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“Heather’s Hot Topics”

By Heather Moore, MEd, R.T.(R) OSRT President

Hello and Happy Fall! As the leaves turn color and slowly descend to the ground, take a look around at our beautiful Ohio landscape and enjoy this time of many changes. Fall can also be a time of professional change for you. Here are some things you can help you to facilitate change in your professional life for the better:

1. **Celebrate National Radiologic Technologist Week** by becoming an advocate for image gently (imagegently.org) or image wisely (imagewisely.org) and encourage your entire department to be more mindful of radiation protection
2. Submit your name as a candidate in the **OSRT Board of Directors election**. The election will be totally green for the first time next year as voting will be completely electronic! Go to osrt.org for more information in December
3. Contact the OSRT to express your interest in being nominated to run for a seat in the **ASRT House of Delegates** next year. Nominations are submitted in October and we are always looking for qualified candidates; you can find the details and requirements at asrt.org
4. Attend an **OSRT sponsored CE event**. Watch osrt.org for details of upcoming events

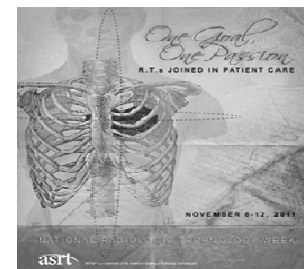
and the 2012 Annual Meeting in Cleveland

I would like to take a moment to give a great big “Thanks!” to **Sharon Keegan** for her years of service to the OSRT Society and Foundation Boards. Sharon resigned from her positions earlier this year. We will all miss her smiling face and dedication. To fill the large shoes left open by Sharon, The Board elected Tricia Leggett to serve her remaining time. Please congratulate Trish on her new position. I would also like to thank her for her willingness to step in when needed. She has already been working with the Education committee along with co-chairing the 2012 Annual Meeting.

The Board also received the resignation of board member, Colleen Parry and have appointed LeAnn Fisher to serve out the remainder of her term. LeAnn has invaluable experience with the board and we all appreciate her willingness to serve the Ohio Society and it’s members.

Last, but certainly not least, the Foundation Board has nominated Leisa Arnold to serve as Member-at-Large. Leisa’s experience with the development of the Foundation

Board is an invaluable asset to have as we transition budgets and positions to reflect the Education and Research Foundation’s’ mission. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, you may do so upon renewing your registration or by contacting the OSRT Executive secretary via email at osrt@osrt.org or phone at : 866-405-6778. The Foundation will award your donated money to deserving technologists and students via the Grant, Essay or Poster competitions. Thank you for considering this request as it can make one of the **Biggest Changes** in our profession. Have a Safe and Happy Fall Season!



Foundation Update

By Jackie Turk, B.S.,R.T.(R)(MR)(CT) Chairman of the OSRTERF Foundation Board

The OSRTERF Board consists of Gloria Albrecht, Katie Ditz, Heather Moore, Linda Rizzo, Jackie Turk, and the newly appointed Leisa Arnold. This hard working group is actively looking for ways to increase revenue to support the many grant requests that we receive from students and technologists. The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists Education and Research Foundation (OSRTERF) is now responsible for reviewing and awarding all grants. Please help support the OSRTERF by making a donation at <http://www.osrt.org/osrtfoundation/>

We recently received a humanitarian grant request from The World Radiography Educational Trust Fund (WRETF). Upon review, the OSRTERF Board decided to award the WRETF \$500 for their project. We are very excited to support this important organization!

If you are interested in helping the OSRTERF, or have any ideas for fundraising opportunities, please contact Jackie Turk, chairperson, at jturk@ccf.org.

HR 3032: Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act

By Jonathan Mazal, MS, RT(R)(MR)

Health Policy Committee/OSRT Board Member

It is well known that the rising demand and clinical need for timely medical imaging services and the increased complexity of radiologic studies have placed unsustainable pressure on our health care delivery system, limiting access to quality care for all patients. To answer this challenge, the radiologist assistant (RA) was developed by a collaboration of several nationally recognized radiology organizations, to assist radiologist physicians increase the efficiency of the imaging department.

However, currently the RA profession lacks the appropriate recognition by statute and Medicare for needed reimbursement of radiology services provided by the RA. Because of this need for Medicare recognition and associated reimbursement, RA's across the state of Ohio are struggling to attain employment, despite a dire need for their specialized skill-set.

To overcome this hurdle and promote acceptance of the RA profession across the country, House Bill 3032, "Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act" has been introduced to amend the Social Security Act. The bill will direct CMS (Center for Medicare Service) to recognize the Radiologist Assistant and Radiology Practitioner Assistant as direct patient care mid-level providers and refer to individual state licensure to define supervision levels and scope of practice. The bill will also reduce the physician's professional component of reimbursement to 85% of the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MFS) while not affecting the hospital's technical component.

Passage of HR 3032 would help to create an environment much more accepting of the RA profession, and perhaps more importantly, provide timely access for radiology patients while enhancing quality of care.

For this reason, the OSRT is actively supporting legislative efforts to endorse HR 3032, and is encouraging all members to contact their respective congressional representatives in support of this bill. If you are interested in learning more on this issue, or would like a sample letter that you can customize for your own congressional leader, please contact me at jrmazal@gmail.com.

CT Mock Review

Submitted by Emma Palmer

The OSRT will be offering a Computed Tomography Registry Review in addition to a CT Mock Registry Exam on Saturday **May 5th, 2012** at Zane State College. Review topics will include Contrast Media, Radiation Safety in CT, Physics, and Cross Sectional Anatomy. The Review will be approved for six category A continuing education credits. The cost for pre-registered OSRT members is \$90.00, and \$110.00 for onsite registration. Registration will begin on February 1st, 2012. For more information see Education Connex at www.osrt.org, (or Email osuemma@hotmail.com!) Mark your calendar!!



Upcoming Deadlines

By Gloria Albrecht Honors Committee, MS, RT(R)

Technologist of the Year Award

Do you know a really great technologist who you'd like to nominate for OSRT Technologist of the Year? Please help honor a fellow technologist by submitting a nominee application on our website at www.osrt.org no later than **February 1st**. To be eligible a nominee must:

Be a current OSRT member in good standing with at least six years OSRT membership.

Be credentialed and in good standing for at least six years with the ARRT, ARDMS, or NMTCB.

Have served as an OSRT officer, editor, committee chair or committee member.

Be present at the OSRT Annual Meeting Honors Banquet.

Educational Grants

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation awards a number of educational grants annually at the Annual Meeting. These grants are awarded based on merit, academics and financial need. If you are chosen to receive an educational grant, you will receive a free ticket to the Honors Banquet on Saturday evening to receive your grant, although you do not need to be present to get the grant.

Please go to our website at www.osrt.org to review the qualifications and fill out an application before **February 1st**. Please note that you must be a member of the OSRT at the time of the application and the annual meeting to qualify. The educational grants are as follows:

Philip Ballinger: The Ohio State University School of Radiologic Technology Stu-

dent Grant for an OSU student or student in another BS program

George J Matesich Grant: COTC Radiography Program Student or other RT student

Lee Shadle Grant: Any imaging student

OSRT Honors Grant: Radiography student

OSRT Honors Grant: Technologist

Francine Todd Memorial Occupational Radiation Safety and Protection Research Grant

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

Professional Poster Competition

The poster competition is open to any student or registered technologist who is a member of the OSRT. The Sara J. Bauer Award winners in clinical applications and the David G. Shields Award winners in research receive monetary awards and all poster winners also receive complimentary tickets to the Honors Reception. Please carefully read the poster rules and judging criteria on the OSRT website to ensure that your poster meets the eligibility requirements. All applications must be submitted electronically on the OSRT website no later than February 1st.

Essay Competition

The essay competition is also open to any student or registered technologist who is an OSRT member. The Mary E. Atkins Essay Competition winners also receive monetary awards and complimentary tickets to the Honors Reception. Please carefully read the competition rules and judg-

ing criteria on the OSRT website to ensure that your essay meets the eligibility requirements. All applications must be submitted electronically on the OSRT website no later than **February 1st**.

Penn-Hu-Mac-Par Lecturer Featuring Mr. Jay Ball

In 1966 the OSRT established a lecture series presented at the Honors Banquet during the Annual Meeting. This series was intended to pay tribute to members of the OSRT who served their profession as president of the ASRT. The lecture series is entitled the Penn-Hu-Mac-Par lecture after the following technologists; Rubygrant Pennell, W. Jay Huston, Roland C. McGowan and Joan Parsons. It is a great honor to be selected as the Pen-Hu-Mac-Par lecturer, and this honor at the 2012 Annual Meeting goes to Mr. Jay Ball RT (R). Jay has been a radiographer for over 30 years and serves as the Coordinator of Radiology Technical Support Services with South Pointe Hospital/Cleveland Clinic. He has held many positions over the years, from radiology director to Corporate Compliance Officer and JCAHO Field Manager responsible for all accreditation issues and regulations. Jay is active in the ASRT and especially the OSRT, having held many major offices in the OSRT, including OSRT president and most currently the financial manager.

Educational Session on Instructional Technology

Submitted by Tricia Leggett DHEd., RT(R)(QM)

Want to learn how to Wiki, enhance Powerpoints with Prezi, or develop an interactive learning activity with SoftChalk?

The OSRT will be hosting an Education Session on Instructional Technology on Fri., **Nov. 18, 2011** at Zane State College from 9:00-4:00.

Lunch will be provided and **registration is now available at** <http://www.osrt.org/education-connex>

this information with anyone who may be interested in attending!

Checks for payment can be mailed to the OSRT Executive Secretary at 507 Sycamore Court Marion, OH 43302.

For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tricia Leggett at tleggett@zanestate.edu or Lauren Huffman at huffman@zanestate.edu





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Upcoming Deadlines (continued)

Assessment Exam

The Philip W. Ballinger Student Assessment Exam at the 2012 Annual Meeting is being sponsored by Sinclair Community College. The exam will be given on Friday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m. **Only students who have pre-registered will be able to sit for the exam and seating is limited.** The winner of the Philip W. Ballinger Student Assessment Exam receives a free ticket to the Honors Banquet and 1 year free OSRT membership. Students must bring a non-programmable calculator and No. 2 pencil with them, these will not be provided.

Quiz Bowl

The student Quiz Bowl competition will be held on **Saturday, April 21st** from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The Quiz Bowl is a fun way for your students to review for the registry exam and enjoy the competition! Information will be e-mailed to program directors this month and is also available on the OSRT website at the Competition link. Each team can have up to 8 students who must be OSRT members at the time of registration for the annual meeting. Each team must pay a \$20.00 competition participation fee which can be made out to the OSRT Education Foundation and the fee and application are **due by the annual meeting pre-registration deadline.**

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