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Bruckner's Buzz

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Hello everyone!! I hope everyone has stayed warm and safe through this cold and snowy winter. I'm happy to say that Spring is just around the corner! When you think of Spring, I hope you will also be thinking about the OSRT Annual Meeting. This year is our 75th Annual Meeting! It will be held at the Marriott Northwest in Columbus from April 9 through April 11. Beth McCarthy, Lori Oberholzer, and their fantastic committee have worked very hard to plan a fun and educational meeting that everyone can enjoy. If you have already registered, I look forward to seeing you. Make sure to spread the word to your fellow technologists! There are topics of interest for all modalities, which will allow you to earn continuing education credits. If you haven't already registered, remember, the deadline to pre-register for the meeting is **April 1**.

During the past year, the board and committees of the OSRT have worked very hard to implement the newly adopted strategic plan.

The new **Vision Statement** for our organization is:

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

And our new **Mission Statement** is:

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

The goals and objectives of this plan revolve around our core values of professionalism, leadership, education, and inclusion. I'd like to update everyone on the objectives of our strategic plan that have been addressed this past year.

◇ Create and implement a Leadership Academy. A task force was appointed last April to begin work on this objective. The task force has created a logistic timeline, informational and promotional material, applicant requirements, and application forms. Over the next two years, the members of the task force will be busy creating topics and content, applying for continuing education approval, and packaging presentation materials for participants. We hope to offer our first **OSRT Leadership Academy by 2018.**

◇ Create and implement Board and board meeting assessment tools. The Board Meeting Assessment Tool is designed to assess each of the OSRT Board of Directors meetings and identify areas where the Board might improve its performance. The Annual Board Assessment Tool is designed to help evaluate how well the OSRT Board of Directors is functioning and to identify areas where the Board might improve its performance. These instruments have been developed and board members have completed board meeting assessments after each meeting since our post-annual meeting in April 2014. Our first Annual Board Assessment will take place in March.

◇ Promote scholarly activity by educating and mentoring members. In an effort to advance scholarship within our profession, the Education Committee, Society Editorial Review Board, and the Annual Meeting Committee have all worked to prepare our first Presentation Workshop. This will be offered Saturday morning at our 2015 Annual Meeting. A Professional Development link with information on

research and writing has been added to the OSRT website (you can find the link in the ConneX section). Research is important to all of us, whether we are performing the studies, or want to be better consumers. Please make sure to take a look at this information.

◇ Expand continuing education opportunities. Several OSRT committees are investigating ways that our organization can offer continuing education to meet the needs for the ARRT CQR requirements and for post-primary continuing certification.

◇ Increase OSRT membership. A Membership Committee was reinstated this year to investigate ways the OSRT can better serve our current members and appeal to those who have not yet joined. The OSRT will interact more frequently with current members, communicate with those who are not currently members, and hopes to retain student members after graduation.

As you can see, it has been a busy and very productive year! And these are just a few of the accomplishments of the many people who volunteer their time for the OSRT. Please make sure to thank the committee members, board members, appointees, and others who work so hard to make this organization one of the most successful in the nation. I look forward to seeing you in April and will be happy to answer questions any of you might have about the many activities and initiatives of the OSRT.

*Terri Bruckner, PhD, RT (R), (CV)
OSRT President*

Tech Talk by Lizzy Hemme, BRST, RT (R) (CT)

What is your name, job title and educational background? Mike Busken, MS, RT(R)(CT), Lead CT technologist, A.S. Radiologic Technology, B.A. Health Arts, M.S. Health Services Administration

How would you describe the institution in which you work to someone who is visiting for the first time? I work for Mercy Health West, medium-sized suburban private, community hospital in Cincinnati, OH.

What does your job entail? I am a lead CT technologist and report to the Manager of Imaging. I perform CT scans and directly oversee the day to day activities of the CT department.

Why did this type of work interest you? I was first fascinated by the technology. I saw a program about MRI on television and thought it would be so cool to do that as a career. The technology is still cool but satisfaction of helping patients is what has kept me interested in the field.

How did you get your present job and what kind of experience and preparation helped you the most? I was fortunate in that radiology techs were in high demand when I graduated from Xavier University in 2000. I had several job offers before I even graduated. I took a job with Mercy because they offered first shift, I was offered a full-time CT position, and I had done my clinical practice at Mercy. I still can't believe how lucky I was to get into this field at just the right time, I even got a sign-on bonus!

This sounds funny, but my experience as a restaurant waiter really helped with becoming a good tech. That job, as well as my current position, requires the ability to anticipate needs, communicate well in a pleasant manner, and above all-being friendly and happy even if things aren't going as well as you would like.

Could you describe one of your typical workdays for me? Initially, I perform QA on equipment and scanners. I then move onto organizing the schedule for the day by reviewing patient labs, pulling supplies, and communicating to the nurses and finally prepping and scanning my patients. My lead CT duties include things like creating the staffing schedule, taking care of any quality issues, helping build protocols and policies, ordering/inventorying supplies.

What do you think the most important skills and abilities are for this position? The ability to prioritize, anticipate needs of patient and doctors, attention to detail, and have friendly attitude.

What parts of your job do you find most challenging? The challenges of my position most recently involve personnel and staffing issues. Healthcare as a whole is being asked to do more with less; my department is no exception. We've recently had to flex hours, reduce hours, and cover shifts in other departments. The balancing of these requirements while still providing excellent patient care can be challenging.

What do find most enjoyable or rewarding? I find joy in knowing that have helped someone everyday I come to work. Helping sick or hurting people in a compassionate manner just makes me feel good. I still love the technology of the field; seeing inside of the body never gets old. I really do learn something new everyday.

Describe a satisfying or meaningful experience that you have had during your career. I became really close to a patient and her husband because we took care of her many times while she battled ovarian cancer. She was the nicest, sweetest woman even in her last days. The patient's husband and I are both airplane pilots, so we would talk when she came in for exams. She always said we should fly together sometime. When she died, I actually went to her funeral. Several months later her husband and I got together and took an airplane ride together, it was like a tribute to her memory.

What changes do you see occurring in this field during the next few years? I think CT specifically will remain a mainstay modality in radiology for quite some time. I foresee the requirements and restrictions on the radiation dosage to increase. Reimbursement for all modalities will be affected in the future, which will continue to affect staffing.

Where would you like to see yourself in five years? Possibly as a manager or director in a radiology department.

What do you wish you knew (but didn't) when you first contemplated this career? That I would have to do literally thousands of barium enemas over the course of my career, although, if I had known that, I might have shied away from being a rad tech.

What suggestions do you have for an individual wishing to enter this field? The job market right now is tough. My advice for new grads and those thinking about getting into the field is that if you really like the field, go for it! You will need to be persistent and excel as a student and an employee. If you do, you will get the position you want eventually. The career is worth it. You may have to work PRN, 3rd shift, other shifts or jobs you don't necessarily like, but if you prove your abilities and your enthusiasm of the field, it will pay off.

If you could start all over again, would you change your career path in any way? Everything has really worked out well for me. I have attempted to go into other fields like PACS administrator or EPIC administrator. Those didn't work out, and looking back, I'm glad they didn't.

Are you a member of any other professional clubs, associations or organizations? I am currently a member of the ASRT, which I primarily use for continuing education.

What kinds of hobbies and activities do you enjoy in your spare time? I train for marathons and triathlons. I recently completed Ironman Louisville! My wife and I have 2 children, so they take up any of our extra free time.

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www.osrt.org--A New Look and New Functions!

The new and improved OSRT Website is in full operation. As with any innovative system there are bound to be "glitches" and we have had our share. The OSRT Web editors and others have developed and tested a variety of functions to insure the business of the Society can progress. Mass emails can now be sent to the membership without relying on an external source. We also have the capability to internally generate ballots and surveys. We have been able to reduce our use of printed material resulting in savings to the OSRT of supplies and postage. Two examples of this are automatic membership renewal notices and digital membership cards.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are aware there have been inconsistencies and inconveniences, but are confident that by the time you read this article the functions and processes of the Website will be at 100%.

There are some things you can do to help us when visiting the Website:

Always log in if you are going to renew your membership or register for a meeting. **Your user name is case sensitive and you must use proper case for a successful log in.**

You can edit your profile page. If you change your name, credentials, address, phone number or email address you are encouraged to update your profile.

Students: when you graduate, edit your profile page and update your credentials. Also, remember to update your email address if you are no longer using a school's email address. We don't want to lose touch with you.

Program Directors: Please remind students of the above information.

If you experience any problems with the functionality of the Website, please call or email the Executive Office.

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Health Policy Update

This year the Ohio Department of Health will be revising the licensure rules this year and the OSRT will be monitoring and participating as much as statutorily allowed. As an organization we are trying to look out and be the voice of the profession for our members. During these changes we will need input and support from you, the members. Once the rules are posted please provide us with feedback and comments.





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2015 Annual Meeting

Be sure to register now for the Annual Meeting and come and celebrate with your colleagues at the 2015 Annual Meeting of OSRT! The meeting will be held **April 9-11, 2015** at the Marriott Northwest - Columbus, Ohio. Plan now to join colleagues for the 75th OSRT Annual Meeting which is a milestone year for the organization as Ohio RT's celebrates years of professionalism and advocacy in medical imaging! The meeting will feature first class CE topics that suit a variety of practice disciplines. You can earn the majority of your required CE credits in one weekend! Come and join us, expand your learning and socialize with fellow technologists! We hope to see you there!

Beth McCarthy & Lori Oberholzer

Annual Meeting Co-Chairs



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Annual Meeting Buzz.....



Speaking of this year's annual meeting, the OSRT will be expanding it's use of social media during the actual meeting and there will be prizes awarded for Twitter and Facebook participation. Members are invited to follow the feed to find out about the many contests and fun activities we have planned for the entire OSRT annual meeting. Please be sure to follow us along to be included in the fun!

Our Twitter tag is @TheOSRT to follow the Twitter feed.

#OSRTquizbowl is being retweeted by Ohio RT students

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Ohio-Society-of-Radiologic-Technologists>

A Note from the Editor

Please feel free to submit articles for Cardinal Ray's to me at

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Thanks!

Leisa Arnold, Cardinal Rays Editor

