



WYOMING SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

COWBOY CATHODE

Winter 2016

Presidential Address

I would like to start this letter by thanking the board members, especially David, for all of their hard work getting the information together for the ASRT Affiliate Financial Assistance Program. We were approved for the financial assistance! This is a great thing for the WSRT. It will help to offset some of the costs for the conferences and to broaden our options for speakers, venues, and future projects. I would also like to extend a thank you to Hollie Gonzales and her team at the ASRT who were excellent at guiding us through this process.

The WSRT would like to congratulate Memorial Hospital of Converse County for being recipients of the 2015 Safety First grant offered by Toshiba America Medical Systems and the ASRT Foundation. We would like to recognize Robbin Romberg B.S., RT(R)(CT) and his team for their hard work and dedication to radiation safety and look forward to hearing about the implementation of the RaySafe i2 system.

As we have been reaching out to neighboring affiliates, it has become apparent that many of us share the same struggles. In an attempt to strengthen our relationships with our

neighbors, some of us will be trying to travel to annual conferences offered by other societies. We are all battling very similar problems, not only on an affiliate level but as healthcare workers as well. I'm hoping that we can share experiences and ideas with each other and gain regional strength for our profession. We will also be sending invitations to other affiliates and facilities outside of Wyoming in the hopes that they will join us at our annual conference in the fall.

I would like to reach out again to the membership and ask that you give us your thoughts and suggestions on how we can better represent you. You can communicate with us on our Facebook page, email or regular mail, or even if you just happen to bump into one of us. We want to hear what you have to say.

Jerry Rice RT(R)
President

Past President and Conference Update

The plans for the WSRT 2016 Annual Conference being held in Cody, Wyoming this year continue to move forward. The West Park Hospital in Cody has recently completed construction on their Baker Education & Conference Center and have made it available for our use Sept 16th – 17th.

To add a little Spirit of the West, arrangements have been made with the Cody Cowboy Village for lodging. Several options have been offered: Rooms with a single King bed will run from \$155 to \$165 per night – 14 available, Rooms with 2 Queen beds run from \$159 to \$169 per night – 10 available, and with our Colleges in mind there are a handful of suites available that include 3 Queen beds accommodating 6 students per suite starting at \$179 per night.

With the lodging there are a few things to keep in mind. First of all, the conference falls in the peak of the tour bus season for Cody and the Park region. This means that lodging becomes a premium as time gets closer to the conference dates. The options above are to assist some with the time buffering as these rates are locked in until July 31; at that time we lose reservation status and pricing on all remaining rooms. They are first come first serve so the first to make reservations will get the best pricing. We strongly encourage you act quickly whether you book your own rooms or take advantage of the Cowboy Village offer. If you choose to make your own arrangements I will offer the same sage advice that I was given that rates increase significantly each week that passes and availability sharply decreases.

To take advantage of the Cody Cowboy Village rooms you can contact Petra by **phone (307) 587-7555 or via email ccv@tctwest.net**. Mention that you are affiliated with the “Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists” to get the discounted pricing. One last note, we are currently in the middle of their off season so Petra isn’t always available on site, so if you call and she doesn’t answer leave a message describing your reservation request and she will return your call as soon as she returns to the office, the same goes for email. The pricing is set so this delay will not affect your room rate.

We certainly are looking forward to the upcoming conference and hope as many as possible are able to join us.

Sincerely,
David Silvey RT(R)

Current Nominees for the Upcoming WSRT Election

President Elect - Danielle Opp

Vice President - Jeannie Lane

Treasurer – Billy Mackey

The position of Cathode Editor is also open for volunteers

If you or someone you know would like to get more involved with your local professional society please get your nominations in! Nominations are due to the Vice President (wsrt@wsrt.org) no later than April 30, 2016. No experience is needed!

LCCC Radiography Club [Class of 2017] T-Shirt Fundraiser



As first year students, the Radiography class of 2017 designed and printed class shirts for sale as part of our Club's fundraising efforts. Money raised from t-shirt sales goes toward our annual donation to the Curie Fund which is an organization that financially supports those going through Radiation Therapy in the Cheyenne area.

Visit the link to order your shirt or contact your local LCCC Radiography student for local orders.

<http://bit.ly/RadTechTee>

Casper College Imaging Seminar for Technologists

Earn Continuing Education Credits!

Date: April 2, 2016

Location: Casper College Saunders Health Science Building

Check out the Facebook Page at [Casper College Radiography Seminar](#) for more information and registration forms

Casper College Student has Article Published in ASRT Scanner

Codi Francis a second year Casper College Radiography student had her article, Student Offers Sage Advice published in the December/January ASRT Scanner. Codi's article offered tips for a successful job search along with advice in meeting career goals. As a soon to be graduate Codi outlined important areas for students to concentrate on when preparing for graduation and the search for the perfect job. Codi participated in the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program in June 2015.



The WSRT would like to congratulate Laurel Zeiler (LCCC) and Carolyn Spranger (LCCC) for being selected for the 2016 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program. This program will provide the students with a chance to get to know the ASRT, attend educational sessions, and network with medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. They will also 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.

New Innovation to Inspire Young Learners

Radcademy is an initiative that uses contemporary media techniques and real-life situations to engage young people and their imaginations. Created by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, *Radcademy* features a website and accompanying videos that are specifically designed for boys and girls aged 12 to 16.

The campaign's website component calls to mind the colorful graphics of mobile apps while using bite-sized pieces of information called RADfacts. Content on the site is written in such a way that kids can easily learn about the fascinating scientific foundations of x-ray, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine and other radiologic procedures. Visit www.asrt.org/radcademy/home to explore the learning developments ®

® Information provided by ASRT website

ASRT Resources for Students

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists provides many resources and opportunities for students in the imaging field. They provide information on career planning, study tools, registry review, and scholarship opportunities. Become a student member to receive additional resources and imaging news across the United States.

Visit www.asrt.org/students for more information

Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists



Application For Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____

SSN _____

E-mail Address _____

ASRT Member# _____ Exp _____

ARRT Member# _____ Exp _____

Employer _____

Type of Member _____

Active RT (Actively employed in Radiology as an RT).....\$40 or \$60/two years
Active Non-RT (Wyoming Restricted/Limited License)\$40 or \$60/two years
Supporting Member (Commercial Reps).....\$40
Inactive RT (Not actively employed in Radiology as an RT).....\$35
Student (Full time radiology students)\$30/two years
Graduating Student.....\$30/one time

Students:

Educational Facility _____ Date of Graduation _____

Commercial Reps:

Name of Company _____

Send application and fees to:

Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists
PO Box 2833
Gillette, WY 82717

The WSRT is an affiliate of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and strongly encourages its members to join the national society. Applications for membership are available on request.



LCCC Unveils New Computed Tomography Registry Review Course Tuition Coverage Available!

In preparation for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) structured education eligibility requirements that went into effect 1/1/16 for all applicants in post-primary disciplines, Laramie County Community College (LCCC) is pleased to announce the approval and launching of a new course: RDTK 2990* - COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) REGISTRY PREPARATION FOR TECHNOLOGISTS. We had 10 students enroll in this course's "maiden voyage" in Fall 2015, and we know of at least two students who have gone on to successfully take and pass their CT Registry as a result!

*After Spring 2016, the course number will be RDTK 2950

If you would like to take advantage of this new course opportunity, we will be offering this online 3 credit hour class again in the Spring 2016 semester. It is offered in an eight-week format, starting March 21, 2016 and ending on May 13, 2016. To enroll: if you have not been a student at LCCC or have not been enrolled in an LCCC course for a while, you may need to go through the admission process and/or be readmitted first so that you can register for the class. The admission process is free, but please allow up to 48 hours from the time you apply to the time that you may be allowed to register. Once you have been admitted to LCCC, you will be given an EaglesEye account and then you are able to register online.

And...if you are still sitting on the fence...because RDTK 2990/RDTK 2950 is considered a work-ready course, ALL of the tuition for this course is eligible to be covered by an ACT Now! Federal grant—including both in-state, WUE, and out-of-state tuition! We have space for 15 students and we have a few slots filled already, so if you are planning on taking the CT registry any-time soon, consider signing up. Or if you know of someone planning on taking the CT exam, please feel free to share this information with them.

Questions? Please contact Ashleigh Ralls at 307.778.1292 (aralls@lccc.wy.edu) or Starla Mason at 307.778.1391 (smason@lccc.wy.edu). Thank you to all of you who have helped support our efforts to get this course up and running!



Wyoming State Board Of Radiologic Technologist Examiners



REMINDER: Please renew your Wyoming State License on time!!!! We mail out reminders---but we need correct addresses and for Technologists to renew on time. This is YOUR responsibility as a **Licensed** professional. Failure to receive notice for renewal of license from the board does not excuse a licensee from the requirement for renewal.

The board can be notified by email, written letter or phone.

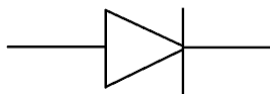
Our web address is <http://plboards.state.wy.us/radiology/index.asp> where all information can be found pertaining to licensure and contact info.

Look for additional information about the WBRTE in future Cathode issues.

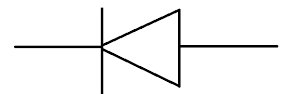
The Wyoming State Board of Radiologic Technologist Examiners (Board) would like to remind you that as **licensed** professionals, it is your responsibility to know when your license expires and the requirements for renewal of that license. The Board sends renewal notices no later than thirty (30) days 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!**

For information on renewal and other licensing requirements, or to find Board contact information, please visit our website at <http://plboards.state.wy.us/radiology/index.asp>.

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Cowboy Cathode



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clinic? Let us know!

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