Message From the Speaker
By Sandra Hayden, M.A., R.T.(T), speaker of the ASRT House of Delegates

How quickly time has flown! The Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting will be here in a few short months. I have worked with the ASRT staff, vice speaker and parliamentarian to continue streamlining House processes to increase transparency.

Two important ASRT committees met in January and March. The Committee on Bylaws completed its business via webinar on Jan. 30. The Commission met on March 3, and completed its outstanding work in one day. Facilitating work via webinar and teleconferences has proven to be efficient, productive and cost effective. The Committee on Bylaws has no proposed amendments to the Bylaws.

The Commission reviewed and proposed motions for the ASRT House of Delegates. The motions focus on revisions to the existing Practice Standards, the development of a new Practice Standard for Quality Management, adding three new advisory opinion statements and rescinding position statements. Feel free to dig in now! The [2012 Commission Report](#) and [Proposed revisions to the Practice Standards](#) are available on the ASRT website.

The Practice Standards Council and the Commission are continuing to strengthen the Practice Standards while reducing the number of position statements. Some of you might have questions about the differing purposes of the Practice Standards, scopes of practice, advisory opinion statements and position statements. Here are basic descriptions of each of these tools and how they are used:

- **A scope of practice** defines the procedures, actions and processes that individuals in a profession are permitted to perform. A profession’s scope of practice is limited to what the law allows for specific education, experience and demonstrated competency. A scope of practice usually is formatted as a list of tasks and it should be broad, not detailed.

- **Practice standards** are authoritative statements established by the profession for judging the quality of practice, service and education. While a minimum standard of acceptable performance is appropriate, professional practice is not the same in all states. Community custom, state statute or regulation can dictate practice parameters. Wherever there is a conflict between the standards and state or local statutes and regulations, the state or local statutes and regulations supersede.

- **Advisory opinion statements** clarify the practice standards and provide guidance for specific practice issues. They address practice-specific issues that are not included in practice standards or scopes of practice.

- **Position statements** reflect the ASRT’s beliefs or stance on an issue. They usually address nonpractice issues, but are important to an organization’s legislative body. States, institutions and legal advisors can consider position statements, but practice standards and scopes of practice carry more weight.

When practice issues are addressed in position statements, as well as in practice standards or scopes of practice, it is difficult to ensure consistency in defining practice for the profession. This creates risk. Practice-specific issues are best addressed in scopes of practice or practice standards, or by issuing an advisory opinion statement. To streamline these documents, delegates will be asked to consider rescinding position statements that are already included in practice standards or advisory opinion statements.

Our committees accomplished a lot this year, and ASRT depends on dedicated volunteers to keep the profession moving forward! From the ASRT Board of Directors and the Governance staff, thank you all for sharing your time and talents. We couldn’t have done this without you!

I’m excited about seeing all of you at the 2012 House of Delegates meeting in June.

*The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.*

— Michael Althsuler

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**Message From the Vice Speaker**

*By G. Tim Wescott, A.A.S., R.T.(R), FASRT, vice speaker of the ASRT House of Delegates*

Sandra and I have been working diligently with the ASRT Board of Directors, staff, the Practice Standards Council, Committee on Bylaws and Commission to ensure an efficient and productive House meeting. Please read all the information in this issue about the upcoming meeting.

I want to take just a minute to review the main motion process. The main motion deadline is the first business day of January every year (Jan. 3 this year). Since no main motions were received by the deadline, we have only the motions received from the Practice Standards Council. I reviewed the motions and sent them to the Commission. The speaker of the House and I had a conference call with the Commission members in January. It was the responsibility of the Commission to decide if the motions dealt with operational or professional practice issues.

The Commission determined that all of the motions were professional practice issues and would be discussed by the Commission. The Commission reviewed the motions at its meeting in Albuquerque, N.M., on March 3, and wrote a report. There are 17 motions for the House to consider and you can review these motions in the Commission Report available in Delegate Resources on the ASRT website.
The House of Delegates meeting will be challenging and thought-provoking. Delegates need to be ready to make evidence-based decisions. This is how we will continue to grow as a profession. Change is an opportunity for all of us. I am confident that the House of Delegates will rise to the challenge. Sandra and I are excited and positive about the changes that have transpired this past year. We are looking forward to working with all of you at the 2012 House of Delegates meeting in June.

Committee on Bylaws Report

In 2009, the House of Delegates approved a full revision of the Bylaws. In 2010 there was some additional “clean up.” The Committee on Bylaws is pleased to announce there are no proposed amendments to the Bylaws for the 2012 House of Delegates.

In the House of Delegates Procedure Manual, the procedures for the Committee on Bylaws have been expanded to include a review of the Bylaws on a three-year schedule, with 2010 considered year one. The next review will occur in 2013. The procedures are:

- All main motions received by the first business day of January that require a Bylaw amendment shall be sent to the chairman of the Committee on Bylaws for consideration by the 2012-2013 Committee on Bylaws.
- The Committee on Bylaws shall evaluate all other changes to the Bylaws, outside of main motions submitted by the first business day of January, on a three-year schedule.
- When pressing issues arise, the Committee on Bylaws can bring forward for consideration any Bylaw out of cycle.

The Committee on Bylaws Report is available in the Governance area of the ASRT website. If you have questions before the meeting, contact Jesse Pennington, B.A., R.T.(R)(CT), chairman of the Committee on Bylaws, or the speaker or vice speaker.

Changes to the 2012 House Procedure Manual

The speaker, vice speaker, ASRT Board and staff reviewed the House of Delegates Procedure Manual. We also posted the manual on the website and asked for feedback. Thank you for reviewing the manual and providing us with input. We received some excellent ideas and made further revisions to the manual. The manual was submitted to the full Board of Directors in February for approval. The 2012 House of Delegates Procedure Manual is available in the Delegate Reference Materials section on the ASRT website.

Some of the changes include:
- Clarified acceptable methods and requirements for delegates to secure travel arrangements to be covered by ASRT as part of delegate funding.
- Added attendance at mandatory orientations as a requirement to receive delegate funding.
- Included information about funding for mileage for delegates who choose to drive to the meeting.
- Added new information about funding for delegates of a reinstated chapter (previously inactive) and an inactive chapter.
- Added clarification about the mandatory delegate orientation.
- Updated the General Order of Business to reflect the more streamlined House of Delegates meetings.
- Added a definition of “chapters.”
- Added monitoring and participating in the ASRT Communities as part of the duties of Chapter Steering Committee chairman and members.
- Added the process an inactive chapter must follow to request reinstatement.
- Added a review cycle for changes to common language in the introductions, common scope of practice statements and general criteria in the Practice Standards.
- Deleted the Student Intern Selection Committee policies and procedures because the ASRT has merged the Student Intern program with the Student Leadership Development Program.
It’s Easy Being (Partially) Green!

We are doing our part to support conservation efforts by reducing waste during the Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting.

First of all, the Delegate Handbook is going partially green! After receiving your feedback, we decided to distribute the Delegate Handbook on site at the meeting to all delegates who indicate during online registration they want a paper copy. All delegates will receive an electronic copy on a jump drive. This means you will have a little more room in your luggage when you fly to Las Vegas. You’ll have more room on your return flight, too, because we are making the handbook smaller.

Even though you won’t have a paper copy of the handbook prior to the meeting, you’ll be able to access its contents online. As we have done for several years now, the entire Delegate Handbook will be posted in the Governance area of the ASRT website in April. It is essential that you read your handbook from cover to cover! You can print copies of the documents you want to review. If you are planning to bring a laptop computer to the House of Delegates meeting, you can download the documents, including the proposed Practice Standards, to your laptop or retrieve them from the jump drive we give you. Delegates will not have an Internet connection during the House of Delegates meeting to read the documents online.

Main motions will be in the Commission report. We also will post the Committee on Bylaws report and Commission report on the website so they are available electronically.

In addition, many reference documents are posted in the Governance area of the ASRT website. These include:

- Delegate lists.
- Position statements.
- Practice Standards Council information.

In other efforts to have a greener meeting, we will be using radiofrequency identification badges again this year, instead of paper tickets, to track attendance at all mandatory meetings.

Meeting Registration Is Now Open

Plans are in full swing for the 2012 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, June 29 through July 1 at Bally’s in Las Vegas. There is no registration fee for anyone who attends the governance meeting, whether a delegate or not. However, delegates must preregister. The meeting registration form and agenda are on the ASRT website under Events and Conferences.

Registration includes the following for all attendees:

- Welcome reception and pin exchange on Thursday, beginning at 5 p.m.
- Lunch on Friday and Saturday.
- Keynote session on Friday.
- Honors Evening event and reception on Friday evening.
- Light continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.
- Chapter meetings, Bylaws Open Forum, Commission Hearing and ASRT Update.
- ARRT report and JRCERT report. (Attendance is not mandatory for delegates.)
- Installation of officers and President’s Reception on Sunday evening.
Plan To Arrive a Day Early for Exciting CE Courses

The ASRT Educational Symposium is a new continuing education event that will take place the day before the Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting.

Delegates are encouraged to arrive a day early to learn from experts passionate about their work, and discover new methods, improved techniques and a renewed enthusiasm for work. New this year is a special track focused entirely on computed tomography. Come join us and earn up to 6 Category A credits by taking courses in:

- Computed tomography. *New!*
- Management.
- General education.
- Student education (not eligible for CE credit).

The cost for ASRT delegates to attend the Symposium is only $150, *if you register by May 25*. Onsite registration is $170. [Learn more at ASRT Educational Symposium 2012.](#)

Networking Events at the 2012 Meeting

The 2012 meeting will offer plenty of opportunities to network and socialize with old and new friends. A few of the highlights include:

- **Exhibits.** Discover innovative products and information at the ASRT Expo. Meet with exhibitors to learn what's new, and enjoy the opening reception and two lunches at the ASRT Expo. Exhibitors will be available on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.; and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Honors Evening.** Join us on Friday for the Honors Evening Event and Reception. Members will be elevated to Fellow and Life member status. Writing and advocacy awards also will be presented.
- **President’s Reception.** Bring your camera to capture the installation of ASRT officers on Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.

For complete information about these events and to view the entire meeting agenda, visit the [2012 ASRT Annual Governance Meeting](#) pages on the ASRT website.

Delegate Funding and Travel Plans

The ASRT will provide funding to every chapter and affiliate delegate and the chairmen of the Committee on Bylaws, Practice Standards Council and Commission to attend the Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, in accordance with guidelines in the House of Delegates Procedure Manual.

ASRT will pay 100 percent of active chapter and affiliate delegates’ travel and lodging costs and provide each delegate with a stipend. The stipend is based on the daily rate allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for business travel to Las Vegas. The stipend covers the costs of meals and other expenses associated with attending the three-day meeting and two travel days.

**Delegates must arrange their travel to arrive at Bally’s Las Vegas no later than 7 a.m. on Friday, June 29, and stay through the entire House of Delegates meeting on Sunday, July 1.**

Arrival by 7 a.m. on Friday will allow time to check in and pick up meeting materials. All delegates are required to check in at the credentials desk prior to the first and second business meetings of the House of Delegates. If delegates do not pick up their badge during credentials check in on Thursday, June 28, from
3 to 7 p.m., or on Friday, June 29, from 7 to 9:30 a.m., they WILL NOT receive delegate funding. Please plan your travel accordingly!

Delegates must attend the entire second business session of the House on Sunday. The House will not adjourn until all business has been completed. Delegates who plan to fly home on Sunday night understand they will not be eligible for funding if they do not attend the entire business meeting on Sunday. Changes to flight itineraries after the ticket has been purchased will be the responsibility of the delegate.

To qualify for full funding of travel, lodging and stipend, delegates must do the following:

1. Make travel reservations through ASRT’s official travel agency no later than June 7. Call Classic Travel at 800-821-4448 or 505-888-4453 , and ask for the corporate department.

2. Make lodging reservations with ASRT’s official host hotel no later than May 25. You can reserve your hotel room online during the meeting registration process or you can contact Bally’s directly at 800-358-8777 and use group code SBASR2. Please make your reservations early as ASRT will only cover lodging reservations that are made with ASRT’s official host hotel at the ASRT conference rate.

3. Attend all mandatory delegate events at the meeting. Delegates must be on time and present for all meetings and remain through the completion of all meetings to receive funding. The required mandatory events for attendance are:
   a. Delegate online orientation and webinar for all delegates who have not been seated as a delegate for five years prior to the 2012 House of Delegates.
   b. Keynote session on Friday.
   c. First business meeting of the House of Delegates.
   d. ASRT Update.
   e. Commission Hearing.
   g. Chapter meeting of the chapter you represent. Affiliate delegates may attend the chapter meeting of their choice.
   h. Second business meeting of the House of Delegates.

4. Complete the online survey and ASRT delegate report on House activities. The survey must be completed within 60 days of the conclusion of the Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting. Affiliate delegates must send a copy of the report to his or her affiliate Board of Directors. Instructions for completing and submitting the report will be provided at the first business meeting of the House of Delegates. ASRT will issue checks upon receipt of the delegate report and verification of attendance at all mandatory events. It is your responsibility to confirm the report was received by the ASRT Governance and Affiliate Relations Department.

Thinking About Running for Speaker or Vice Speaker?

Serving on the ASRT Board as speaker or vice speaker of the House of Delegates is truly a rewarding experience. However, there are a few things you should think about before making the leap, including talking to your family and employer about the commitment you could be making. Please review the qualifications, duties and nomination process in the ASRT Bylaws and ASRT House of Delegates Procedure Manual. To learn more about expectations and commitments for these very important Board positions, go to Speaker and Vice speaker Position Descriptions.

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