us for this commemorative 75th anniversary event on April 4-7, 2013!



Point of View

What's New in MRI from My POV

One of the new challenges to me in MRI, is performing surgical procedures in the MRI suite instead of the OR suite. To be more specific, I'm referring to brain surgery in the MRI suite. At my facility, patients are having deep brain stimulator (DBS) electrodes placed in the MRI suite. The reason behind this is due to the patient having uncontrollable tremors. These tremors cause too much motion from the patient for the DBS to be placed safely in the OR suite under conventional surgical conditions. Normally this surgery requires the patient to remain awake but because of the tremors they are fully sedated and rely solely on the MRI images for guidance during the procedure. DBS is an effective, FDA approved treatment of Parkinson's Disease and other movement disorder. Successful outcomes require accurate localization of the target intra-operatively, and precise guidance of the electrode to that target within 2 mm.

As technologist we are healthcare professionals first and must be prepared to use all our skills. As departments come together to do what is best for the patient, we as imaging professionals are becoming increasingly involved in patient care. We are also working very closely with different departments and must be willing to teach non imaging professionals about our working environment. In the case of MRI, that involves what items can and can't be brought into an MRI suite. This year was the 10th year anniversary of the MRI accident that resulted in a 6 year old boy's death from an oxygen tank that was brought into the MRI suite. We must all work together with other departments to prevent this type of event of ever happening again.

Darla Campbell RT (R)(MR)

A message from Jonathan Mazal

Hello OSRT members!

Although I have recently completed my three year term as an OSRT board member, I have managed to stay involved in the RT profession. Primarily this has been through my recent appointment to the Project Manager position overseeing the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Communities program. What's that? Not familiar with the ASRT Communities yet? Well, let me tell you what you've been missing! Exclusively available to ASRT members, there are 15 on-line community forums covering all the major modalities such as radiography, CT, MRI, ultrasound, etc. Additionally, there are also 4 specialized communities covering topics of interest such as RT advocacy, affiliate societies, imaging informatics, and even a student community as well. By visiting www.asrt.org/more/asrt-communities ASRT members can find updates on recent job postings, monthly surveys, lively discussion forums, posting competitions, and more! So check it out if you haven't already, and feel free to let me know what you think by emailing me at jmazal@asrt.org.

Nominations Sought

Nominations are now being accepted for directors by the Nominations Committee. To nominate an individual or yourself, email [Beth McCarthy](mailto:Beth.McCarthy@osumc.edu) at beth.mccarthy@osumc.edu and forward the following information (be sure to put OSRT Board in the subject line):

- * **Nominee name**
- * **US Postal mailing address**
- * **Telephone number(s)**
- * **OSRT Member #**
- * **ASRT Member #**
- * **Email address**
- * **Resume or curriculum vita**

Nominations are accepted throughout the year. Elections take place by an e-voting process prior to the OSRT Annual Meeting held each spring (April). To be included in the slate of nominees, submissions must be received by **January 15**

Meet the Board

My name is Rhonda Strunk and was elected to serve on the OSRT Board of Directors in 2012. Before being elected to the BOD, I served on several committees within the OSRT. I am excited to be on the BOD because I felt I could make a difference by representing radiologic technologists in Ohio.

I began working as an RT in 1983 and moved into CT/MR in 1986. I have also been involved in several imaging societies such as the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and North America Society for Cardiovascular Imaging. CT has always been my passion until ten years ago when I was hired by UC Physicians to develop and launch a 3D Post-processing department at the University of Cincinnati. Since that time, I have moved across the street to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center to start a 3D post-processing Lab at this hospital. Post-processing and Image Analysis is becoming an integral part of radiology and I enjoy working in this relatively new field of advanced imaging.

After working in the radiology field for 26 years, I decided to go back to school and earn my BA in Radiation Science technology from UC and will graduate in April at the age of 50! Thanks to the great support of my husband. Together we have four children and two grandchildren - which we adore. Being empty nesters, we spend most of our free time traveling and camping in our new RV with our dog, Sophie.



A Note from the Editor...

This month we are incorporating a few new columns, one of which is entitled Point of View. Members are welcome to write in about real life experiences and how they have grown professionally and personally.

Our other new column is entitled, "whatever happened to..." As editor sometimes I found myself asking whatever happened to so and so. Then came the idea for a new column and touching base with imaging professionals involved with the OSRT.

Please feel free to contact me with your information and update so I am able to let your peers now what you are involved with currently. I would love to hear from you! Otherwise you may just receive an email from me asking you to please let me know what your current passion involves.

On a closing note I would like to say Happy Radiologic Technology Week to all of my peers! What a great and exciting time to be involved with the imaging profession! Please take a minute this week and thank your co-workers and the students you work with to let them know you appreciate their efforts from patient safety to being a patient advocate. Again thanks from me to you for all that you do for the profession!

Please feel free to send your submissions to the following e-mail address

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Leisa Arnold, MHA, RT, (R), (M)

Cardinal Rays Editor



Whatever happened to...

Julie Gill, Ph.D., R.T.(R)QM was President of the O.S.R.T. in 1998-1999, so what is she doing now?

Julie is currently employed by the University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash College, as Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Allied Health Department. She has indirect oversight for the EMT and Paramedic Emergency Medical Services programs, the Medical Assisting and Medical Billing & Coding programs, the Radiation Therapy program, and the Radiologic Technology program. She also has direct oversight for the Radiation Science Technology baccalaureate degree completion program.

She remains active with the O.S.R.T. as Quiz Bowl Committee co-chairperson, Student Liaison, Membership Survey Appointee, and Co-chairperson of the 2013 Annual Meeting in Columbus. Nationally, Julie serves on the American Society of Radiologic Technologists' Board of Directors as the President-elect and will be installed as President in June 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science.

Although Julie works in northern Cincinnati, she lives between Grove City and Circleville with her husband, Jim, daughters Katie and Casey, and 4-year old grandson Aiden. In what little spare time she has Julie enjoys cooking and spending time with Aiden.





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OSRT VISION

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.



Upcoming Deadlines

Technologist of the Year Award:

Do you know a hero who deserves recognition? A person worthy of praise, but is an unsung hero? An award is given yearly to honor and recognize the professional technologist. Please be the voice of the hero in your department. Please let your voice be heard by submitting the name of the nominee on our website at www.osrt.org. **The deadline for nomination is January 15, 2013.**

Eligibility requirements are the nominee will have:

A current membership in the OSRT with a least six years of membership and in good standing
Credentials and be in good standing for the past six years with the ARRT, ARDMS or NMTCB
Served as OSRT officer, committee chair or committee member or editor
To be present to accept the award at the OSRT Annual Honors Banquet

Educational Grants

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation offer several awards at the annual meeting. Awards are based on financial need, merit and academic achievement in their studies. If you are selected to receive an award you are given a free ticket to the Honors banquet on Saturday evening although in order to receive the grant, your presence is not a requirement. Please go to the OSRT website to see the qualifications for the awards and fill out an application **prior to January 15, 2013**. The grants given are as follows:

Phillip Ballinger: The O.S.U. School of Radiologic Technology Student Grant for an OSU student who is in a Bachelor of Science program

George J. Matesich Grant: Award given to a COTC Radiography program student or a student who is a radiologic technology program

Lee Shadle Grant: This grant is awarded to any student

OSRT Honors Grant: This award is designated for a radiography student

OSRT Honors Grant: This award is designated for a technologist

Francine Todd Memorial Occupational Radiation Safety and Protection Research Grant

The University of Cincinnati Blue Ash College, Bachelors of Radiation Science Technology Capstone Student Grant

Ohio State Radiological Society (OSRS): These two grants are awarded to both a technologist and student.

Central Ohio Society of Mammographers (COSM): This grant supports OSRT members in pursuit of education in mammography.

OSRT Humanitarian Grant: This unique grant is offered in support of humanitarian initiatives.

Professional Poster Competition:

The competition for professional poster submission is open to any student or technologist who is a member of the OSRT. Please read carefully any and all poster competition rules. A specific judging criterion is required and will be used when your poster is evaluated during competition. All applications must be submitted electronically to the OSRT website no later than **January 15, 2013**. The Sara J Bauer clinical application winners and the David G. Shields research poster winners will receive complimentary tickets to the Honors reception and monetary awards.

Essay Competition:

The essay competition is open to all members of the OSRT whether the person is a student or a registered technologist. Please read carefully any and all essay competition rules. A specific judging criterion is required and will be used when your essay is evaluated during competition. All applications must be submitted electronically to the OSRT website no later than **January 15, 2013**. The Mary E. Atkins essay competition winners will receive complimentary tickets to the Honors reception and monetary awards.