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I hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating our profession during National Radiologic Technology Week November 3rd through November 9th. It's important to remember our past and look forward to our future. This is the time to let everyone know who you are, what you do, and how proud you are to be an imaging professional!

And now that we've had our celebration, I'd like to encourage our members to become more involved and engaged in the profession. We have seen a great decline in both student and technologist participation in the essay competition, the poster competition and the educational grants. The OSRT Education and Research Foundation funds students and professionals who are engaged in education and research to promote the highest quality of patient care. Show your pride by writing an essay or presenting your research at the Annual Meeting in April. The deadline is February 1st so I encourage you to go to our website at www.osrt.org and see how you can participate. Or encourage a fellow technologist or student to submit a grant, essay, or poster application. We have a wonderful group of volunteers, formally known as the Editorial Review Board, who love to review essays and posters for the competitions. They are asking you to keep them busy and submit your ideas!

Here are some additional guidelines to become more involved with your profession:

*Nominate someone (or yourself) to run for the board of directors. Personally, I've had the opportunity to meet many

wonderful people who have become my friends and mentors while serving as a director. Since the OSRT board and members are scattered all over Ohio, I would not have experienced this opportunity to engage in such a diverse group of friends and professional networking.

*Nominate someone (or yourself) to run for president-elect. If you've ever been on the board of directors you may be eligible and we would love to hear from you.

*Do you know someone who is familiar with the use of Robert's Rules of Order? If so, we are looking for a parliamentarian for the society and you may contact Sheryl Bacon at osrt@osrt.org for more information.

And wouldn't a membership to the OSRT make a great holiday gift? Get your friends involved so you'll have even more fun!

In closing, I'd like to reiterate the organization of the OSRT and the people who keep it working so well have become very near and dear to my heart. I began volunteering at the OSRT Annual Meeting, then moved onto committees, the Board of Directors, president-elect and now president. It's been a fun ride and has opened up opportunities to become active in the ASRT. I would like to personally thank all of the people that have helped me achieve success within the OSRT and my profession. Everyone always has a group of people they contact for advice and mentoring along the way and I truly appreciate each and everyone of you!

Sincerely,

*Gloria Albrecht, MS, RT R
OSRT President*

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Volunteerism and the OSRT!

Would you like to give back to your profession? Being an OSRT volunteer is not only rewarding but educational. A new volunteer section has been added to the OSRT website. Members can click on the link that provides a short description list of OSRT volunteer opportunities. This description does list short and long term volunteer positions. The OSRT year starts in April at the annual meeting and concludes the next April. Most committee positions are filled by May in a given year so it is important to let the executive secretary know of your interest prior to the annual meeting. Please note that one must be an OSRT member to serve on a committee. Listed below is the newest opportunity for you to volunteer!

Linda Rizzo, OSRT Volunteer Coordinator will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding these positions, you may contact her at rizzo9302@roadrunner.com.

New OSRT Volunteer Opportunity

The OSRT is currently seeking a member to fill the parliamentarian position. The parliamentarian presides over OSRT Board meetings and business sessions. There are four scheduled meetings and one business session scheduled throughout the year. Meetings last approximately seven hours. The parliamentarian must be available to attend all four Board meetings, the OSRT business session and be available to answer procedural questions throughout the year. The parliamentarian must be well-versed in Robert's Rules of Order which are the rules, ethics, and customs governing the OSRT Board and business meetings. Members who are interested may contact Sheryl Bacon at www.osrt.org.

Important Changes to the OSRT Board of Directors

Are you aware that the OSRT Board structure has changed? Did you know that you can run for the board as a director or president-elect? If you or someone you know is interested in joining us on the board we need the application submitted by **January 15th**. There is an online application on our website and if you need more information you may contact the nominations committee chairpersons Beth McCarthy (Beth.McCarthy@osumc.edu) or Rhonda Strunk (Rhonda.strunk@cchmc.org). Our nominations committee consists of members from each of the regions in Ohio so that all areas of Ohio are represented.

The new Board of Directors will have 11 members. When someone is elected to the position of President-elect they will spend the year learning about the society and the board to help prepare them for the presidency. The next year they are installed as the President, then in sequential years as Junior Chairperson and Senior Chairperson. This form of board structure has been very helpful for me as president, because I have experienced people serving on the executive board to help guide and mentor me and others throughout the year.

Below are the qualifications and expected time commitment for participation on the OSRT board. This information is also available on our website, so if you are interested, please take a look at the website and fill out an application today!

Minimum Qualifications-- The nominee must:

1. Hold active membership in the OSRT for two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to nomination.
2. Maintain active OSRT membership for the duration of the term (3 years).
3. Maintain active ASRT membership for the duration of the term (3 years).
4. Have served as an OSRT committee member for a minimum of one (1) year.
5. In addition to the above criteria, the president-elect nominee must have also served a 3-year term on the OSRT BOD (either currently or in the past) and must be actively employed in the radiologic sciences field.

Commitment During the Term

1. Directors are expected to participate in committee work and chair a committee during the term of office. The OSRT Website is a resource for additional information related to various committees.
2. Directors are expected to attend the following board functions at each Annual Meeting (four days every April. Note: Meeting registration for the Annual Meeting is complimentary): Pre-annual BOD meeting (Thursday) Annual business meeting (Friday) Annual meeting business session & Honors and Awards Banquet (Saturday) (fees to be determined) Post-annual BOD Meeting (Sunday)
3. Directors are expected to attend mid-year BOD meetings in September and January-locations, dates, and times to be announced
4. Committee meetings throughout the year. *These are held at the discretion of the committee chairperson and are often conducted through phone, email, or other methods of electronic communication.

Annual Meeting locations through 2016 are: Cincinnati 2014, Columbus 2015, Cleveland 2016

HONORS and AWARDS

Do you know a technologist who deserves recognition for their dedication and work towards the profession? A person worthy of praise, but is an unsung hero? An award is given yearly to honor and recognize a technologist for their professional contributions. Please let others know by submitting the name of the nominee on our website at www.osrt.org. **The deadline for nomination is January 15, 2014.**

Eligibility requirements are:

A current membership in the OSRT with a least six years of membership and in good standing
Credentials and be in good standing for the past six years with the ARRT, ARDMS or NMTCB
Served as OSRT officer, committee chair or committee member or editor
To be present to accept the award at the OSRT Annual Honors Banquet

Educational Grants

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation offer several awards at the annual meeting. Awards are based on financial need, merit, and academic achievement in their studies. If you are selected to receive an award you are given a free ticket to the Honors banquet and recognized in front of your peers!

Please go to the OSRT website to see the qualifications for the awards and fill out an application **prior to February 1, 2014.**

Professional Poster Competition:

The competition for professional poster submission is open to any student or technologist who is a member of the OSRT. Please read carefully any and all poster competition rules. A specific judging criterion is required and will be used when your poster is evaluated during competition. All applications must be submitted electronically to the OSRT website no later than **February 1, 2014**. The Sara J Bauer clinical application winner and the David G. Shields research poster winner will receive complimentary tickets to the Honors reception and monetary awards.

Essay Competition:

The essay competition is open to all members of the OSRT whether the person is a student or a registered technologist. Please read carefully all of the essay competition rules; there are specific judging criteria required and utilized when your essay is evaluated for the competition. All applications must be submitted electronically to the OSRT website no later than **February 1, 2014**. The Mary E. Atkins essay competition winners will receive complimentary tickets to the Honors reception and monetary awards.

Penn-Hu-Mac-Par Lecturer- Sharon Keegan

In 1966 the OSRT established a lecture series to be presented at the Honors banquet during the annual meeting. The intent of the lecture series is to pay tribute to members of the OSRT who also have served as members of the ASRT as president. The lecture series is entitled Pen-Hu-Mac-Par after the achievements of the following technologists; Rubygrant Pennell, W. Jay Huston, Roland C. McGowan and Joan Parsons. It is a high honor to be chosen as a Penn-Hu- Mac-Par lecturer. This upcoming year's lecturer will be Sharon Keegan and she will present her speech at the 2014 Honors banquet.



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

What is your name, job title and educational background? Shonda Butler, BS HCM, RT(R)(CT)(MR). I completed a Certificate Program in Radiography and then received a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. I am currently a Clinical Support Specialist for Bayer HealthCare.

How would you describe the institution in which you work to someone who is visiting for the first time? I work for a medical device company which manufactures injectors and disposables for the delivery of contrast media for CT, MRI, and Interventional procedures. Bayer HealthCare/MEDRAD also has patient care products for the MRI environment Infusion Pumps and Monitors.

What does your job entail? I train technologists on proper usage of CT/MR Injectors, Interventional Fluid Delivery products and Patient Care Products, specifically for the MRI Area Patient Care Monitor and Patient Care Infusion Pump.

Why did this type of work interest you? I like helping other RT's understand Bayer Healthcare products and to be a support person for those products within MRI, CT, and Interventional areas in Radiology.

How did you get your present job and what kind of experience and preparation helped you the most? I wanted to do applications for a vendor, so when an individual came to our hospital to train I asked them how they got their position. I also asked them to keep me in mind if a position became available in the future, and one individual did call me. It is important to know the background of the company you are interested in, as well as to research the requirements of the position. Asking questions helps as well!

Could you describe one of your typical workdays for me? There really is no typical day. Primary responsibilities are to work with customers within my territory whom are acquiring new equipment and to make sure their staff members are comfortable with the operation of the product. In addition, I support the install base if needed.

How many hours do you work in a typical week? More than 40 hours per week.

What do you think the most important skills and abilities are for this position? Flexibility and the ability to adapt because schedules change frequently. It is also important to keep up on new procedures and what is current in the healthcare industry.

What parts of your job do you find most challenging? Travel is a challenge; also adapting to schedule changes can be difficult at times.

What do find most enjoyable or rewarding? Working with our customers and ultimately helping patient care.

Describe a satisfying or meaningful experience for you during your career. There are so many it is hard to pick just one! I know that within my own family, health care crises have happened and through diagnosis and treatment they were able to recover and lead productive lives. I know that many CT /MRI/Interventional procedures are done with our equipment so that makes me feel good knowing that I work for a company that helps improve patient outcomes.

What changes do you see occurring in this field during the next few years? I believe training is always an important piece for any facility; the manner in which the training is carried out may change in the future.

Are you a member of any professional organizations? Why are they important to you? I am currently a member of the ASRT because it allows me to continue to learn about my profession.

If you could start all over again, would you change your career path in any way? I would have pursued my Bachelor's Degree sooner and then continued right away to get a Master's in Business.

What do you wish you knew (but didn't) when you first contemplated this career? I wish I understood the other opportunities that are within the Radiology field so I could ensure that my education fit those opportunities best.

What suggestions do you have for an individual wishing to enter this field? It is important to have a full understanding of the demands of a healthcare position. This field is always changing, so I would shadow a Radiologic Technologists in a facility. There are many career options for Radiologic Technologists, but it helps to have an understanding of what those options are prior to enrolling in a program.



Meet the Board**Quentin Moore, MPH, R.T.(R)(T)(QM)**

I was elected to the OSRT Board of Directors in 2013 and currently serve on the OSRT nominations committee and also recently spoke at 2013 OSRT Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio on Exposure Indicators in Pediatric Digital Radiography.

I graduated from Mercy College (2009) and Bachelor of Health Science in Medical Imaging from Washburn University in Topeka of Ohio's Radiologic Technology program in 2008. I then went on to receive my Radiation Therapy certification, Kansas in 2010. In August of 2012, I earned a Master of Public Health degree from Bowling Green State University & University of Toledo.

I began my professional career as a Medical Dosimetrist for a private medical physics group, Schneider & Wuest, Inc. in August, 2009. I have also worked at multiple cancer centers and hospitals across Northwest Ohio including but not limited to: Mercy Tiffin Hospital, Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center, and Lima Memorial Hospital. Concurrently, I have also worked with Mercy College of Ohio's Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology & Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging programs in multiple capacities beginning in late 2009. During my professional career, I have obtained my Quality Management certification and is now working toward certification in Medical Dosimetry. I am currently employed fulltime as a Radiologic Technology Instructor at Mercy College of Ohio.

Aside from my service to the OSRT, I have been actively involved with the Image Gently campaign, World Federation of Pediatric Imaging (WFPI), and the NW Ohio Imaging & Therapy Professionals recognition event. I worked on the Image Gently – Back to Basics Digital Radiography campaign that launched in September, 2012 and currently serve as one of the liaisons for the campaign content. At the RSNA conference in Chicago, 2012, I was honored to receive an Award of Appreciation from Image Gently for my service to the organization. In addition, I was appointed to an ACR subcommittee to work on the development of standardized pediatric digital radiography techniques.

I have been excited to be involved with the OSRT and look forward to a continued professional relationship!

What are they doing now?**Tracy Herrmann, M.Ed., R.T. (R)**

Tracy Herrmann, M.Ed., R.T.(R) was President of the O.S.R.T. in 1996-97 and Financial Manager from 2007-2009, so what is she doing now? Tracy Herrmann has been an OSRT member for 30 years including (including two years as a student radiographer) and has also co-chaired the OSRT Annual Meeting five times including the upcoming 2014 annual meeting to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio in April.

I am currently employed by the University of Cincinnati (UC) Blue Ash College as a Professor and Program Director for the Radiologic Technology Program. I teach a range of courses from introductory, patient care and radiologic science topics at the Associate degree level to leadership courses at the Baccalaureate level. I'm passionate about technology and radiation protection and serve as an advocate for the Image Gently campaign (www.imagegently.org). This important social marketing initiative provides outstanding educational materials that can benefit all radiographers. In addition, I am a doctoral student in the Educational Studies program at the University of Cincinnati and plan to conduct research related to cultural competency humility in the medical imaging curriculum.

I remain active with the OSRT and hope to see all of you at the annual meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati April 10-13, 2014. I also serve as the President-Elect of the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS). AEIRS will be holding an Educator Workshop on April 10, 2014 in conjunction with the OSRT annual meeting so be sure to mark your calendar.

I live in Cincinnati with my husband, Bob, who works as technical support for MRI installations for Siemens Healthcare. His local band, The Juice (www.tha-juice.com), recently won the Cincinnati Blues Competition and will be competing at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis in January. We have two wonderful daughters and son-in law, Sophie, Kelsey and Chris, who are studying early childhood education, law, and business administration, respectively. We are all current students or alumni of UC so we are a Bearcat family! I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting this April.



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OSRT will promote the excellence of professionals in medical imaging and radiologic science.

OSRT MISSION

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



This & That

Foundation Corner

How do I apply for a grant or competition?

The Foundation would like to provide you with extra money and professional development opportunities! We offer grants towards your educational expenses and also host the essay and poster competition that takes place at the OSRT Annual Meeting. The poster and essay competition is an excellent opportunity to provide research information **TO** technologists **BY** technologists and promote professional development. This is something the profession has always valued and supported! We are hopeful many people will participate! All deadlines

for grants and competitions are **February 1st**.

In addition, we would also like to invite you to donate to the Foundation and encourage students and technologists to participate in these scholarly competitions. The more money we raise, the more we can afford to give! The Foundation is overseen by all volunteers, so all monies go directly to support the Foundation.

Thank you for your support!

Jackie Turk

OSRTERF Chairperson



A Note from the Editor

Just a personal note of encouragement from myself...If you are or ever have thought about joining the board of directors at the OSRT please consider sending us your application! It is a wonderful opportunity to not only network but make life long friends! If you have ever thought of sending us an essay, please do so this year or apply for a grant! If you have any questions about the organization please feel free to contact any one of us mentioned in this newsletter or any of the contacts listed on the web. We would be more than happy to address any questions or concerns you may have related to the organization. Again, please just get involved in your career and see how rewarding it can be for everyone!

Submissions for the newsletter may be sent to me directly at llarnold@seormc.org Please keep in mind that articles presented are the solely the thoughts of the author and not necessarily the OSRT.

Leisa Arnold,, Cardinal Ray's Editor

