House of Delegates Votes on Bylaws Changes

During the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting in June 2013, the House adopted several changes to the ASRT bylaws that affect you. Changes occurred in compliance requirements and affiliate delegate due dates.

Here are the specific changes that affect affiliates:

**Article X – Affiliate Organizations and Chapters**

- Added to the affiliate compliance process – A request for proof that your affiliate has filed taxes with the Internal Revenue Service. The Bylaws state: “Verification that the affiliate filed the appropriate tax returns with the IRS the prior year.” Examples of verification include a copy of the 990-N postcard confirmation or a copy of taxes that were filed.
- Also added to the compliance section – A certificate of good standing or proof of active incorporation. This allows for affiliates to submit a printout of the Secretary of State’s website in lieu of an actual certificate if they desire that option.

**Article V – House of Delegates**

- The due date for affiliate delegate information forms was changed. It now reads: “Affiliates shall submit completed delegate information forms to ASRT for the delegates and alternate delegates by the end of the last business day of January. Delegate and alternate delegate positions not filled with qualified members by the last business day of January shall remain open until after the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.”

We realize that several affiliates will need to update policies and procedures as well as dates in their bylaws because of this change. The ASRT will work with each affiliate to make sure that the bylaws changes are implemented in a fair and consistent manner. To accommodate this change, we will allow a one-time grace period for affiliates this year. To accommodate many affiliate compliance due dates, affiliates will have until their compliance due date in 2014 to update bylaws and adhere to compliance.

As part of this process, the ASRT will allow each affiliate to request a formal review of their bylaws during this period. Please plan to submit a copy of your affiliate’s bylaws for review during 2013. The ASRT Parliamentarian will review each set of bylaws for consistency and make language recommendations so that affiliates can go through the amendment process as efficiently as possible.

More information about this process will be sent via e-mail to affiliate leaders.

We look forward to working with you!

Best wishes for a successful year,

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2013-2014
ASRT Board of Directors Installed

Our newly installed board of directors represents many different affiliates from across the country.

Chairman of the Board
Donna Long – Indiana

President
Julie Gill – Ohio

President-elect
Bill Brennan – New York

Vice President
Sandra Hayden – Texas

Secretary-Treasurer
Michael Latimer – Florida

Rounding out our Board of Directors are Speaker of the House Amanda Garlock-Corbin, from Washington, and Vice Speaker Mike Odgren from Colorado. Our Board members have been affiliate leaders just like you. We look forward to their leadership and experience as leaders of the ASRT.

Congratulations to our new Board members!

Albuquerque

2013 Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting

We had a great meeting this year in Albuquerque. View photos of the annual governance meeting at our website. Thank you to our delegates and volunteers who helped make our annual meeting a great success!

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an ASRT volunteer or leader such as a delegate or officer, please consider nominating yourself or another ASRT member. Nominations are now open. The due date for nomination and candidate forms was moved up one month earlier to allow for time to process nominations. The deadline for nominations is now the first business day in October per our newly adopted Bylaws.
Volunteer Opportunities Open

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists is seeking members to serve one-year terms on the following committees:

Committee on Bylaws
Commission
House of Delegates Minutes Approval Committee
Sergeant-at-Arms Committee

The terms will begin on Sept. 1, 2013, and end at the close of the 2014 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting.

Read about specific duties for each committee on the Serve as a Governance Committee Member page.

Members interested in serving on one or more of these committees are encouraged to complete the online ASRT Volunteer Form. The submission deadline is Aug. 1, 2013.

ASRT is seeking radiologic technologists interested in serving on the board of directors for the Joint Review Committee for Education in Radiologic Technology. Prospective candidates must be ASRT members.

The ASRT Board of Directors will interview qualified candidates before the September 2013 Board meeting and will recommend candidates for JRCERT’s consideration. The JRCERT will select one individual to fill this appointment. The appointee's term will begin in May 2014 and will conclude in April 2017.

Candidates are encouraged to submit an application to the ASRT Governance Department. Please see the announcement for the specific documents and qualifications for this position. The deadline for applications is Sept. 1, 2013.

Thanks To You, our Foundation

Annual Drawing was a great success!

Prizes were awarded to the affiliate societies with the most money raised per capita and the societies with the most tickets sold. First prize for each category is $750; second prize for each category is $250.

The award for the most tickets sold went to North Dakota. Ohio was a close second. The award for the most tickets sold per capita went to Vermont with South Dakota in second place. All of these affiliates did an admirable job of helping to support the Foundation. Congratulations to the winners!

Find out how your affiliate can participate in this program next year.

This year you will have the opportunity to choose your own students for the widely popular Student Leadership Development Program. Affiliates interested in this opportunity should contact affiliaterelations@asrt.org for more information on the program specifics. This is a great way to engage new affiliate members in affiliate leadership roles. Applications for the program will be available in September.
It is very important for your affiliate's bylaws to be in agreement with ASRT's Bylaws. This is part of the compliance program and is a requirement per our Bylaws. Keep in mind that subordinate (chapter and district) bylaws must be in agreement with your affiliate's bylaws.

Please prepare to review your affiliate's bylaws in the coming year. More information will be sent via e-mail to affiliate leaders.

**Affiliate Advocacy Activities**

**New Affiliate Program Coming Soon!**

During the Affiliate Open Forum during the recent annual governance meeting in June, ASRT announced a new program that will assist affiliate societies in becoming strong advocates for their members and the profession. The Affiliate Advocacy Program, or AAP, is modeled on the highly successful Affiliate Development Program. The ADP focuses on helping affiliate societies develop leadership succession, strategic plans and affiliate operations. The AAP will focus on supporting affiliate societies working on advocacy issues and in developing their grass-roots professional representation skills into a marketable and attractive member benefit.

The AAP is structured similarly to the ADP, but will provide different benefits and services for affiliate societies that agree to participate in the program. Affiliate societies will be asked to survey their leadership about advocacy-based issues and goals and to identify an action plan with timeframes. ASRT also will survey the ASRT members in the state on advocacy needs and provide the information to the affiliate leadership to use in developing the action plan. Based on a strategic plan with measurable goals, ASRT Government Relations staff can help secure resources to meet affiliates’ goals and provide assistance. Areas where we have already seen success are legislative proposal development and bill drafting, grass-roots organizing and electronic outreach and providing resources for successful R.T. in the State Capitol days.

The new Affiliate Advocacy Program will kick off on October 1 and enrollment will be limited to 10 affiliates for the initial year. If your affiliate is interested in growing its advocacy program, contact Cassie Burton in the ASRT Government Relations Department at cburton@asrt.org.

**NOMINATIONS Open**

The ASRT is accepting nominations for national officers and chapter delegates. Each year, ASRT members elect officers to serve on the ASRT Board of Directors and representatives for each chapter in the House of Delegates. The elected volunteers help the ASRT develop and implement strategic initiatives and set the direction for the radiologic science profession. The 2014 ASRT election will begin in February and will conclude in March.

Information about serving as an officer or chapter delegate is available at www.asrt.org/volunteers.

Nominations must be received by the ASRT office no later than Oct. 1, 2013.

Interested in learning more about Financial information for your affiliate?

Please join us for the upcoming affiliate leader webinar called Affiliate Finance 101. This free webinar will be held on September 26 at 2:00 pm MDT. Please plan to attend! Registration is now open.