

2013 ASRT House of Delegates Report  
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The ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meetings were held June 13th through the 16th in Albuquerque, NM. I had the honor of representing South Dakota and the SDSRT as your Senior South Dakota Delegate. The events were attended by 147 voting Delegates, attendees of the Education Symposium, graduates of the Leadership Academy, participants of the Student Leadership Development Program, and several others. In usual fashion South Dakota was represented very well with a great group of people: Sharon Wartenbee, Beth Weber, Mitzi Drey, Jo Ellen Deschamp, Karen Otterberg, Jerilyn Powell, Tom Davis, Daniel Gunderson, Hannah Cotton, Erin Ernst and Kevin Lawrence.

On Thursday we attended a pin exchange where everyone gathered to meet new people, catch up with old friends and view vendor booths. I always enjoy this event because it's a chance to catch up with others I've met at RT in DC, past ASRT Conferences or from the ASRT office before all of the meetings begin.

After nursing a New Mexico style sunburn much of the night, Friday morning came bright and way too early with a report from ASRT CEO Sal Martino. He shared information about the state of the ASRT and some of the things they've been working on this past year. Of particular interest was a suggested dues increase, which the House was scheduled to discuss and vote on. Sal explained that the ASRT currently spends \$109 per member annually on services for the membership. The last dues increase was eight years ago, and while the Society has continued to evolve with fiscal diligence a dues increase would secure the continuation of services the ASRT provides its members.

I was pleased to learn that our membership in the ASRT also helped with financial contribution and support to those affected by the devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma this past May. What a wonderful demonstration of community service. The ASRT continues to expand affiliate support programs, which the SDSRT is currently involved with.

Another topic of conversation was the Student Leadership Development Program. South Dakota was one of a handful of states selected to choose their own students to participate in this program. Hannah Cotton and Erin Ernst were student representatives from South Dakota and they did a marvelous job, assisting us in sharing the process we devised and discussing the importance of student involvement within the Society.

The House of Delegates met at the first business meeting to discuss items to be voted on. We heard from President Donna Thayler Long on the activities of the Board this past year. In the evening we attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new 30,000 square foot expansion of the ASRT office. This was the first time I had been to the ASRT offices and I was very impressed! The ASRT employees invited us to tour through the offices, meeting spaces and an area dedicated for future use as a museum.

On Saturday we attended the Bylaws Open Forum and Commission Hearings. An item that continued to hold considerable debate was the proposed dues increase. We broke off into chapter meetings in the afternoon and later reconvened at the Honors evening where our own Mitzi Drey was elevated to the status of Fellow. This was truly a great

event which celebrates the accomplishments of those who have helped shape our profession into what it is today.

The second seating of the House of Delegates began early on Sunday morning. Thanks to all of the conversations held by voting members of the House throughout the event, minimal debate was left by Sunday and we were able to successfully navigate through all of the necessary business by noon. The House also voted Amanda Garlock Corbin from Washington as the new Speaker of the House, and Mike Odgren from Colorado as the new Vice Speaker. The dues increase passed and takes effect October 1, 2013. The new rates will be \$125 for 1 year, \$235 for 2 years, and \$335 for 3 years. Members have the option to renew membership (regardless of renewal date) at the current fee until September 30, 2013. Other motions passed which will affect dates in which we file affiliate information with the ASRT, so the SDSRT board will be discussing how to implement these changes at our next meeting.

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The Annual ASRT Governance and House of Delegates proved once again to be a great experience and a sense of accomplishment. It was held June 13-16th in Albuquerque, NM with great attendance. As your Junior SDSRT Delegate, along with Kevin Lawrence (our Sr Delegate), and Sharon Wartenbee, Beth Weber, Mitzi Drey, Jo Ellen Deschamp, Karen Otterberg, Jerilyn Powell, Daniel Gunderson, Hannah Cotton, and Erin Ernst, we were once again able to represent our SD affiliate well! 147 voting Delegates were officially in attendance.

We kicked off the event in usual fashion with the meet-n-greet and pin exchange on Thursday evening. This is a great forum to catch up with old friends, meet new ones and check out the many vendor displays. It is one of the highlights of my trip because of reuniting with friends and colleagues and the excitement that is in the air.

On Friday the morning kicked off with an update and report from ASRT CEO Sal Martino. He brought our HOD up-to-date on the status of the ASRT and some highlights of what the ASRT has been doing and some new things to look forward to. Probably the biggest topic was the suggested increase in our ASRT dues and the rationale behind it. It has been 8 yrs since the last increase, and in order to continue moving forward with the ideas and programs that the ASRT has for our society an increase will need to take place.

The Student Leadership Development Program was another big topic that was mentioned and that program is near and dear to our SDSRT. SD had the privilege of being only 1 of a few states allowed to pick our own students to participate in this program. The SDSRT has always boasted about having a very solid, active student program and the ASRT has recognized that. This year was no different and the caliber of students that represented us was top-notch! Hannah Cotton and Erin Ernst, and also Dan Gunderson as our SDSRT student, all represented us as good as any seasoned tech could have done! They were active and outgoing and got involved in several projects that allowed their talents and personalities to shine. VERY proud of them and I'm excited to

see what their futures will hold (hopefully the SDSRT will be in there somewhere!



At the first business meeting, President Donna Thayer-Long, updated us on the past year of the ASRT board, and highlighted the issues that will be voted on at the HOD. That evening hundreds of us hopped on busses and attended a phenomenal grand opening/ribbon cutting for the new addition to the ASRT building. Wow! It was fantastic, including a large area for an ASRT museum which I can't wait to see when it is completed and operating! Big change from when I was down there in 2007 for Leadership Academy!

The Bylaws Open Forum and Commission Hearing was on Saturday. A lot of good discussion and the HOD business was getting done in a very professional manner. As anticipated the largest discussion/debate surrounded around the dues increase. In the afternoon we broke off into chapter meetings. I attended the CT chapter meeting where discussion was mostly about exposure dose and peds exposure. That evening I attended the Honors ceremony where our own Mitzi Drey was elevated to the status of Fellow! It was a tremendous blessing for me as I have been able to attend and witness Beth, Sharon, and now Mitzi's elevation. I am VERY proud of them and very proud of how well

our affiliate society is represented among that group of Fellows, including Allen Croat as well.

On Sunday we had our 2nd HOD meeting. Once again, very impressed with the professionalism and dialogue as 147 delegates worked our way through the agenda and rapidly took care of this year's House business. We actually completed in record time and we were done by noon! I remember in years past it wasn't unusual to go into the evening! As the meeting came to a close we elected our next year's Speaker of the House and Vice-Speaker. We heard some great speeches from each candidate but when all the chads were counted, The House voted Amanda Garlock Corbin from Washington as the new Speaker of the House, and Mike Odgren from Colorado as the new Vice Speaker. I was excited to see Amanda elected as she is a 2007 Leadership Academy classmate of mine and I know she will d a great job!

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At close of another HOD our SDSRT will be busy implementing new changes that have come out of the HOD, and also aggressively pursuing student programs with our society and looking more in depth on what we need to do with lack of state licensure practices in SD.

In closing I would like to wish our Society a fruitful year ahead, and may we see many positive changes in our Society as well as new faces on our board.

Respectfully,  
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