

Anyone who knows me well knows that I am not about public speaking or speeches. I am a more kind of behind the scenes *get people moving* type of girl. Well not today, it states in the OSRT final business meeting script I have to give a speech! I can feel myself wanting to die already! When researching information for public speaking I was relieved to know I suffer from glossophobia! It even sounds bad, and it affects 75% of the population so I am not alone. FEAR of speaking is ranked among people as a fear worse than death! Whew now I feel better...

Now onto a happier topic...I just would like to take a moment to thank those who have supported me throughout the years and encouraged me to "do a little bit more". I don't have to name you, you know who you are...

Things you have said to me include,

"Oh being a CI won't take up any more of your time"

"It's just writing something up every other month"

"It's just a couple of meetings a year"

"You need to go back to school"

"You can do it girlfriend!"

"Let's go shopping!"

"You need to go back to school and get your Masters."

"You need to be president of the OSRT"

Well, I have taken all of the above advice, and actually happy to say, being a CI does take up time, but I love the students. Students have blessed my life with challenges over the last several years and I wouldn't trade them for the world. They remind me of being young and new to the profession, they remind me to be passionate, and now I am gently reminding all of you to be passionate about your profession and patient with your students.

In response to the other famous lines I have done the following: I have written something up every other month for Cardinal Rays, attended a couple of meetings over the last 8 years, went back to school for my masters and will finish this August, and am now meeting the challenge of the being the President of the OSRT. I just want to thank all of you who have given me that gentle nudge and allowing me this opportunity to serve the profession and the OSRT.

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