Message from the Speaker and Vice Speaker

By Amanda Garlock-Corbin, Speaker of the ASRT House of Delegates and
Mike Odgren, Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates

We hope you had the opportunity to enjoy National Radiologic Technology Week® and were recognized for the outstanding and valuable contributions you provide daily for patients and students.

The Radiological Society of North America annual meeting, to be held in Chicago, IL, Dec. 1-5, includes the 2013 ASRT@RSNA educational track. We hope you'll be able to participate. For four years, the ASRT@RSNA has featured a popular one-and-a-half-day program with education specifically targeted to radiologic technologists and radiation therapists. Registration includes access to a two-and-a-half-day associated sciences track and a one-day Radiologist Assistant symposium in addition to exhibits, special focus sessions, scientific posters, plenary sessions and more.

Your feedback has helped us improve House of Delegates (HOD) processes. This year's Chapter Delegate orientation webinar was a great success thanks to your participation. The Parliamentary Procedure and Practice Standards lectures will be posted online for delegates to review. The mandatory first-time delegate orientation webinar in spring 2014 will include information about Parliamentary Procedure, ASRT’s practice standards revision process and time for comments and questions.

The Delegate Handbook for the 2014 HOD delegates will be posted to the ASRT website in May. It also will be available on a jump drive or as a paper copy, which you can pick up onsite when you arrive in Orlando. However, if you want a hardcopy, you'll need to request it ahead of time. Please familiarize yourself with the Handbook to prepare for HOD and to better understand the organization you represent.
and that represents you. Keep the Handbook close by in case you need to reference it for discussion or to consult it when making your decisions. Remember: Your preparation for HOD is vitally important.

We’re working with ASRT staff to finalize the schedule for the 2014 Annual Governance and HOD Meeting, and details will be available soon. We’ll continue to look for ways to keep the HOD working smoothly and to increase communication.

The Vice Speaker and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. Wherever you plan to spend the holiday, we hope you take time to enjoy family and friends. We look forward to working with you in 2014.

### 2014 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The 2014 Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting is June 27-29, 2014, in Orlando, FL. You'll travel to the meeting on Thursday, June 26, and travel home on Monday, June 30. If you plan to attend the Educational Symposium on June 26, it will be at your own expense. Registration for the meeting opens in early February.

If you will not be seated as a delegate in the 2014 House, please contact Amanda Garlock-Corbin, Speaker of the House, agarlock-corbin@asrt.org, and Dana Aragon, Director of Governance and Affiliate Relations, daragon@asrt.org, as soon as possible.

### SPEAKER AND VICE SPEAKER ELECTION CHANGES

The 2013 House of Delegates (HOD) adopted a Bylaw change that allows for Speaker and Vice-Speaker nominations only during the first seating of the HOD scheduled for the morning of Friday, June 27, 2014. If you are interested in running for one of these ASRT Board positions, please review information about the qualifications, duties and time commitment. We’re holding a speaker/vice-speaker candidate open forum on Saturday, June 28, 2014, where all candidates can introduce themselves and their candidate position and answer questions from ASRT members. Look for more information in upcoming months in the House of Delegates Community page.
WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

The ASRT Board of Directors will be reviewing and approving the 2014 ASRT House of Delegates Procedure Manual at its February 2014 Board meeting. The Draft 2014 House Procedure Manual is on the Delegate Reference Materials page of the ASRT website. Send comments on any changes to governance @asrt.org by Friday, Jan. 2, 2014.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW AWESOME VOLUNTEERS!

ASRT is seeking volunteers for the Committee on Fellows, Committee on R.T. Advocacy – Region 7, 8 and 9; Practice Standards Council – Magnetic Resonance, Medical Dosimetry and Radiologist Assistant; and several external organization appointments. To learn more about these opportunities, go to the volunteers section of the ASRT website. All volunteers must complete the online volunteer form, and submissions must be received by Jan. 2, 2014, to be considered.

ASRT’S MOST ACTIVE CHAPTER (MAC) AWARD UPDATE!

For the second year in a row, the ASRT Chapters are competing for the MAC award, which will be presented at the 2014 House of Delegates meeting. We are officially halfway through this year’s competition, and with six more months to go, there is still plenty of time for your chapter steering committees to organize, strategize and initiate plans for increasing activity within your chapter community pages and enhancing your communication with your chapter members. And of course, you can always reach out to Becky Apodaca, ASRT Practice Standards and Chapter Manager, for tips and advice!

SUBMIT YOUR MAIN MOTIONS NOW

The deadline to submit main motions to the 2014 House of Delegates for consideration is fast approaching. Main motions are the mechanism by which business is presented to the HOD for consideration. Motions can be submitted by delegates, chapters, affiliates, the ASRT Board of Directors, the ASRT Commission and ASRT committees. To conduct HOD business as effectively and efficiently as possible, the vice speaker must receive proposed main motions no later than Jan. 2, 2014. Main motions received after this date will be handled as late motions.

The Main Motions Packet can assist you in writing and submitting main motions. It includes information from the ASRT HOD Procedure Manual, a copy of Article XI, Commission and Main Motions from the ASRT Bylaws, a flow chart that shows how to write a main motion and the interactive Motion Form.

Motions should be considered and researched carefully, as they have potential to affect not only ASRT members but the entire radiologic science profession. In proposing a motion, make sure you are prepared to explain and defend that motion because delegates will vote based on evidenced-based information. If a motion is practice related, consider asking the Practice Standards Council to review the information first.

E-mail your main motions to Mike Odgren or fax them to 505-298-5063. If you have questions or need help writing motions, contact the speaker or vice speaker.
ATTENTION AFFILIATE DELEGATES – NEVER TOO SOON TO SUBMIT AFFILIATE DELEGATE INFORMATION

Affiliates are encouraged to submit the names of their affiliate delegates and delegate forms as soon as possible, but no later than Jan. 31, 2014. We need this information to communicate registration, housing and travel notifications.

Affiliate delegates cannot be added to our official list of delegates, register as delegates, reserve hotel rooms as delegates or make airline reservations until the ASRT Governance Department has completed the credentialing process.

UPDATE ON THE PRACTICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

We want to express our sincere thanks to all members of the Practice Standards Council for their outstanding work. This busy group of volunteers stays on task for our profession. In September, the Council met at the ASRT office in Albuquerque, N.M., to revise the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy. These revisions will be presented to the 2014 House of Delegates. Here is a summary of what the Council proposed:

- Changes to the specific criteria of the magnetic resonance and radiologist assistant practice standards, as this is the rotation year to review these documents.
- New practice standards for medical dosimetry.
- Updates to the glossary and to rescind several position statements that address practice-related issues also addressed in the practice standards.

All of the proposed revisions to the Practice Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy are posted on the ASRT website for public review. Send your comments to Sylvia Willey by e-mail at askthecouncil@asrt.org, fax at 505-298-5063, or by mail at 15000 Central Ave. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123-3909. Deadline for comments is Dec. 16 at 11:59 p.m. Mountain time.

Practice Standards Council
Chairman Joseph E. Whitton, M.S., R.T.(R)(CT)(MR) – New York
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Melissa Ellis R.T.(R)(M)(CT)(BD) – Tennessee
Nora Tuggle, M.A., CAE Public Member – Arizona
EXERCISE YOUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE BY VOTING IN THE 2014 ELECTION

The ASRT annual election is your opportunity to choose the profession’s leaders. ASRT provides you with opportunities to learn more about the candidates in ASRT Scanner articles and on the website. Polls open Feb. 13, 2014, and close Mar. 13, 2014.

OPEN FORUM
Save the date! National officer candidates for the positions of president-elect, vice president and secretary-treasurer will participate in live webinars with ASRT members on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. The webinar for president-elect candidates will be from noon to 12:30 p.m. Eastern time, followed at 1 p.m. Eastern time by the half-hour webinar for vice president candidates. The webinar for secretary-treasurer candidates will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Eastern time. Members will be able to submit questions for the candidates during the webinars, which will be recorded so members can access them later online.

Watch the ASRT website and ASRT Scanner for information about registering to participate in these webinars. The website also will feature video introductions of your national officer candidates.

CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES
At the 2012 House of Delegates meetings, the delegates voted to change the position statement allowing more opportunities to campaign in this year’s election. Again this year, candidates will be able to use the ASRT Community pages to respond to member questions. The Campaign Guideline position statement limits candidate campaign activity to ASRT-published candidate profiles and the ASRT Community social networking pages. To enforce this position statement, the following procedures have been put into place:

- Candidates who engage in prohibited campaign activities will be disqualified from the election.
- Affiliate societies that engage in prohibited campaign activities will be sanctioned and will lose their access to free review of CE activities by the ASRT for one year.
- Candidates and affiliate societies will have the right to appeal the decision by requesting a conference-call hearing with the ASRT Board of Directors.

Everyone nominated for an ASRT national office or chapter delegate position is provided with a copy of the policy and procedure, which includes a definition of prohibited campaign activities. These policies and procedures are in place to ensure all candidates have fair and equal opportunity in ASRT elections.

DELEGATE ASSISTANCE NEEDED
Make plans to access the ASRT Community pages beginning in January to ask the delegate candidates questions. The candidates will be available to respond to your questions as part of campaigning. More information will be available in the coming months. Please plan to participate!
Deadline for submission is Dec. 20.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Do you know of an outstanding student who could someday be a leader of your affiliate or in the ASRT? If so, introduce them to the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program.

More than 50 students will have the opportunity to earn a trip to attend the 2014 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting in Orlando, FL, in June 2014.

In 2013, six affiliates piloted the affiliate student selection process and in 2014 half of the ASRT affiliates have requested to select their own Student Leadership Development Program participants. For the latest information regarding this opportunity, visit http://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-program.

Selected participants get:
- Airfare, housing, stipend for meals and other travel expenses.
- Access to an educational program designed just for students.
- Assignment of a professional mentor during the meeting.
- An insider's look at the annual meeting.
- Access to other unique activities just for students.

Essay competition details:
- Submit an essay (online as part of the application) addressing the following question: How will you grow professionally from your participation in the Student Leadership Development Program?
- Essay should be 500-700 words.
- The deadline for submission is Dec. 20, 2013. Winners will be notified in February 2014.

Eligibility:
- Must be an ASRT student member.
- Must be a member of an ASRT affiliate at the time of submission and participation.
- Must be a student enrolled in an accredited medical imaging or radiation therapy program.
- Must be 18 years or age or older at the time of entry.
- Contest is open only to legal U.S. residents.
- Students who previously have been chosen to participate in either the Student Initiative Essay Contest or as an ASRT student intern are not eligible to participate.

How to apply for Student Leadership Development Program:
- Apply online.
- Must use this application regardless of whether you go through the affiliate or ASRT selection process.
REPRESENTING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST

As a delegate, you know what an honor it is to be chosen to represent your field. ASRT Foundation scholarship recipients feel the same way. They represent the best and brightest R.T.s of today and tomorrow.

Recipients are selected based on a combination of leadership, commitment, achievement and financial need. A panel of ASRT members specially trained to evaluate scholarship applications reviews all submissions according to objective criteria.

Scholarships are available for professionals earning their first college degree, for educators and professionals pursuing additional degrees or certifications, and for entry-level students.


NOMINATE AN ASRT MEMBER FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life members are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the profession and to ASRT. In particular, this honorary category recognizes members who are involved in a wide range of activities, not just their longevity in ASRT. These members have sustained superior performance in support of ASRT and the radiologic science profession.

Visit the ASRT website for information about eligibility for life membership and to nominate someone. Deadline for submission of nominations for ASRT Life Member is Jan. 2, 2014.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The House of Delegates and ASRT governance work could not be completed without the help of volunteers. The speaker and vice speaker extend their thanks to the individuals who volunteered to serve. We appointed the following individuals:

Committee on Bylaws
Matthew Brown, student member – New Mexico
Donna Crum, M.S., R.T.(R)(CT) – Connecticut
Catherine Kukec, B.M.E., R.T.(R)(QM) – Illinois
Jeffrey F. Vaughn, M.S., R.T.(R) – Kansas

Commission
Michelle Hutchings-Medina, MA, R.T.(T) – Missouri
Jennett Ingrassia, M.S.R.S., R.T.(R) – New Jersey
John Melvin, M.S., R.T.(R) – Mississippi
Carmen Saunders, M.B.A., M.A., R.T.(R)(M) – California
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Joy Menser, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(T) – Kentucky

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