



# Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists

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ASRT National Meeting Summary-Bruckner's Buzz

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This year the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) Educational Symposium was held on June 26 and the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting was held June 27-29 in Orlando, Florida. It was a wonderful meeting and I was proud to represent Ohio as the OSRT President and the Ohio Affiliate Delegate. The OSRT Chairperson, **Gloria Albrecht** served as the other Ohio Affiliate delegate, while **Heather Moore** attended as an alternate Affiliate Delegate. Ohio was well represented with chapter delegates as well: **Jackie Turk** (Vice Chair) and **Emma Palmer**, Computed Tomography Delegates; **Gary Great-house**, Management Delegate (Vice Chair); **Connie Bonner**, Medical Dosimetry Delegate; **Richard States** (Chair) and **Ryan Smith** (Vice Chair), Nuclear Medicine Delegates; **Tricia Leggett**, Radiography Delegate. **Tracy Herrmann**, **Tiffany Roman**, **Elizabeth Hemme**, **Philip Ballinger**, and four students from the University of Cincinnati radiography program also attended. Ohio was most proud that **Julie Gill** served as our leader as ASRT President during this meeting and was then inducted as the **ASRT Chairman of the Board**. Congratulations Dr. Gill!

**Diane Paquette** and **Megan Gibson** attended the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program representing Ohio as student leaders. Overall there were approximately 75 students attending the ASRT, representing 42 states. Both students expressed their appreciation to the OSRT for giving them the opportunity to attend this student program.

From the technologist role, **Rhonda Strunk** attended the ASRT Leadership Academy. I would like to strongly encourage anyone who wants to step into a leadership role to apply for the Leadership Academy. The ASRT offers this benefit to qualified applicants of the ASRT free of charge and the cost of travel and hotel accommodations are also paid for by the ASRT.

The ASRT offered a variety of interesting presentations during the Educational Symposium on Thursday. Ohio's own **Tricia Leggett** was one of the presenters for a session entitled, *The Publication Process: Secrets Revealed!* Thank you Tricia for offering your time and dedication to the profession and representing us so well at the ASRT meeting.

Friday's event began with the House of Delegates Business Meeting which was attended by 149 delegates from all over the country, including our strong Ohio representation. Later in the day I attended update meetings from the ARRT and ASRT, and the Affiliate Open Forum. During the Affiliate Open Forum the ASRT described their new Affiliate Advocacy Program. The Affiliate Advocacy Program will allow the ASRT to work with affiliates that meet the requirement of the application by providing counsel and resources for licensure or regulatory activities. It was also announced that the ASRT Museum and Archives will open in Albuquerque at next year's Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting.

Also during Affiliate Open Forum, the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists was recognized with a certificate for **Outstanding Participation in the 2014 ACE Campaign Click to Commit Contest!** The OSRT Board would like to thank all of the OSRT members who took time to show their commitment to this initiative to educate patients about who Radiologic Technologists are and what we do. For winning this contest, Ohio was awarded \$1000.00 to help fund our next annual meeting.

On Friday evening we attended the Honors Evening Reception. This was a very special event during which **Nina Kowalczyk** was honored with Life Membership in the ASRT. Congratulations Dr. Kowalczyk!

Overall, during the governance meeting, the motions presented at the house were fairly non-controversial. Amended Practice Standards were adopted for Magnetic Resonance and Radiologist Assistants. Delegates voted to adopt some terminology changes in the Practice Standards Glossary. Newly developed Practice Standards were adopted for Medical Dosimetrists. The position statement regarding qualifications for performing medical dosimetry was rescinded due to the newly developed Medical Dosimetry Practice Standards. The position statement on certification of personnel practicing in the

radiologic sciences was rescinded because all certifications are addressed in the appropriate practice standards documents. The position statement on Campaign Guidelines was rescinded, and several other position statements were amended to maintain consistent terminology.

After discussion of wording and terminology, the ASRT adopted a position statement related to "Digital Image Post-Processing in Radiography" and a position statement related to "Digital Image Cropping and Masking in Radiography". The first position statement relates to altering an image by post-processing so that it represents another projection; the second position statement relates to cropping or masking which eliminates areas of exposure from the image. Final wording of the position statement should be available soon through the ASRT.

There was one late motion in the House: Remove Recognition of RCIS from Cardiovascular Interventional Practice Standards. The Practice Standards Council Cardiovascular Interventional Subcommittee amend the Cardiovascular Interventional Practice Standards by removing recognition of the registered cardiovascular invasive specialist certification as a post-primary certification for cardiovascular interventional technologists. This motion was discussed in both the House of Delegates and the Cardiovascular-Interventional chapter meetings. The motion was amended to strongly recommend that the Practice Standards Council evaluate this issue as they revise the Cardiovascular-Interventional Practice Standards for presentation at the 2015 House of Delegates meeting.

Again I would like to thank everyone that participated and made this a great meeting! If you are interested in becoming involved and representing imaging professionals in the future, please consider running for chapter delegate in your modality. You can check the ASRT website at [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org) for information on qualifications or contact me at [Bruckner.terri@gmail.com](mailto:Bruckner.terri@gmail.com) with any questions. *Terri Bruckner, OSRT President*



**OSRT members representing Ohio at the Annual ASRT Governance Meeting 2014**

## Congratulations & News!

This year the OSRT's is very proud that **Nina K. Kowalczyk, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(QM)(CT)**, FASRT was designated Life Member of the ASRT. The achievement of becoming a life member is one of the ASRT's highest honors among professionals. Life Members are active ASRT members who have maintained continuous membership for at least 30 years and have participated in a range of volunteer activities that demonstrate dedication to the ASRT and the radiologic technology profession. Candidates who receive the honor are selected by at least a three-quarters vote of the ASRT Board of Directors. Life members are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the profession and to the ASRT. In particular, the honorary category recognizes a wide range of activities, not just being a long-term member of the ASRT.

Dr. Kowalczyk is an organizational effectiveness consultant at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus. She joined ASRT in 1980, and has served in a variety of roles including chairman of the Quality Management, Management and Education Steering committees; member of the Practice Standards Task Force; QM, Management, and Education Chapter delegate; and chairman of the ASRT Editorial Review Board, a position she currently holds. She was elevated to Fellow status in 2005 at the ASRT. At the state level, she's a Life Member of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Central Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists. She is actively involved with the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences where she has held positions as the executive editor of its newsletter, Spectrum, and cochairman of the Research and Scholarship Committee. She also dedicates time to work with the Ohio Department of Health, Radiation Advisory Council where she's served as a member of the General X-ray Machine Operator Examination Review Committee, Radiation Generating Equipment Subcommittee and General X-ray Machine Operator Curriculum Revision Committee.

Among fellow Ohioans' Dr. Kowalczyk is known as an advocate of the profession, not only among her peers but among the many students she has come in contact with along the way. Ohio appreciates all of your efforts and dedication to the profession. Congratulations Nina Kowalczyk!



### New Memorial Grant

This past year the OSRT donated and established a one time grant in honor of Audrey Horton during the 2015 award year. The Audrey Horton Memorial Grant was established to honor Audrey Horton, Mother of Leisa Horton Arnold, a founding member of the OSRT Foundation. As a young girl during World War II, Audrey had to quit high school and work to help support her family. Around the age of 60, Mrs. Horton returned to school and earned a GED. Never being resolved over having to quit school nor being able to earn a college degree, Audrey was proud to see that Leisa worked to earn her college degrees. Because of her value for a college education, this grant is established in memoriam of Audrey Horton and is open for memorial donations (see *Make a Donation on the Foundation page specify Audrey Horton on your donation at [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org)*). Award preference is given to applicants who are residents of Guernsey and Noble counties in Ohio. In addition to grant money, the recipient is provided one (1) free OSRT Annual Meeting Honors Banquet ticket. We are honored to offer this grant in her memory!



### A Note from the Editor

Again, I cannot even begin to express my gratitude for this distinguished honor being offered in my Mother's name. Thank you to all of my peers and friends at the OSRT. I encourage students to apply for this grant and others to give so we can pay it forward!

*Leisa Horton Arnold-Editor*





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

## This and That...



### Foundation Corner

*Meet the Foundation...*

This year the Foundation Board for 2014-2015 consists of **Heather Moore**-Chairman, **Sheryl Bacon**-Director, **Nicole Lyons**-Director, **Richard States**-Director, **Gloria Albrecht**-OSRT Appointee, **Leisa Arnold**-Historian, and **Jay Ball** as the Financial Manager.

The Foundation would again like to thank everyone that donated towards the silent auction this past year. We would also want to encourage students and technologists to explore

the Foundation Grant tab on the OSRT website at [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org) and see apply for the upcoming year. The Foundation is also happy to acknowledge the addition of the Audrey Horton Memorial Grant in honor of Leisa's Mother. We would like to encourage you to again to either apply or donate to the Foundation. If you want your donation to be specified to the Audrey Horton grant please enter her name in the comments section. Thank You!

*The OSRTERF Board*



**The OSRT Annual Meeting date for the upcoming year is...**

**April 9-11, 2015**

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