



The Imagist

President's Message

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NYSSRS President

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As I complete my second (and last) term as president with mixed feelings. When I offered to run for a second term I had high hopes for increasing association funds through increased membership and fundraising activities. For a variety of reasons neither was accomplished. I will discuss some of the reasons in no particular order.

The first of course is time. To perform recruitment activities of any type is time consuming. Whether it is traveling out to events around the state or sending a mailing there is large time commitment. Each board and committee member works full time, have families and are involved in other community activities both in and out of the radiologic sciences.

The second reason is money and it is closely tied to the first. The annual report shows the expenditures of the association. There is little coverage to spend on recruitment activities, this results in fewer opportunities to gain new members so there is no increase in the treasury, and so it goes.

We attempted to raise money by placing a store on our website. To date very few people have made purchases through it. We also attempted a career center through a company called Affiniscape. To date no jobs have been posted to our site.

Another reason is the amount of time that had to be spent on meeting ASRT compliance requirements. When I assumed office the standard affiliate agreement with the ASRT had a list of requirements that had to be met. Last year the IRS changed some of its rules for not-for-profit 501 (c) (6) organizations. Since we are under the blanket of the ASRT the NYSSRS, Inc. was required to meet those requirements. This was extensive and time consuming but we are efficiently run and had no trouble coming into compliance.

Soon after we submitted our compliance documents the ASRT began to contact our districts and chapters informing them that they had to meet the same requirements as the NYSSRS. I tried to help them as much as I could. Later in this newsletter you will find an article that explains the outcomes of the new requirements.

In June President – Elect Ken Martinucci and I served as delegates to the ASRT House of Delegates in Albuquerque, NM. We had submitted two controversial resolutions for debate. One dealt with educational requirements for educators in the radiologic sciences and the other dealt with the makeup of the board of the ASRT. Both were ruled out of order by the ASRT Parliamentarian prior to the seating of the house and there-

fore could not be debated. In response I submitted two late resolutions regarding the same topics. A two-thirds vote is required to hear late resolutions and neither one passed. As a result these two important issues were not debated. I hope that future NYSSRS boards would follow up on the concepts contained in these resolutions. I would also like to encourage members to contact the ASRT and ARRT when they are concerned about the direction of our field.

I would like to thank those who have supported me during my term. Especially Eileen Doyle who has always understood what my desires are for this organization. I would also like to thank Bill Brennan who has taken on many tasks on his own volition to try to improve our website. Bill set up the NYSSRS store and worked to get the career center on the website. He is working on revamping the website to make it easier to update in a timely manner.

I am confident the new board of directors will continue to attempt to grow this association. I will be available to help until such time that other opportunities present themselves. ♣

Sincerely,
Paulette Peterson, President,
NYSSRS

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“The new ASRT mandates have had grave impact on a few of our district and chapter societies. One has dissociated, another has disbanded, and a third has adopted inactive status. The futures of others have not been identified yet.” says President Paulette Peterson.

ASRT Implements New Affiliate Requirements

In response to IRS rules changes regarding not-for-profit corporations the NYSSRS, Inc. and its “subordinate” organizations (districts and chapters) have been mandated to comply with newly mandated requirements. Each organization had to become incorporated, obtain an employee identification number (EIN) and report on financial conditions. That is not

new at the affiliate level states Paulette Peterson, President of the NYSSRS. It is a new requirement for districts and chapters. Some were already incorporated with EIN’s and some were not. “Subordinate organizations” is the term used by the IRS. Affiliates wishing to be recognized by the ASRT had to comply with the new rules by June 30, 2010.

The result? The Niagara Frontier Society of Radiologic Technologists decided to become a stand alone society. Central New York Society of Radiologic Technologists decided to become inactive, Rochester Mammography Society has disbanded and the others appear to be either undecided or in some state of the process. ♣

Annual Conference Will Offer Thirteen Continuing Education Credits

The annual conference of the NYSSRS will be October 21-23 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains, NY. Conference chair and President Paulette Peterson stated that “thirteen continuing education credits may be obtained”. David Finaldi, eve-

ning supervisor at Rochester General Hospital, and Education and Scholarship Committee co-chair will deliver the President’s lecture. Brochures have been mailed. Non-ARRT registered technologists were sent post cards about the conference. About three thousand

postcards were sent to technologists who are licensed through New York State. Effective January 2010 these technologists are now required to obtain continuing education credits to maintain their New York State license.

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New Officers to be Elected in October

This October marks an election year for the NYSSRS. Offices include President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

A Nominating committee will also be elected. Qualifications to run for office can be found in the NYSSRS bylaws which are on the website at

www.nyssrs.org or contact any officer. Contact information can be found on the website. ♣



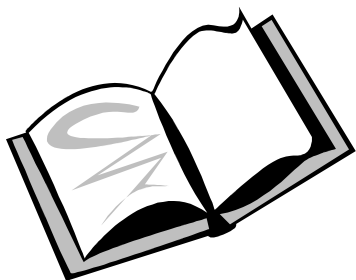
Robert Rivera honored NYSSRS Life Membership

Robert Rivera Recognized as Life Member

Robert Rivera, long time member of the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Environmental Radiation member recently retired from his position. Spring 2009 the board of the NYSSRS

voted unanimously to recognize Bob as a life member in recognition of his diligence and service to the profession. The presentation of life membership was made at the 2009 Annual conference this past October.

Attending the recognition were Bob’s wife and daughter. A commemorative plaque was presented while Bob received a standing ovation from the crowd of well-wishers. ♣



New Continuing Education Requirements Important Information for all Technologists

By Paulette Peterson., R.T.(R)(M)(QM)

If you have to renew your state license in 2010 be prepared to submit evidence of twelve continuing education credits. This comes from the recently revised New York State Public Health Law Article 35 which sets the rules for radiologic technologists. The New York State Department of health Bureau of Environmental Radiation has sent notices to all registrants due this

year to allow them time to collect their credits for renewal of their state license. Alex Damiani, the recently appointed Principle Associate Radiological Health Specialist said that “we will accept a copy of the card issued to technologists by the ARRT. Those technologists not registered with the ARRT will be required to produce documentation of 12 credits for renewal”. All technolo-

gists will be required to accrue credits at the same rate as those for the ARRT. For example, by 2014 all technologists renewal will have to document 48 credits. In a related development the ARRT has limited the number of credits a technologist can receive for applications training to a total of 6 for their biennium effective immediately. ♣

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Winthrop University Hospital First in 2009

The NYSSRS Scholarship and Education Committee congratulates the student team from Winthrop University Hospital for taking first place in the 2009 Student Quiz Bowl competition. Second place was awarded to the team from

Broome Community College. Monroe Community College walked away with the third place trophy. Ten teams competed from across New York state including

who competed and many thanks to moderator David Finaldi, judges , Steve Herrmann, and Eileen Doyle; score keepers Barbara Neumann and Anita Tsang. ♣

Congratulations to all

DeMichele Delivered 2009 President’s Lecture

Dominick DeMichele, a Past President of the NYSSRS and professor of Radiologic Technology at Broome Community College delivered the President’s lecture at the annual conference in White Plains this past October.

DeMichele served as President from 1998-2000. During his tenure the NYSSRS celebrated fifty years of service to the profession by honoring all past presidents. It was at that conference that Melvin Thornhill, Past President, along with several other past presidents approached DeMichele

about renewing the lecture that had been an annual event back in the earlier days of the association.

The speaker is selected by the President, not necessarily on an annual basis. No formal criteria are established for the selection process although service to the association is a major consideration. Others selected since the lecture was re-introduced include Bob Geiser, Marianne Short, Barbara Chakmakjian, and Melvin Thornhill.

In addition to serving

in his role as President, Professor DeMichele has held other board positions and committee chairmanships. Currently he is serving as a Legislative Committee Chair.

In his presentation entitled “Aspects of Diversity in Radiologic Technology” highlighted the differences in personnel and the challenges they present in modern day imaging departments. DeMichele was presented with a plaque commemorating his recognition as the 2009 President’s Lecturer. ♣



NYSSR2009 President’s Lecture Dominick



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NYSSRS Opposes Elimination of Advisory Committees

“The Budget Act of 2010 in New York State contains wording that would effectively eliminate advisory committees”. So says Alex Damiani, Chief of Environmental Radiation for the New York State Department of Health. In response to this potential change President Paulette Peterson sent letters opposing such a

move to then Senate Majority leader Malcolm Smith and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. “They responded to having received our comments but offered no insight as to whether the budget bill would be amended. “The Radiologic Technology advisory committee is included in Article 35 (the law that governs radiologic technology). The

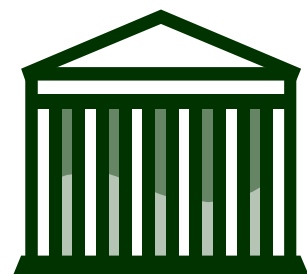
wording in this bill eliminates all advisory committees, including the “**Mammography Task Force**” Our advisory committee often deals with ethical issues but also offers important insights into the performance of radiographic studies. This would be a dangerous loss for radiographers physicians and most importantly patients” stated Peterson.



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