2019-2020
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Speaker of the House

Activities:

June 2019
- ASRT Preconference Board of Directors Meeting
- ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting
- ASRT Postconference Board of Directors Meeting

July 2019
- ASRT Board of Directors Conference Call

August 2019
- ASRT Practice Standards Council Meetings
- Speaker of the House/Vice Speaker of the House Planning Meeting

September 2019
- ASRT Practice Standards Council Meetings
- ASRT Committee on Bylaws Orientation
- ASRT Fall Board of Directors Meeting

October 2019
- ASRT Committee on Bylaws Meetings

November 2019
- ASRT Practice Standards Council Meeting
- ASRT Committee on Bylaws Meetings

December 2019
- ASRT Committee on Bylaws Meeting

January 2020
- ASRT Practice Standards Council Meeting
- ASRT Commission Orientation
- ASRT Board Development Meeting

February 2020
- ASRT Midyear Board of Directors Meeting
- ASRT Commission Meetings

March 2020
- ASRT Commission Meetings
- ASRT Committee on Bylaws Meeting
April 2020
- Kansas Affiliate Meeting (event was canceled)
- South Dakota Affiliate Meeting (event was canceled)
- ASRT Delegate Orientation
- ASRT Board of Directors Conference Calls

May 2020
- Sergeants-at-Arms Orientation
- House of Delegates Minutes Approval Committee Orientation
- ASRT Board of Directors Conference Calls

June 2020
- ASRT Preconference Board of Directors Meeting
- ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting

**Most Memorable Experiences:**
During the past year I have been blessed with some wonderful experiences and, most recently, we have each been faced with some daunting challenges. They are both memorable and transformative.

I found the 2019 Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting in June to be an amazing experience. There were two big events for me. The first being when you, the delegates, voted unanimously to elect me to lead the House as your Speaker for this governance year. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve you and our profession in this capacity. I enjoyed working with colleagues from across the country and spanning all areas of practice within our profession while facilitating the work of various House committees. The work of these committees will bring forth the motions that the members of the House of Delegates will vote on as we guide our profession forward. I am very proud to have played a role in bringing these dedicated medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals together to collaborate on this important work. The second memorable event was being elevated to ASRT Fellow. To be counted and recognized among the leaders of our profession as a Fellow is such a great honor. Celebrating that distinction with my whole family and my ASRT friends and colleagues was an event that I will cherish forever.

More recently, we have all been dealing with the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our profession and our colleagues are resilient and adapt well to whatever situations are encountered in order to get the job done. It’s what we do best. Although this situation is unprecedented, we have risen to the occasion. Our colleagues are on the front lines delivering health care to the patients depending on us, and our educators are reinventing themselves and their classrooms to deliver the necessary education to our students in preparation for joining our ranks as health care professionals. And, the work of the ASRT and our House committees continue as they meet virtually to complete their charges. It makes me proud to be a radiologic technologist and a member of the ASRT!

**Closing Remarks:**
My sincere gratitude goes out to the delegates of the ASRT House of Delegates for placing your trust in me to be your voice on the ASRT Board of Directors for the past year. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your speaker — a duty that is not taken lightly. I must also thank all the volunteers who work so diligently throughout the year to do the work that supports our profession.

Many thanks to the ASRT staff for making the work we do possible. Their invaluable research, documentation and logistical help enables us, the member volunteers, to make well-informed decisions to keep our profession moving forward. Many thanks to the ASRT governance team for the valued support and guidance needed to conduct the business of the House of Delegates. And very importantly, to our CEO, Dr. Sal Martino, as he successfully navigates the business of our organization with management skills and the heart and soul of a radiologic technologist, so that we continue to have the necessary resources to guide the future of our profession.

Finally, thank you to my family for supporting my aspirations and allowing me to spend so much time away from home as I pursue my professional goals. And, for putting up with so many conference calls when I am home.

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