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The Annual ASRT House of Delegates meeting was held June 16---17th in Albuquerque, NM. I had the pleasure once again to serve as an Affiliate Delegate. South Dakota had a strong attendance this year with 3 students, 2 affiliate delegates, 2 chapter delegates and 2 alternate delegates. There was a lot of energy as we had 62 students in attendance as part of the ASRT Student Initiative Program. It was a huge success and I look forward to watching this program grow and expand our student involvement in our profession. It was amazing to visit with these students and hear their passion and dedication to the profession already. They look up to each and every one of us technologists to continue to fuel their passion and dedication. I had the great pleasure to serve as a mentor to one of the students. It was very fulfilling to mentor him and visit with him about his future plans and education.

Thursday evening the ceremonial pin exchange was held. This is a special time for all of us technologists and students to network with each other. As usual there were a lot of familiar faces as well as some not so familiar faces. Us technologist have just as much fun collecting the different state pins as do the students! We all decided that South Dakota needs to come up with a different state pin.

I attended the educational seminars that were offered. One of the seminars touched on how obesity affects our profession. The speaker gave some good advice on how we need to change our thinking when it comes to imaging the obese patient. The other seminar was about hybrid imaging. PET/MRI and Spect/CT where the top subjects. Hold on, we haven't seen nothing yet when it comes to the ever changing field of Radiology. It is absolutely crazy to see how much our profession has changed and is still going to change.

The first business meeting of the HOD was short and sweet. There were no bylaw changes and the commission report actually went pretty smooth. James Timme, ASRT President gave his report and Sal Martino, ASRT CEO, also gave his report on how the ASRT is doing as a whole. Sal is a great person and is doing an awesome job for the ASRT. He takes the time to visit with the technologists and students and is truly passionate about the ASRT. There aren't too many companies that can say that their CEO actually takes interest in what its members are saying. We will be seeing some changes with our membership and an increase in cost isn't one of them.

I also attended the RT Advocacy meeting. I serve as a volunteer on this committee. Sharon Wartenbee was awarded a plaque for her years of service as chairman of the committee. We are growing co---sponsors for the CARE Bill in the House of Representatives and will hopefully get a bill introduced in the Senate soon.

I attended the Mammography Chapter meeting where our agenda was too, short and sweet. We visited about the challenges each of us are facing in our departments and gave each other

advice on how to deal with them. Mammography will be updating its practice standards this coming year and I will have the pleasure of serving on that subcommittee. Karen Otterberg from Spearfish will be coming on as a chapter delegate to serve a 2 year term and she will also serve as Vice Chair of the committee.

The Second business meeting was held Sunday morning. With no bylaw changes things moved along quickly, however, the commission's report didn't go as smoothly as it did in the first business meeting. A couple of the delegates got hung up on verbiage and it got frustrating but we plugged along and got through it all. I swear, some people just like to hear themselves

talk!

All in all the weekend was great. I enjoyed spending time networking with the other delegates and students. I have made some lifetime friends and I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the SDSRT Affiliate Delegate.

Thank you! Rhonda Engebretson BS RT(R)(M)(CT)

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The 2011 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates (HOD) meeting was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 16th-19h. The weekend began with a pin exchange that stimulated networking between delegates, technologists, and students from state to state. This event was highly successful with plenty of new faces. With the ASRT introducing a student initiative, over 60 + students were on hand to witness the passion and dedication technologists have for our profession. South Dakota was represented by three great students. Ben Davis and Jill Deutscher were both selected for the student initiative program and our own student mentor Amanda Munderloh came to experience what the weekend would be like.

The first HOD business meeting began with the adoption of the rules and procedures. The ASRT President James Temme then gave an account of his activities for the year and touched on his prior year goals and initiatives. The fruitfulness of his hard work was evident in the number of students that were present this weekend. The foundation and research report was next and highlighted the amount of giving that has helped those in need of funding to fulfill their education in the radiological sciences. The stories were inspirational and very worthy of the cause. To end the business meeting, Sal Martino, (ASRT CEO) gave an update of the ASRT. It was very easy to see that his leadership

has had a positive impact on the ASRT. With membership levels increasing during our economic worries, Sal has painted a picture of a strong and unified ASRT.

The By-Laws committee reported that no changes were proposed for this year in the HOD. Following this was the commission hearing that allowed the delegates to hear and discuss the motions that would be presented for votes during the 2nd business meeting. This year there were 96 affiliate delegates and 54 chapter delegates present.

I also attended the radiography chapter meeting. We discussed the motions that were presented and how the chapter as a whole felt about the votes. We left with the consensus of how several of the votes should turn out.

The honors event was emotional and the following awards were presented:

The Society's newest Life Member is Michael D. Ward, Ph.D., R.T.(R), FASRT. The Fellows are Cynthia "Cindy" K. Daniels, M.S., R.T.(R); Bernadette E. Garofola, M.Ed., R.T.(R)(T)(CT); Daniel L. Gonzales, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R); Rebecca L. Ludwig, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(QM); and Mary O. St. Peter, B.S., R.T.(R)(N)(M), CNMT.

In the end, the 2nd business meeting went very well and several position statements were added for the ASRT. Many more were taken away and streamlined into the ASRT Practice Standards for consistency and improvement. The HOD meetings have become very efficient and my hat goes off to all the hard workers involved.

The weekend was over after the installation of new officers. The new ASRT officers installed were Donna Thaler Long, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(M)(QM), FASRT as President Elect, Julie Gill, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(QM) as Vice President, and William J. Brennan Jr., M.A., R.T.(R)(CT), CIIP as Secretary-Treasurer.

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