

2012 ASRT House of Delegates Reports

ASRT House of Delegates Report South Dakota ASRT Affiliate Delegate

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The House of Delegates is the legislative body of the ASRT. It establishes professional standards of practice. It is composed of four delegates from each ASRT chapter, two delegates from each ASRT affiliate society and six delegates from all branches of the military. It carries the potential to house 170 delegates. Of those potential delegates, 56 are chapter delegates, 108 are affiliate delegates and six are military delegates.

I was honored to attend the 2012 House of Delegates meeting in Las Vegas, NV

June 28th - July 1st as the Senior South Dakota Delegate. This year was attended by 150 delegates of which 96 were Affiliate delegates and 54 were Chapter Delegates.

Thursday night began with a networking event commonly known as "the pin exchange" where meeting attendants introduce each other and offer state pins for trade. The event was fun as usual with many new and old faces present.

Friday morning began with a report from the JRCERT and an update from the ARRT. Any new information can be found via their websites at www.jrcert.org and www.rrt.org

The afternoon continued with a speaker discussing the Healthcare Reform and what it means for technologists. The discussion was good and shed a light on many positive aspects for the radiological field concerning the new Healthcare Reform. Later in the day we attended the House of Delegates first business meeting and discussed the items that were on the consent calendar for voting on Sunday afternoon.

The evening ended with a wonderful honors evening event celebrating new Fellows and a new Life Member for the ASRT. The information can be found at <http://www.asrt.org/main/news-research/press-room/2012/05/08/asrt-names-new-life-member-and-fellows>.

On Saturday morning everyone was up early with bright eyes :. The Bylaws Open Forum and Commission Hearing commenced with good

news that no changes were presented for By-Law changes.

After the hearing, I attended the Computed Tomography Chapter meeting where items were discussed including possible questions that came up in the House of Delegates First meeting. Also on the agenda was the need for more CT Chapter Delegate volunteers. If anyone wants to be a part of the CT Chapter as a Delegate, please look up online for the rules and make sure you are a CT member with the ASRT.

Sunday wrapped the weekend up with the House of Delegates Second Business Meeting where all voting took place. The results went extremely well with much discussion with one another throughout the weekend, the voting went timely.

Sunday evening, the ASRT Installation of Officers and President's Reception was held. It was truly an honor to see the new Officers being installed. The dedication to our career is evident in their desire to serve.

Monday morning came and it was time to leave 9. It was a great experience with fun and recognition of our job our leaders do.

Once again, I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the board of the SDSRT over the years and for letting me represent South Dakota as the ASRT Delegate the last two years. I am excited about passing the torch and know that I will continue my involvement in some way.

Yours Truly,
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The ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meetings were held June 28th through July 1st in sunny Las Vegas, NV. I had the honor of attending to represent South Dakota and the SDSRT as your Junior South Dakota Delegate. The events were attended by 96 Affiliate Delegates, 54 Chapter Delegates, attendees of the Education Symposium, graduates of the Leadership Academy, participants of the Student Leadership Development Program, and several others. South Dakota was represented very well with a group of thirteen people: Sharon Wartenbee,

Beth Weber, Mitzi Drey, Candace McNamara, Karen Otterberg, Jerilyn Powell, Matt and Heidi Berry, Jose Munoz, Ben Davis, Jenna Bosak, Alyssa Klein and Kevin Lawrence.

On Thursday we attended the pin exchange, an event in which you trade state pins and try to collect as many as possible, all the while networking. This is a fun event because I got to meet several new people and reconnect with others I've met at RT in DC or from the ASRT office. We were grateful to the Siouland Society for sponsoring the South Dakota pins this year.

Friday morning began bright and early with a report from the JRCERT, which included an explanation of the 10-year Continuing Qualifications Requirements. The ARRT also gave an update, and ASRT CEO Sal Martino shared information about the state of the ASRT. We heard of the ebb and flow of technologist population, which is quite saturated right now. In a time when many graduates are struggling to find work, some schools have begun to reduce the amount of students they accept. We discussed the CARE Bill and its potential impact on patient care and quality imaging. We also heard about RAD-AID, which is collaborating with ASRT in a program designed to send interested technologists to third world countries to address the need for quality imaging, education and radiation safety.

We spend part of the afternoon discussing healthcare reform as it applies to our field. A few of the meetings I've attended over the past year have all included a discussion on this topic, and every time I hear about it I learn more. It is interesting to think of what the future holds for us within the realm of healthcare reform. The House of Delegates also met at the first business meeting to discuss items on the consent calendar which we would vote on Sunday. These items sparked conversation among the delegates that for some reached post-meeting into the evening.

I was humbled and honored to attend an event introducing the ASRT's newest Fellows and a new Life Member. The accomplishments each one of these people achieved over the years was quite impressive. These people have helped shape our profession into what it is today and many literally "wrote the book" on positioning, techniques, or other practices that are taught in every x-ray program in the country. This year's elevated Life Member is Norman Hente. The elevated Fellows include Michael Delvecchio, James Jphnston, Paul Laudicina and Bartram Pierce. The Fellows and Life Members of the ASRT are truly an inspiration.

Saturday began with the Bylaws Open Forum and Commission Hearing.

No changes were presented, which made for a short meeting. We broke into Chapter meetings and I attended the radiography chapter. The group spent most of the session discussing the possible changes and questions that were on the consent calendar.

On Sunday the House of Delegates met for the second business meeting. One topic of discussion was the potential use of the ASRT Communities page online as a campaigning platform for those wishing to run for office. Many members accounted for the successful implementation of social media in various aspects of their professions. I was pleased that this motion passed with an incredible margin, showing that even though the House of Delegates is comprised of different generations they remain receptive and welcoming of new technology. The beef of the rest of the meeting surrounded wording used in ASRT opinion statements. Because of the use of "licensed" when referring to technologists, it was thought that this might negatively affect states that do not require licensing. After much discussion the ASRT assured the assembly that provisions were in place for those states and the motions finally passed as written.

The House of Delegates also elected Sandra Hayden for another term as Speaker of the House. I've had the opportunity to visit with Sandra at past events and think she's truly an amazing woman with so much respect and dedication for our profession, so I was obviously very pleased to see her accept this position. Amanda Garlock-Corbin was also elected as Vice Speaker. Although I don't know very much about her I'm interested to see what ideas she'll bring to the table.

Sunday evening I attended the Honors Evening Reception, which celebrated the board members. It is inspiring to see so many people devote their time and energy to our profession.

As the sun rose Monday morning I headed to the airport in eager anticipation of a night back in my own bed and a reunion with the dog after nearly a week of 16th floor hotel rooms, escalators, the desert heat and herds of people. I am grateful to the members of the SDSRT for choosing me to represent our great State at the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meetings, and I look forward to attending again next year in Albuquerque!