

Thank you for visiting the website of the South Dakota Society of Radiologic Technologists!

I would like to begin by congratulating Whitney Bartels from the RCRH Medical Radiography Program on being selected as the SDSRT student mentor for 2014-2015. This year we had a huge response from students across the state and the selection was very difficult! I look forward to working with her as she represents the SDSRT throughout the coming year.

As an active affiliate we have definitely been keeping our contacts in the ASRT busy this year!

1. As you know we are currently working with the ASRT's Affiliate Development Program to help grow the SDSRT. Our webmaster is currently building us a completely new website that will be presented at Convention. Our new site will include a "Members Only" section where we will be able to access CE opportunities, discounts, and much more. In January I began a newsletter that is being sent to SDSRT members containing information that will be archived in this new section on the website. Please make sure that we have your correct email address on file so you don't miss out. The January edition included a free CE course from XrayCeRT.com along with a notice of a 15% discount to SDSRT members to Uniformity Scrubs in Rapid City. If you know of CE opportunities or discounts that you would like me to share in these newsletters, please email me so I can get the word out to your fellow Technologists!
2. Another perk from the ASRT that we are involved in is the Affiliate Advocacy Program. Through this program our Legislative Committee is getting assistance from the ASRT as we look into requiring licensure here in South Dakota. As efforts in Washington continue, we have decided to start considering what can be done here at home to work towards state licensure. In January the board and Legislative Committee took part in a conference call with the ASRT to begin brainstorming about what could be done and how to go about getting started on this process. If you would like to volunteer your time to help with our efforts, please let us know. This is something that is important to our profession and will require support from across the state; from both large and small facilities.
3. Last fall we were fortunate to be able to submit our Bylaws to the ASRT for review. Recently we received their recommended changes and will be reviewing them at our Winter Board meeting on February 22nd. All changes to the Bylaws must be voted on and approved by the membership, so keep your eyes on the website and our Facebook page as we would be looking to vote on the amendments at Convention in April.

Speaking of Convention, I'd like to take a moment and formally invite everyone to our conference being held at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, April 24th through the 26th. This is always a fun and educational event where Technologists are able to join together for a weekend of learning and networking. After an exceptional meeting in Deadwood last year, I am really looking forward to seeing what the other side of the state has to offer! The details are being finalized, so keep an eye on the website, Facebook, and your email for the registration paperwork. Looking ahead, we will be heading to Aberdeen in 2015, but 2016 has not been locked in yet. If you are interested in putting on a conference in your area, please contact anyone on the board and we will pass on any information you need.

As always, nominations for positions on the SDSRT board open at the first business meeting at convention. Please consider running for office, without our volunteers there would be no one to keep our society running at full speed. This is a wonderful way to help improve patient care, advance our field, help support the other technologists in our state, and strengthen the SDSRT.

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