

MINNESOTA SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The 68th Annual Meeting and Fall Conference of the MSRT was held September 16th and 17th, 2005 at Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The Central District was the host district for this conference. Three business meetings were held during the course of this conference.

Annual Business Meeting: 1st Meeting Friday, September 16th, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 P.M by President Merry Richards.

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported that a quorum was properly established with 210 members present.

The Executive Board was introduced to the membership.

A special order of business was completed with the nomination of Anne Chapman as a Lifetime member of the MSRT. The membership voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the MSRT procedures for conducting business at the Annual meeting. Copies were provided in all participants handouts.

President Merry Richards asked for any amendments to the minutes of the 66th Annual Fall Conference held at Mystic Lake Casino & Hotel in Prior Lake, Minnesota on September 24th and 25th, 2004. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes.

Treasurer; Deb Jambor presented the 2004-2005 Annual Financial report. The income of the MSRT was \$65,779.46 and expenses were \$43,418.33 with net income of \$22,361.13. The 2005-2006 Fiscal Year proposed budgets was presented to the membership and reviewed for allocations and expenditures.

Past President Cheryl Clark reviewed the ASRT (American Society of Radiologic Technologist) Senior Delegate report. Key points of the report included:

- Region IV meeting and summary:
- Summaries of the House of Delegates resolutions and bylaws
- Open Forum discussion and debates: of large discussion was the issue of Radiology Assistants (RA's)
- The House of Delegates now includes two delegates from each state and an alternate delegate.
- Chapter Delegates will now be replaced by National Delegates two for each modality/chapter. There will be a national ballot and election to elect these delegates.
- Linda Holden was re-elected to her 2nd term as Speaker of the House of Delegates of the ASRT.

- Danny Gonzales was re-elected to a 2nd term as Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates of the ASRT.
- The House of Delegates voted to increase ASRT membership dues from \$85 to \$105 annually. This will allow ASRT to continue to offer the services to the members with the cost of business increasing.
- We need to revamp our state bylaws to be compliant with the ASRT.

Cheryl Clark also presented the 2005 Membership report effective September 10th, 2005 we had a total of 506 RT members and 614 student members. Non-renewals included 389 RT's and 191 student members.

Chairman of the Board; Katie Pelant presented the membership her report. There are no bylaw changes this year, however next year many changes will be necessary to bring our state society in line with the changes being proposed by the ASRT. Our state society will work with the ASRT liaison to bring our society in compliance. The membership is encouraged to bring any concerns or issues to the Executive Board. Currently our charter is in good standing.

President Merry Richards reviewed the qualifications for President-Elect and Treasurer. Open nominations from the floor resulted in the nomination of Judy Gamboni for Treasurer. She accepted the nomination. Saundra Naumann was nominated for the President-Elect office, but respectfully declined the nomination. The nominations will be deferred to the next business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Annual Business Meeting #2: September 16th, 2005

The business meeting was called to order by President Merry Richards at 5:40 P.M. The Sergeant-of-Arms reported a quorum was properly established.

- Introduction of Region IV Delegates

Danny Gonzales; ASRT representative presented the membership with an update on activities. The ASRT currently has 118,000 members and continues to grow and flourish. He summarized the ASRT continued efforts to pass the CARE Bill with 95 Co-sponsors and explained the ASRT House of Delegates restructuring process.

President Merry Richards asked for additional nominations for the office of President-Elect and Treasurer. The nominations were reopened and no additional candidates nominated. The nominations will be deferred to the 3rd and final business meeting on September 17th, 2005.

George Johns from the Minnesota Department of Health spoke to the members suggesting that now is the time to initiate a legislative effort that the climate was right in the state to establish some licensure. Discussion from the floor indicated issues of concern are as follows:

- Poor numbers of membership in the MSRT may not help creditability
- With over 4500 ARRT Registered Technologists in the state of Minnesota, the need to build our membership numbers.

- The need to strengthen the x-ray operator exam and include some continuing education.
- Discussion from the floor regarding x-ray operators and possibly including a membership status for them in the MSRT.
- Danny Gonzales commented about the ASRT efforts in New Mexico to regulate the limited operators and the ASRT wants to establish a category for them in the membership.

Mr. Johns encouraged the MSRT to be proactive and not to wait for passage of the CARE bill on the Federal level but to establish a state level of quality of healthcare in Radiologic Technology. The membership is encouraged to become involved and write letters of concern to state leaders. Any efforts on part of the membership to increase membership and apply grassroots efforts, this is a chance to make a real difference in Radiology technologist issues in state of Minnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Annual Business Meeting #3: September 17th, 2005

The business meeting was called to order by President Merry Richards at 9:50 A.M. The Sergeant-of-Arms reported that a quorum was properly established.

President Richards asked for additional nominations for the office of President-Elect and Treasurer. The nominations were reopened and Kevin Seisler was nominated for President-Elect. He accepted the nomination. The candidates for President-Elect; Kevin Seisler and Treasurer; Judy Gamboni both spoke to the membership.

With both candidates running unopposed a motion was made to destroy the ballots, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

Danny Gonzales spoke again to the membership with additional information to the membership. He encouraged everyone to visit www.asrt.org. He commented how only approximately 3300 members out of 118,000 voted for the officers of the ASRT.

He encouraged everyone to make plans for the ASRT annual conference in Denver, Colorado; this will be a special conference to be held in unison with the AERS/ISRT which will bring an international flair to the conference.

President Richards concluded by thanking the Central District conference committee and Chairman Gene Fischbach for hosting a wonderful 67th Fall Conference. The 68th Annual Fall Conference will be held Alexandria, Minnesota at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center on October 13th and 14th, 2006. The Conference will be organized by Sharon Zigan and Patty Von Willard, the Conference Co-Chair's. Further details will be posted in the High Tension news or on the website www.mnsrt.com.

With no other business before the Executive Board President Merry Richards declared the Business meetings of the 67th Annual Fall conference closed. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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MSRT Secretary