

2015 ASRT House of Delegates Report
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South Dakota ASRT Affiliate Senior Delegate

The ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meetings were held June 25th through the 28th in Albuquerque, NM. I had the honor of representing South Dakota and the SDSRT as one of your South Dakota Delegates. South Dakota was also represented by Sharon Wartenbee, Beth Weber, Rhonda Engebretson, Megan Gilbertson, Ben Davis, Matt Berry, Nick Staska, and Shaunae Boer.

The ASRT remains focused in its legislative efforts on state advocacy, and the SDSRT continues to work with the ASRT to represent our profession in an ever-changing political climate. The ASRT also continues to offer the Affiliate Financial Assistance Program and has amended the assistance to provide all eligible affiliates in good standing with the ASRT either a \$4,000 payment per year or \$1 per member residing in that state, whichever is greater. The SDSRT Board of Directors is reviewing the terms and criteria to participate in this program.

The SDSRT was chosen to present our "story" at the Affiliate Open Forum. SDSRT President Ben Davis did a wonderful job sharing information with other affiliates about projects we're working on, how our students are involved, and current issues we face. This forum sparked conversation with other affiliates that continued through the duration of the Conference.

ASRT CEO Dr. Sal Martino addressed the assembly and promoted the new ASRT Communities on www.asrt.org. This is a wonderful platform for social networking of professional peers. I encourage everyone to log on to the ASRT website to check this out. There's a lot of great information, and it's a really nice tool to connect with others in our profession.

A common question I hear is "what does the ASRT do for me?" It is interesting to note that the ASRT spends an estimated \$121.02 annually per member providing services to the membership. The ASRT's strategic plan incorporates the following points:

Education - To be the leading source and supplier of choice for education for the profession.

Membership - To improve member recruitment and retention rates, increase market penetration level and develop new markets for membership.

Community - To build a strong sense of community among medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

Advocacy and Awareness - To establish and promote the ASRT as the professional resource, advocate and spokesperson for the profession.

Technology - To use technology to advance the ASRT's business goals and mission.

Performance - To maintain and secure the continued viability and success of the ASRT.

This information was presented to the assembly and there was discussion on how to continue to promote the ASRT and its affiliates. South Dakota continues to nurture a thriving and successful affiliate society, and we enjoy conversations with other affiliates on how to increase involvement and interest in our professional organizations.

A hot topic of discussion this year was the use of medical imaging for nonmedical uses. I was unaware that this was an issue, and it was interesting to participate in discussions to

learn about it. The House of Delegates voted to approve the position statement "The American Society of Radiologic Technologists opposes the use of all medical imaging and radiation therapy equipment to produce images of live humans for nonmedical entrepreneurial application or entertainment contrary to the tenets of ethical medical practice."

I was honored to nominate Beth Weber for Vice Speaker of the House for the upcoming year. Beth and Mike Odgren, candidate for Speaker of the House, responded to a series of questions presented by the membership and after a vote the two were elected into office. It's a great honor to have a South Dakotan serve as Vice Speaker of the House, and I'm very proud of Beth for her work and dedication.

The ASRT hosted delegates and guests at their offices to dedicate the new museum. We enjoyed touring the museum and seeing how the technology of our profession has changed throughout the years. The museum also honors the work fellow technologists have done to develop and promote our profession. It was truly a great experience!

The House of Delegates met one final time on Sunday for the second business meeting. Thanks to the organization of those leading the group we cast our votes and finished all business by midmorning. We finished our day by attending the installation of officers event and president's reception.

It was an honor to attend the House of Delegates meetings and represent South Dakota. Thank you for supporting our profession!

Warm regards,

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South Dakota ASRT Affiliate Junior Delegate

Kevin covered everything in his report very well. I will only reiterate how great of an honor it is to have South Dakota being represented so well. It is because of leaders like Beth that we are as strong of an organization as we are.

Thank you for allowing me to represent the SDSRT as your affiliate delegate. I look forward to next year!

Sincerely,

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