



WYOMING SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

COWBOY CATHODE

Presidential Address

Fall 2015

My first presidential letter has been quite the struggle. I have had a difficult time deciding what to share with the membership.

I would like to take a moment to apologize to the members that we have let down over the last couple of years. It turns out we had some significant communication issues between board members and we let down some friends and colleagues. I hope that they forgive us and know that we have taken big steps in the hopes that this will not happen again.

This particular issue falls in line with a significant deadline for the ASRT Affiliate Assistance program. I cannot tell you if we have reached that goal because as of the publishing of this Cathode, we do not know if we have accomplished this. David has worked hard over the last year getting everything ready for this and I am optimistic that we are ready. As soon as we find out, we will post it on the website and our Facebook page.

We all come into these board positions with big plans and goals. We have these ideas that we know will make the WSRT the best affiliate in the country. We have never had a lack of ambition or passion for what our position means. What I have noticed with past board members, myself included, is that we lose our motivation. Progress moves slowly on projects and life continues to happen regardless of our commitments. The WSRT took a backseat to our careers, families, and friends. Our short board meetings were never enough time to actually accomplish anything and were often spent trying to bring everyone back up to speed on what we were currently doing.

The foundation of the WSRT has some cracks in it. Instead of trying to build new on top of this foundation, we are going to repair it and

strengthen it. We are going to make it so that the boards that follow in our footsteps have a solid structure to work with. This will require some new materials blended with materials that have stood the test of time. This will also require patience from our membership as we try some different approaches.

I am not going to promise you huge changes. Huge change requires huge commitments from the board and membership. I am not saying that huge changes cannot or will not happen, I am saying that it may take longer than my presidency to accomplish them. There are enough smaller projects to work on and we still have work to finish before we shoot for the stars.

We are going to continue to build a good network of communication between board members and the membership as a whole. This will be Very important to the future success of the WSRT.

Thanks to all of those that have offered to help out on committees. Your time is priceless and can take a daunting task for one person and make it much more manageable. If you are interested in helping on any of the committees, please contact a board member and we will get you in touch with the chairperson of that committee. Every little bit helps so even if you can only help out sporadically it would be appreciated.

In closing I would like to invite you all to think. Think about what the WSRT means to you and how it could better serve the technologists of our state. Send a board member a quick email with your thoughts. Trust me, we are listening.

Jerry Rice

President of the Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists

WSRT 2015 Conference

Student Bowl Winners

The BE's!

Chelsie Gilbert, Laurel Zeiler, Eric Kramer, and
Brianna Staten

Student Scientific Paper Winners

1st Place:

Kayci Robinson

Cone Beam Computed Tomography

Runners up:

Lynzie Weyer

Advancing Proton Therapy

Karianne Cummings

Lowering the Risk of Stochastic Effect in the
Cardiac Cath Lab

Student Scientific Exhibits

1st Place:

Chelsie Gilbert

Does the 15% Rule Always Make a Good Diagnostic Image?

Runners Up:

Chynna Condelario

Radiographic Artifact Prevention

Catherine Cook

Grid Use in Digital Radiography

Escobedo Award of Excellence

Vicki Brown

Teri Bedwell

Life Time Membership Award

Teri Bedwell

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WSRT Board Members

Past President Update:

I am happy to inform each of you that we are moving forward with the 2016 WSRT Annual Conference being held in Cody, WY. The conference will be scheduled for Sept 15 – 18, 2016 so be sure to reserve those dates in order to join us not only for great CE opportunities but to share face-to-face time with your fellow Wyoming and neighboring state technologists. Already on the agenda is to have Dr. Phillip Ballinger join us as our keynote speaker.

On that note, I'd like to share the vision for future conferences. The WSRT continues to strive to meet the needs of the three factions of Wyoming technologists: our valued WSRT technologist members, technologist throughout the state that are not yet a part of the society, and our student technologists. We are aware of the changes quickly coming which will impact the structure of getting the required CE's to maintain the various imaging certifications. As a result, we are encouraging the implementation of a WSRT Speaker Sponsorship program. This could be viewed as the "Stone Soup" version for our profession locally. Far greater things can transpire when many contribute a manageable portion far more than when expecting a few to bear the entire burden of expense/responsibility. The sponsorship program can be contributed to in any number of ways, but ultimately it is a designated fund reserved to enable bringing in a broader scope of speakers. Up to this point the society has largely depended on free gratis speakers, which though greatly appreciated, also greatly diminishes the overall speaker pool. The greatest contribution would be an individual or organization that would assume full sponsorship of a speaker: this would be to cover all associated expenses of bringing in a designated speaker. Such sponsor would be identified as being that speaker's sponsor clearly noted on the conference program. Also, any other contributors would be given due credit printed in the program as well. This program allows for individual's to submit speaker recommendations through sponsorship to meet specific CE requirements. The only limitation is that all CE's are required to meet prior ASRT approval.

To kick off this project. Dr. Ballinger's expenses have already essentially been covered by a \$500 contribution to the WSRT. As a matter of good faith in implementing this program, I personally will be sponsoring a forensic imaging technologist pending only their confirming availability for the conference dates previously stated. I am excited by the potential of this program to bring great things to the WSRT and its future. Please feel free to contact myself or any board member for additional information, to make a contribution, or set-up a sponsorship. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Silvey

WSRT Past President

Laurie Weaver Receives the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award



Casper College’s Laurie Weaver was recognized for outstanding service to Casper College with the annual Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award for the 2014-2015 school year. Weaver began her teaching career at Casper College in October 1988, and is currently an instructor for and department chair of the radiography program. “Her drive and passion for her profession is evident in her launch of three post-associate degree certificates, MRI, CT, and soon to be mammography. When most faculty with well over 20 years of experience may wind down, she is ramping up to meet the needs of her students and our community,” noted Tammy Frankland, dean for the Casper College School of Health Science. “I have known Laurie since August 1996 when I started the radiography program. Since taking the helm, Laurie has advanced the radiography program from a very basic curriculum to a present day multi-modality, all-encompassing program. She has also expanded the program to include clinical sites at Douglas, Gillette, Sheridan, and all clinical facilities here in Casper. I am currently the radiology manager at the Wyoming Medical Center and am proud to call Laurie Weaver a colleague, mentor, but most of all she will always be MY clinical instructor,” Chris Johnson said. Each year all Casper College employees are asked to submit the names of those they wish to nominate for the Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award. The award is based on service to the profession, community and Casper College. Laurie is a life member of the WSRT and has served as President, Vice President and Board Member to the WSRT as well as an Affiliate and Chapter Delegate.

Teddy Bear Clinic

The Casper College Student Radiography Association sponsored a Teddy Bear Clinic for preschoolers this October. Children brought their favorite stuffed animal to the college health science building and got to rotate through various areas of health care. Radiography students imaged the stuffed animals with the children's help. The clinic is designed to help children feel more comfortable in a health care setting by introducing them to the sights and sounds of a medical setting. The preschoolers got to keep a copy of the x-ray of their stuffed animal.



Mark your Calendar for the Casper College Spring Imaging Seminar

The Casper College Student Radiography Association will be organizing a spring educational seminar to be held Saturday April 2nd at Casper College. We will be offering continuing education credits which are pending approval through the ASRT.

Casper College Offers CT, MRI and Mammography Certificate Programs

Mammography Certificate Program

The Casper College Mammography Certificate Program is a one semester advanced certification program available to graduates of an accredited radiography program. The program will be offered in the Spring 2016 Semester.

The program curriculum incorporates the standards established by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the guidelines set forth by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national post primary certification exam in Mammography.

All courses will be offered in a hybrid online format. Clinical education requirements can be completed during the program as well. Courses will cover all content areas required to satisfy the structured education documentation required by the ARRT starting in January 2016.

CT and MRI Certificate Program Information

Technologists can select the ten month CT or MRI Certificate Programs which are designed to provide advanced technical skills to Registered Technologist. The programs provide the advanced clinical competency and didactic educational requirements needed to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam in CT and MRI.

The Casper College MRI Program is recognized by the ARRT as a primary pathway program. This recognition allows us to reduce the number of clinical exam requirements due to the formal education given in each of the specified exam content areas. You must have an Associate's Degree to pursue the primary pathway otherwise Casper College offers the post-primary pathway for student without an Associate's Degree who are registered through the ARRT in one of the specified modalities.

Technologists can select to apply for the entire CT or MRI certificate programs which include clinical education or they can take individual on-line didactic courses only. All courses will count toward the ARRT required formal education required starting in January 2016 to take the national exam as well as toward continuing education units (CEU) to maintain certification.

The clinical component is designed to complete competency exams required to sit the ARRT CT and MRI certification exams. Casper College has clinical sites throughout the state of Wyoming and Colorado. The CT and MRI programs begin in July and continue through the following May with breaks according to the college calendar. The application deadline for the CT and MRI programs is April 15th. For more information go to the Casper College website at caspercollege.edu and look under the specific programs or email Laurie Weaver at lweaver@caspercollege.edu.

ASRT Delegate Report

Vicki Brown- Wyoming Affiliate

Delegate Orientation

Were the delegate outline orientation and webinars helpful?

Yes the ASRT always does a great job for delegates to be informed, on being a delegate and how the HOD is conducted.

Open Forum Sessions

Which open forums did you attend on Friday, June 26, 2015?

The affiliate open forum.

Was the open forum you attended helpful?

Yes, the open forum lets you go into greater detail about the topics that are brought up in the HOD meetings.

What topic would you like to discuss at future open forums?

Any topic that is brought up at the HOD meeting that might need a more in depth discussion.

What would you like to share with your chapter or affiliate members from the open forums?

The one year \$85.00 discount membership for graduating student members this is a savings of 32%. Called the graduate bridge membership. The ASRT financial assistance program increase from \$2000.00 to \$4000.00. The ASRT affiliate development program is a tool to strengthen the affiliates by empowering its members to succeed as an affiliate. The ASRT is there to help with all kinds of tools and assistance for all affiliates.

Bylaws Open Forum, Commission Hearing and ASRT Update

The Bylaws Open Forum Commission Hearing and ASRT Update were helpful?

What topic would you like to share with your chapter or affiliate members from the Bylaws Open Forum, Hearing Commission and ASRT update?

156 Delegates attended the HOD, the ASRT currently has 153,000 members, and North Dakota now has licensure as of February 2015. There are still six states that do not have licensure Idaho, Alabama, Missouri, North Carolina, South Dakota and the District of Columbia. There are new study modules from the ASRT for CE's, Electronic Certificate submissions and ASRT scholarships. The ASRT is promoting the Community Pages as they are a great way to keep in touch and reach out for answers to many different questions that technologists might have and others can answer back. 100% of the bylaws amendment became effective at the close of the HOD meeting. There were discussions on the consent calendar, motions and wording would need to be discussed up in the chapter meetings.

Chapter Information

Please provide Comments about the chapter meetings that you attended.

Please provide a summary of the proceedings and discussions from the meetings you attended.

I attended the Radiography Chapter Meeting with discussion that were on the consent calendar and also there were discussions brought up about amending the cropping and electronic masking wording on motion 15.23 to have the title match. Also talked about sponges leaving artifacts on digital x-rays. A vendor name will be posted on the community page that has artifact free sponges. There are 306,304 RT's and they wanted to promote the ASRT Community Pages as a great way to keep in touch with other RT's and get answers from fellow technologists. Nominations were held and a Chair and Vice chair were selected, Sharon Miller and Steve Cohen.

House Business Meetings

Where the House of Delegates business meetings productive?

Please provide a brief summary of the proceedings and discussions from each business meeting.

Yes they were very productive and timely, they stayed on the tasks before them. The new Community Pages are informative and helpful and the HOD is looking forward to the future of technology. Always needing more volunteers to get involved with affiliates as well as the ASRT.

Other

Did you attend the ARRT update? Yes

Did you attend the JRCERT Report? Yes

Did you attend the Speaker/Vice Speaker Candidate Open Forum? Yes

Did you attend the Honors Evening and Reception? Yes

Did you attend the Installation of Officers and Presidents Reception? Yes

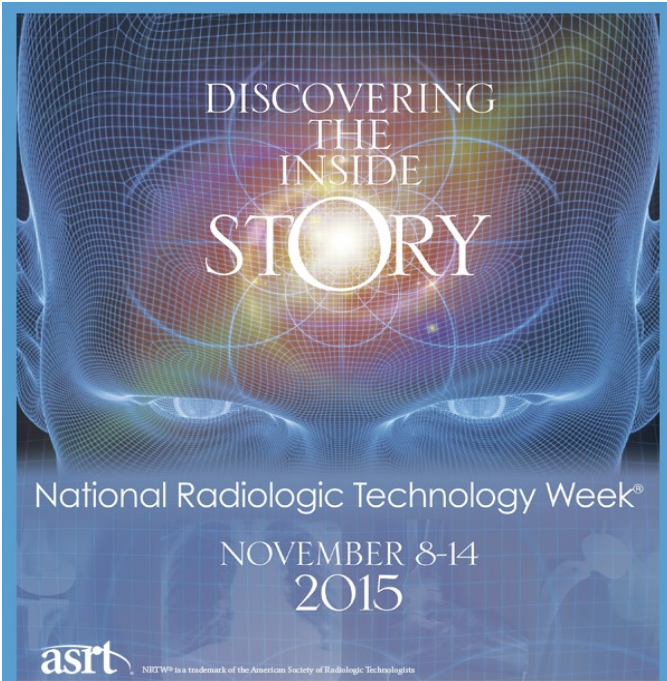
What would you like to share with your chapter or affiliate members about these updates and functions?

The Officers and Presidents reception is a very special time as the Military chapters have a passing of the flag as the poem is read by Travis Prowant. This part of the ceremony always makes you proud to be an American and then the flag is presented to the ASRT and this year a 20 year military coin was given to William Brennan the outgoing President.

What additional information would you like to share with the chapter or affiliate members?

The ASRT museum is a chronological of our technology history from the beginning to the present. If you are ever in Albuquerque you definitely need to go through the museum! You could spend at least a couple of hours if not longer going through and seeing everything that Sal and Greg put into the museum and I truly think you could go through many times and not see it all. It is very interactive and a fun experience. Bring a friend to the ASRT program, give bordering states a discount to attend a conference. Be a volunteer and get involved. The future of many states trying to remove licensure from already licensed states. The ASRT financial assistance and development programs.

Did you mentor a Student Leadership Development Program participant this year? No



A Brief History of NRTW

The first NRTW was July 22-29, 1979. The celebration was moved to November to recognize the date Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered the x-ray, Nov. 8, 1895. The annual celebration promotes the important role medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals play in providing quality patient care and a safe health care environment. NRTW is about medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. How you choose to celebrate NRTW is what makes it unique to the radiologic sciences. *

ASRT Student Leadership Development Program

*Program Highlights:

The ASRT Student Leadership Development Program offers students a chance to get to know the ASRT, attend educational sessions, and network with medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

Selected participants will attend the 2016 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, June 23-26 in Las Vegas, as well as orientation the evening of June 22.

*Selected participants receive:

- Airfare, housing, a stipend for meals and other travel expenses.
- An educational program designed just for students.
- A professional mentor assigned for the meeting.
- An insider's look into the largest association for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals.

**Taken from the ASRT Website*

Reminder: If you are a student and are interested in applying for the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program **applications are due December 19, 2015**. For more information please visit: <http://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-program>

WSRT contact: Ashleigh Ralls- aralls@lccc.wy.edu
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WB RTE News

Dr. McCallum has retired from the WB RTE as our Radiologist member and Governor Mead has appointed Dr. Mark Howshar from Cheyenne as the new Radiologist. So if you know or see either congratulate them.

We are in the process of getting the online renewal up and running but have not been given a completion date as of yet. We will not be able to consider reduction of fees until the online system is up and running and we have a better idea how that will go and be divided out among all of the boards that will be using the same online system. We are also looking at possible rule revision, does anyone have any issues with the current rules that could be looked at by the Board? Please get in touch with any of the board members or the board office to let us know.

We are located at : 2001 Capitol Ave Emerson Building Room 104 .

plboards.state.wy.us/radiology



Wyoming State Board Of Radiologic Technologist Examiners



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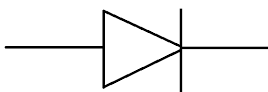
Our web address is <http://plboards.state.wy.us/radiology/index.asp> where all information can be found pertaining to licensure and contact info.

Look for additional information about the WB RTE in future Cathode issues.

The Wyoming State Board of Radiologic Technologist Examiners (Board) would like to remind you that as **licensed** professionals, it is your responsibility to know when your license expires and the requirements for renewal of that license. The Board sends renewal notices no later than thirty (30) days prior to the license expiration date, so it is important that you update the Board office with your correct contact information. **FAILURE TO RECEIVE NOTICE FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE FROM THE BOARD DOES NOT EXCUSE A LICENSEE FROM THE REQUIREMENT FOR RENEWAL!**

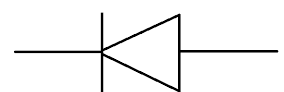
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