

NSRT News

NSRT Launches a Job Opportunity Section on Web Site

Does your facility have an opening for a Radiologic Technologist or Limited Radiographer or simply need fill-in help? Here is your chance to **advertise at low cost** to your facility. The Nebraska Society of Radiologic Technologists (NSRT) is launching a new benefit for our members. The NSRT will begin offering a Job Opportunity section on its website (www.nsrtnet.net).

As the recognized professional organization for the state of Nebraska, the NSRT is often contacted by new arrivals in the state, new graduates or technologists looking for a new or different job. The NSRT recently polled a group of students. The response was positive. They would definitely utilize such a service, if it were available.

Start advertising for those job openings today. Call or e-mail Peggy Young at the NSRT Executive Office today! (308-382-3381 / nsrtoffice@nsrtnet.net)

Education Saturday Encounters Technical Problems

The February 17, 2007 Education Saturday was plagued with a multitude of technical difficulties. On several occasions throughout the day, video transmission was lost to the receiving sites. Problems were a result of satellite interruptions. Remote sites were still receiving audio; however, the video portion of the feed was absent. Fortunately, several of the speaker had provided detailed handouts, which enable the remote site viewers the ability to follow along until the video feed was restored.

Connie Lyon, Education Saturday Coordinator, is investigating the problem and will discuss possible solutions or changes for future broadcasts with the Board of Directors.

NSRT Nominations Still Open

The NSRT is still seeking individuals interested in holding a position on the Board of Directors. These positions will be selected by a vote of the membership at the Annual Conference Final Business Session on 4/27/2007.

Anyone interested in running for an NSRT Board of Director position should contact Rob Hughes, Nominations Chairman for details. (nominations@nsrtnet.net)

Nebraska Technologist to be Installed as ASRT President

Connie Mitchell, Radiology Program Director at University of Nebraska Medical Center, will be installed as the 2007-2008 ASRT President at the ASRT Annual Conference in Albuquerque, NM on June 4, 2007. Connie has been a active part of the Nebraska Society of Radiologic Technologists and the ASRT for many years. Congratulations Connie!

CARE Bill Introduced in the House of Representatives (Bill undergoes name change)

The Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill (CARE bill) was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives on Friday, Jan. 19. 2007. This bill, H.R. 583, introduced by Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa., was previously known as the Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence bill. The lead Republican cosponsor on the bill is Rep. Chip Pickering, from Mississippi, who has been a long time supporter of the legislation and helped advance the bill in the 109th Congress to its furthest point to date. Other cosponsors of the bill are Reps. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn.; Lois Capps, D-Calif.; John J. Duncan, Jr., R-Tenn.; Mike Rogers, R-Mich.; and Heather Wilson, R-N.M.

"We're very pleased that the bill was introduced so early in the session," said Christine Lung, ASRT's director of government relations. "The CARE bill came very close to passing last year, and this is the earliest it has ever been introduced into a session. We want to keep the momentum going. This is the fifth time the bill has been introduced into Congress and each time, we get closer." The RadCARE bill was unanimously passed by the Senate in December 2006. Last-minute efforts to get the bill through Congress, however, were not successful. "It was all about time. We simply ran out of it," said Ms. Lung.

Your help as technologists in the State of Nebraska is now vitally important. Now that the CARE bill has been introduced the NSRT would like you to contact your Representative and Senators in support of this important legislation. The loudest voice that the legislators hear is that from technologists like yourselves that have helped them be elected to office. They value the input from their constituents.

Karen Prouty, Connie Mitchell and Randy Prouty will be attending the RT in DC event on March 19-20. These three along with fellow technologists from across the U.S. will be spending those two days lobbying our Congressmen and women in support of the CARE bill. It would be wonderful if by that time our Nebraska Representatives and Senators had heard from many of you from across the State. If you haven't had an opportunity to contact your Representatives and Senators before that March date please take time to do it. Your input at any time will be of value.

For more information on this important initiative go to the ASRT website (www.asrt.org) and check it out for yourself. The ASRT website gives you contact information for all of our elected officials in Nebraska and also sample letters and ideas for contacting them. Nebraska is fortunate to have licensure but many states do not have adequate legislation in place. The CARE bill would help the rest of the U.S. rise up to Nebraska's standards.

Moving?

Be sure the keep your address up-to-date. Just click on the "Change of Address" box located on the home page of the NSRT Web Site. (www.nsrt.net)

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