



# AKSRT E-newsletter

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## Welcome to the AKSRT e-mail newsletter

This 1<sup>st</sup> on-line publication of the AKSRT newsletter is an attempt to provide a source of communication for our society. With the Internet, hopefully our members will look upon this as their opportunity to share what's going on in their part of our state-from job opportunities to health related issues or anything that may be of interest for our members and students. Whether a technologist, student or educator, please send us your thoughts! Think of this as the place to share your questions and concerns as well as good news with your state society. This newsletter could become a means to keep in touch with our profession in Alaska.

If you know of someone who would like to join the E-newsletter forward this email to them. They may subscribe by clicking on [Subscribe to e-Newsletter](#). If you wish to have your name removed from our group, click on [Unsubscribe](#), or send an email to the [Editor](#).

[Claudia Tessier](#)

## Students Corner



### Radiologic Technologists Graduates

This year was significant because of the number of students graduating. Congratulations to the Class of 2007!

**ANCHORAGE:** Alana Anderson, Justin Carr, Daniel Dean, Kendra Dodson, Jennifer Dooros, Enrico Faraci, Amanda Loy, Ernest Brian Moran, James Munn, Kimberly Novosel, Maggilyn Stadman, Robin Tyson, Felix Ulofoshio, Daniel Watkins.

**FAIRBANKS:** Kate Armstrong, Sara Cook, Jackie Duran, Uriah LeClerc, Karrina Wooderson.

**KETCHIKAN:** Patricia Hiatt

### *LINK Resources for Students*

Looking for radiology schools or maybe you are technologists looking to expand your education? This and more at [RTstudents.com](#).



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Radiology Resources

## Letter from AKSRT President Dale Collins

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2007

Greetings fellow technologists,

I would like to thank each of you for your support of the state society. The past few years have been very busy for the legislative committee in their efforts to educate the public and lawmakers about licensing of Radiologic Technologists. Donna Rufsholm has been a true champion of this effort and continues to support, promote, educate, and testify about the merits of professional licensure in the state of Alaska.



A special thank you to Blynn Dahlhamer for her many years of service to the AKSRT. Most recently she has served as society treasurer. Her willingness to serve and support for the organization has been invaluable.

The meeting in Juneau this year was excellent. Rod Eriksen and his support staff did an outstanding job in coordinating speakers and events for all in attendance. Stewart Bushong was present and provided his usual entertaining and educational presentations. The food and entertainment was also first rate.

The society has placed officers in its four primary service positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. I have been asked to remain in the position of President for another two years and Scott Smith has accepted the VP position for a similar time period. Our new secretary is Cecilia Del Rio from Fairbanks and our new treasurer is Rhonda Merrihew of Anchorage.

If you are interested in serving as an officer, positions will be available in two years as our bylaws seat officers for 2-year terms. However, if you have served as an officer or on a committee in the past for the AKSRT and would like to represent the state as an ASRT delegate or alternate delegate please contact me. I would like to encourage those who have not had an opportunity to serve on a committee to volunteer. We have legislative, membership, bylaws, and ad hoc committees as needed. Please contact me at: [DaleCollins@aol.com](mailto:DaleCollins@aol.com) for more information.

The business meeting at the annual conference proposed changes to the bylaws. These changes were in the form of a resolution which must be open to the membership for comment at least thirty days prior to formal changes. Since the change is minor and will not impact operations an official change of bylaws vote on this resolution will take place at next years meeting in Anchorage.

The resolution states: Motion made to remove term limits for ASRT delegates which now is 2 years or 2 terms which states: "A Society delegate may serve for a term of two years; and may not serve more than two consecutive terms."

Furthermore, alter Item 4 section 1, article B by removing the last sentence stating: "The length of a term is for two years with the following year as a one year Alternate Delegate." This is to be consistent with the ASRT bylaws where no term limits are stipulated. Alternate delegates will serve one year terms. If you have questions regarding this I would be happy to answer them.

Next years meeting will be held in Anchorage. Robert McClung has graciously volunteered to chair the conference committee. He is a professor at UAA and the staff there will also be participating in conference organization. On behalf of the society I would like to thank this group for being willing to do this.

I will be headed to Albuquerque at the end of May for the ASRT meeting. As a delegate for the state both Scott Smith and I will be happy to express your concerns regarding proposed national resolutions found at [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org). If you get this information after the June 3-4 dates then you may read a report of our efforts on the AKSRT Website.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve the society. I look forward to producing an overview of this years' ASRT meeting results in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

[Dale E. Collins](#)

President, AKSRT



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### ASRT

*American Society of Radiologic Technologists*

### UAA

*University of Alaska Anchorage*

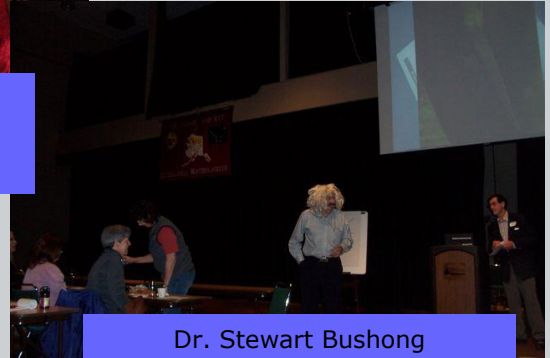
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## AKSRT Conference Juneau 2007

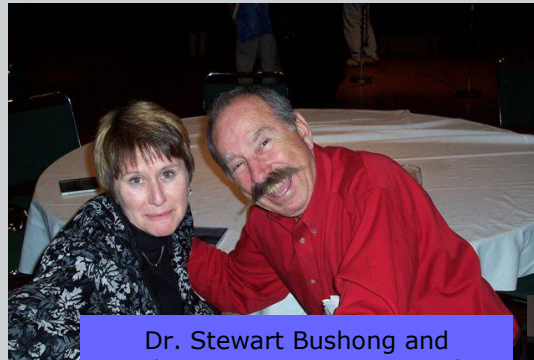
Snapshots from the AKSRT Conference Juneau 2007.



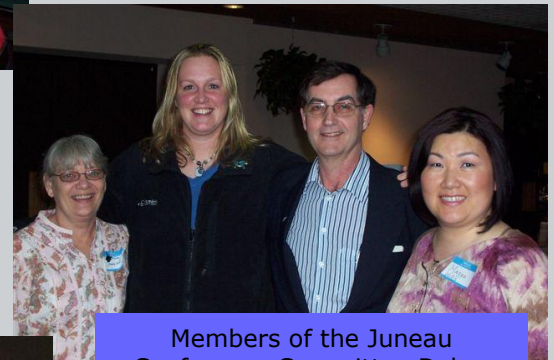
Cynthia Daniels, President of ASRT and Dave Collins President of AKSRT.



Dr. Stewart Bushong demonstrating his always present sense of humor.



Dr. Stewart Bushong and Paulette Compton enjoying the last night of the Conference.



Members of the Juneau Conference Committee Debra Ruhnke, Brooke Gunstrom, Rod Eriksen and Maggie Willis. Not pictured Sabrina Bullard.



Jenny Patch of Fairbanks was the last speaker of the Juneau Conference. They saved the best for last!

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## CARE BILL Needs Alaskan's.



*Senator*

[Lisa Murkowski](#)

*Click on the  
Senator's name to  
send an email.*

Your senator in Congress, Senator for Alaska, Lisa Murkowski, has not yet signed on to cosponsors the [CARE BILL](#) in the 110th Congress (S. 1042). To move this bill ahead in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee we need your senator who is a member of this committee to sign on as a cosponsor to S. 1042. Please call her office at (202) 224-6665 or fax a note at (202) 224-5301 asking that she co-sponsor the [CARE bill](#) (S.1042) and how important it is for America's patients to receive medical imaging and radiation therapy from educated and credentialed personnel. Information about the CARE bill is available in the "government relations" section of ASRT's website [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org), along with talking points and [sample letters](#). In advance, thank you for supporting quality medical imaging and radiation therapy and for CAREing for America's patients.

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## State Licensure Update

TECHNOLOGISTS - YOUR EXPERTISE ON LICENSURE IS NEEDED NOW!

*(House Bill 71 is identical with and replaces last years HB150.)*

It is currently stuck in the Alaska House LABOR & COMMERCE Committee until 2008.

The public does not know how important this Bill is to protect them from excessive radiation exposures.

Each technologist must promote ongoing discussion of this important topic so that Alaskans have full facts and support safety. HB 71 is sponsored by Scott Kawasaki (D), from District 9 in Fairbanks.

[Rep. Kawasaki](#)

The Bill itself and its current status may be viewed at HB 71.

**Note from Newsletter Editor & Coordinator:** It is important that we as professionals talk about this with friends, relatives, as well as our patients when appropriate in order that the public better understand the concerns and support it for their own safety. After many years our legislators still either don't understand or don't care about radiation safety issues.



[Rep. Scott Kawasaki](#)

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## New AKSRT Officers

### **SOCIETY OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT: Dale Collins  
VICE-PRESIDENT: Scott Smith  
SECRETARY: Cecilia Del Rio  
TREASURER: Rhonda Merrihew

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE 2008**

Chair Person: Robert McClung, Kathryn Slagle, Erica Wight, University of Alaska Anchorage

#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Person: Donna Rufsholm, Co-Chair: Rhonda Merrihew, Blynn Dahlhamer, Sheila Fernandez, Claudia Tessier

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Rhonda Merihew, Brandi Schuerman

#### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Peggy Garey, Kim Treadwell

#### **INCORPORATION**

Dale Collins

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Editor: Claudia Tessier, Coordinator: Cecilia Del Rio

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## New Website

Clyde Pearce is currently training Dale Collins in the maintenance of the AKSRT Website. Please be tolerant while the changes take effect. Some links as well as email addresses are not current. Feel free to contact us through this newsletter contact list with any concerns or suggestions. Help us make our website a better online source of information. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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