

## **OSRT Senior Board Chair Report**

I am Tiffany Roman, 2020-2021 Senior Chairperson. I want to highlight some of the board activities for you over the past year. I will tell you this board and the committees were very busy and accomplished.

You just heard the Annual Advocacy Board Report. Advocacy is one of the OSRT's strongest strengths and member benefits. This committee, several OSRT members, and board members participated, collaborated, and provided testimony opposing a change requesting that APRNs, in addition to physicians, be allowed to supervise GXMO's working in Urgent Care. This committee is very involved in looking into potential legislation and building relationships at the State House that could potentially affect the medical imaging professionals. I can tell you; these relationships have allowed us to be invited into these conversations, and during the discussions, the OSRT is being listened to and our professional expertise valued.

As you have been experiencing the past day and ½ the phenomenal meeting, the AM committee has delivered virtually this year. Accomplishing this task was no easy feat, and when the board approved a 2-day virtual conference, they might have had a few choice expressions for the board, but they took on the challenge, planned, and executed it. Kudos to them!! It was a huge undertaking.

This year a Bylaws Review took place under the leadership of President Miller. President Miller formed a committee of various individuals, who spent many hours over Zoom, reviewing, discussing, and revising these bylaws for the organization. The task force's hard work paid off with membership approval and all proposed changes.

The Education Committee delivered multiple, well-received, and successful virtual CE events. The development and approval of these events is no easy task, and I want to thank them for a job well done.

Due to COVID, no AM meeting or leadership academy was held in 2020. Because this academy is vital for developing leaders and providing a deeper look into the OSRT organization, the board felt that this needed to happen. The academy was delivered virtually. The program had to be completely redesigned and formatted from a face-to-face to a virtual environment. The committee used Google Classroom to offer. The 10 participants of this year's LA could not say enough wonderful things about this program, how much they learned, how well-executed, and the knowledge they will be able to use moving forward. As an educator who taught all face-to-face and had to switch very quickly over to synchronous online teaching, I know how difficult this undertaking was. Still, they ran with it, provided an excellent learning experience for the participants.

As we all know and experienced, COVID changed our way of life. One effect of COVID professionally was the decline in state professional societies. Many state professional societies have suffered financially from not being able to hold AM and declining memberships. I am proud to say while the OSRT has experienced some effects, we have preserved them. In conjunction with many other committees, the Membership Committee developed and delivered initiatives to members, non-member imaging professionals, lapsed students, and active members. These initiatives have led to an increase in membership for the OSRT. They aren't stopping, and they will continue to work to increase the membership and work to spread the OSRT brand.

The last committee I would like to highlight is the social media committee. Every day, they promote the OSRT to everyone through posts of funny memes, professional stories, a news feed, contests, etc. As you

know, social media is a vast outlet for exposure. Because of sharing and liking, one post reached 14,000 people, just amazing.

Many important board decisions were made during 2020-2021. Here is a summary of a few of the significant decisions made.

First, in response to the senate resolution 14, the OSRT provided a public statement supporting it. It read: "Mission to enhance the quality of patient care. The OSRT recognizes that racism is a public health crisis and contributes to the health inequities in Ohio. As healthcare professionals, we prioritize life and health of all humans and will continue to deliver quality medical imaging and radiotherapeutic procedures for all patients." This statement was disseminated through our legislative consultant to those at the Statehouse. I couldn't be prouder to be a part of an organization that takes a vocal stand against racial inequalities.

The board approved a new website design that will be released soon. To facilitate this redesign, the OSRT participated in a four-hour brand sprint to identify the OSRT brand and how we want to be perceived by profession. Thank you to Denise Moore and Lauren Huffman for spearheading and overseeing the web redesign.

To help facilitate the AM, the board approved hiring a contracted staff member to help deliver the virtual annual meeting. I want to thank Kristin Andrews for her service and all she has done in the past few months. Kristen worked very closely with Terri, Andrea, Allison, and Lauren to deliver the highest quality virtual meeting. You see the long hours of work firsthand, and they have done an excellent job. As you know, technology doesn't always want to operate, but they have made this meeting seamless. Great job.

Along with the decision to deliver a virtual AM meeting, long discussions, and investigations, it was determined that we would not be able to have the Phil W. Ballinger Self-Assessment Exam or Quiz Bowl virtually. Not holding these events was a tough decision; however, we are planning to hold both at the 2022 face-to-face AM. I know everyone is looking forward to both of these events next year's meeting.

Several individuals have decided to step down from their current OSRT organization positions, including the financial manager Jay Ball and Cardinal Rays Editors Sheryl Bacon and Whitney Reese. These individuals have worked tirelessly for the OSRT organization. They have hard shoes to fill and will be missed. We are currently working on filling the financial manager position. Lauren Huffman, the executive secretary, will assume oversight of Cardinal Rays. I want to thank these individuals for their excellent work and dedication to the OSRT.

So, what is the OSRT going to be working on in the upcoming year? Soon after the AM, the OSRT will start working on the new Strategic Plan to begin 2023. If you have ideas or suggestions for initiatives to be included in the strategic plan, please email them to [OSRT@osrt.org](mailto:OSRT@osrt.org). We love hearing from members and imaging and therapeutic professionals. The OSRT is also always looking for volunteers to serve on committees.

I want to congratulate all those from Ohio recently elected into leadership positions for the ASRT. Ohio had seven individuals elected to serve the profession nationally. Ohio will be well represented!!! It shows the passion the members of the OSRT have for the profession.

I really can't express my gratitude and appreciation for all board members, appointees, contracted staff, committee chairs, committee members, and OSRT members for such an accomplished year. They have worked endlessly and participated in many hours of Zoom calls to serve and complete the given charges. Please give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. Thank you so much for all you do and have done for the OSRT. You should be very proud of yourselves. I know I am incredibly pleased to work with a group of passionate and dedicated individuals who have taught me so much, worked so hard, and accomplished so much.

Respectfully submitted,

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