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A Message From Your ISSRT Chairman of the Board-Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR)

by Julie Ostrowski, RT(R)(CT)

The CQR has begun, log on to your ARRT account at ARRT.org to find when you are coming due. Start early you only have a short window to meet the requirements.

All R.R.A.s, and R.T.s who've earned their credentials on or after **Jan.1, 2011**, must complete ARRT's **Continuing Qualifications Requirements (CQR)** every 10 years. CQR helps identify gaps in knowledge and skills that might cause you to fall behind today's entry-level qualifications. It then develops a plan for refreshing your understanding and abilities. If you'd like to learn more, visit our video library to watch our CQR video. Upon becoming an R.T., you'll have access to detailed information about the CQR process when you log in to your online account.

Visit ARRT [here](#) for further info.

Northwestern Memorial Hospital First in Illinois to Offer Combined MR-PET Scanner

CHICAGO, IL – [Northwestern Memorial Hospital](#) is now home to the Chicago area's first combined magnetic resonance (MRI) and positron emission tomography (PET) scanner, a machine that shortens the total time a patient spends in imaging tests while providing exceptional image quality at lower doses of radiation.

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A Message From Your ISSRT Junior Delegate-ASRT House of Governance Meeting

by Mary Hood, M.S.RT(R)(CT)

I went to the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting for the first time last month. I also had the opportunity to spend time as a mentor with not one, but two recent graduates of two different radiography programs, who are participating in the Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP). I would like to briefly discuss my experience, and then encourage any current student to become more involved in their profession by applying for the SLDP, or any technologist (but especially the recent graduates) to become more involved by volunteering in some capacity with either the ISSRT or the ASRT.



First of all, I just want to say that everyone was super nice. I met a lot of people whose names I had heretofore only seen in print on websites or as authors of articles, so I was a little intimidated, but everyone was gracious and encouraging. I met a fellow professor and CT technologist face to face who was so wonderful to me last year, when she freely shared with me some CT image review resources she had created, and it was so heartwarming to know that people out there can be so willing to share their hard work with others just to support the profession. (Photo Above: from left to right Mary Massengil ISSRT Treasurer, Cathie Kukec ISSRT Senior Delegate, Madolyn Wenn student at Malcolm X College, Tracie Joyce student at College of DuPage and Mary Hood ISSRT Junior Delegate)

We did business most of the day, but we had fun too. There was the pin exchange and vendor expo. The vendors had lots of fun swag and there were some really nice door prizes. There were organized events such as bowling, and lots of, "want to meet for dinner?", or "drinks later?" types of invitations. No one, I hope, felt excluded.

I learned much about the running of the organization, but I have so much more to learn. I feel like you would have to do it for several years to get a really good feel for it, so I hope that perhaps I can have that opportunity. If not, I will find another way to stay involved.

Now for the pep talk. To those students out there...consider applying for the SDLP. I imagine it is one of those experiences that will give you experiences that will be priceless, and likely lifelong memories, friends and networking connections that help you further your career. <https://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-program> Here is the link. I am not sure when the application for next year's class will be available but think hard about applying. If you have questions about the process or the program, I am sure that either of the students from the past two years would be happy to talk to you about it. Let me know and I can get you the contact information.



For those of you who are past the "student" point, there are many volunteer opportunities with the ISSRT and ASRT, all of which are rewarding, educational, and look good on a resume. You can wait until someone literally corners you and asks (that's what happened to me, ask Mimi Polcynski) or you can contact someone and volunteer yourself. For ISSRT opportunities, contact any board member. For the ASRT, follow this link... <https://www.asrt.org/volunteers> If you want to talk to me about my volunteer experience directly...email me at mhood@harpercollege.edu. I'd be happy to talk to you.

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