



# AKSRT E-newsletter

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## Welcome to the AKSRT e-mail newsletter

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> publication of the AKSRT E-Newsletter for 2007. We discovered that only about two thirds of our intended recipients actually received the 1<sup>st</sup> publication in June. Cecilia has finally been successful in her attempt to obtain a list from her internet provider of those addresses that did not actually receive the E-Newsletter as intended. She will e-mail those individuals both publications at this time.

We welcome suggestions or items to add to the newsletter. It would be great to hear from our members and make this source of communication and news from all modalities of Radiology Imaging professionals in Alaska.

If you know of someone who would like to join the E-Newsletter forward this email and they can 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](#)

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## Letter from the President Dale Collins



Greetings all,

I would like to thank the Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists for the support provided in allowing me to represent the state at the national conference this past June.

The meeting was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as it will be for the next 5 years. Furthermore, this was the last meeting, at this time, that involved an educational component prior to or during activities of the House of Delegates. Subsequent House of Delegate (HOD) meetings will be held over a 3-4 day period in early June each year. Dates may change due to ASRT requirements.

Scott Smith and I attended on your behalf. Our collective activities included attendance at the ASRT Update, First HOD meeting, Commission hearing, Committee on Bylaws open forum, Commission meeting, Sonography chapter meeting, Management Chapter meeting, and second seating of the HOD. What follows is a summary of activities at the annual meeting.

### ASRT Update:

The Alaska affiliate will maintain its support of the ASRT in all activities. The new format of this meeting will provide opportunities for adjustment over the next five years. As a delegate and affiliate society officer, I support this change and encourage suggestions for future meetings.



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### Commission Hearing:

As a member of the Commission, I was required to attend these sessions. The role of the commission is to evaluate the integrity of current position statements, consider proposed resolutions, and provide suggestions for review by the bylaws committee. Over 40 resolutions and position statements were reviewed by the commission prior to the annual meeting with recommendations to be considered by the HOD. A much more detailed article on the resolutions that were approved is available at [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org).

### Open Forum on Bylaws:

Aligning the affiliate bylaws with that of the ASRT is an ongoing process. The bylaws committee conducts review of the bylaws annually with major changes addressed at the annual meeting.

### Chapter Meeting:

I attended the sonography chapter meeting, which provided some insight regarding future standardized curriculum for sonography education. Unfortunately, no one in attendance had a copy of the proposed curriculum.

### House of Delegates Meetings:

Both HOD meetings went well. What initially appeared to be a rather efficient meeting in addressing the resolutions turned rather lengthy. However, all charges assigned to the HOD were addressed and as mentioned above you should visit the ASRT web site for specific details on the proposed resolutions.

Resolutions proposed for HOD consideration may eventually become position statements of the ASRT. This year resolutions regarding minimum education levels for career entry technologists were addressed. In addition, clarification of radiation therapist's entry-level education was accomplished.

The Elections of House Speaker and Vice Speaker Cathy Kukec, House Vice Speaker for 2006-07, was unopposed nominee for House Speaker. Donna Thaler Long was elected Vice Speaker for the 2007-08 HOD year.

### *In summary,*

The ASRT has taken on some difficult professional preparation issues and has begun to provide direction for establishing minimum education requirements for entry-level technologists.

As for what is going on in our state. The Legislative committee is working with state officials in moving a new licensure bill through the House of Representatives and State Senate. Furthermore, the newly renamed C.A.R.E. bill is making progress at the national level. I would encourage you to take a moment and visit the ASRT site and follow the progress of the national bill at there governance site.

If you have any questions regarding the society, please feel free to contact me at [DaleCollins@aol.com](mailto:DaleCollins@aol.com)

[Dale E. Collins](#)

President, AKSRT

## Students Corner

Students Pictures of some of our future graduating classes.

### ANCHORAGE



### Useful Links

#### AKSRT

*Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists*

#### ARRT

*American Registry of Radiologic Technologists*

#### ASRT

*American Society of Radiologic Technologists*

#### UAA

*University of Alaska Anchorage*



#### **UAA Anchorage 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students.**

##### **In alphabetical order 1<sup>st</sup> year students**

Carly Barron, Diana Cowen, Lorena Delreal, Cindy Flores, Dana Giglio, Erica Jenkins, Emily Kocinski, Karl Krenz, Kevin Kuhn, Kim Parks, Pamela Saculles, Marissa Senn, Bob Sherman, Terry Shroyer, Shamika Thomas and Phil Wright

**Missing pictures are Kathy Dawson (2<sup>nd</sup> year student) and Marissa Senn (1<sup>st</sup> year.)**



#### **UAA Anchorage 2<sup>nd</sup> year students in alphabetical order**

Ahrens Paula, Bennett Riley, Callister Yolanda, Dawson Katherine, Hurst Bobbi, Izykowski Jodi, Kelley Jonathan, Martel Bernadette, Priest Cory, Reilly Rainy, Smith Catherine, Snowball Bobbyjo, Tharp-Winter Valerie, Wallis Suki and Wiseman Jeremy

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## FAIRBANKS



***UAA Fairbanks 2<sup>nd</sup> year students,  
back row left to right: Marc Orth, Kaela Hahn, Ethan Nelson  
front row Nikki Gustafson, Nicole Ring, Erica Starr.***



***1<sup>st</sup> year students.  
Back row left to right: Jim Bar, Leslie Kitchin, Casey Corbin,  
front row Kelsey McCormick, Cristal Webb and Lisa Spellman-Koshinsky***

## TRIVIA

The occupational classification that the [U.S. Department of Labor](#) system manual have for our profession is under the

*MOG A--Technical Occupations Health Technologists And Technicians*

And is defined as:

### **A206 RADIOLOGIC TECHNICIANS**

Operate radiological equipment to produce radiographs (X-rays) of body for diagnostic purposes as directed by radiologist. Also provide radiological therapy and prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals in diagnostic and therapeutic studies. Include CAT scanner operator, ultrasound technologist, isotope technician, radiation therapy technician, etc.

**Last modified:** October 16, 2001

If you would like to learn more click on the following link

[U.S. Department of Labor](#)

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## KETCHIKAN



**2nd year students. From left to right Amanda Grosdidier and Anna Olstad. We are missing a picture of Alicia Laflan who is a first year student in the Ketchikan class.**

## JUNEAU



**Chelsea and Amanda both 2<sup>nd</sup> year students.**

## BETHEL

**We are missing pictures of Nina Menegak and Susie Miller, both 1<sup>st</sup> year students.**

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## AKSRT Conference Anchorage 2008



April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Alaska Society of Radiological Technologists  
2008 Annual Meeting

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Anchorage, Alaska  
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Over 12 CEU's in Two Days - including Mammography!!!

### Scheduled to Appear

Dr. Stewart C. Bushong

Kathy McQuillen Martensen, MA, RT(R)

Dr. Yuri Parisky

Clyde Pearce, RT (R, M), CNMT

Sue Ovel, RDMS, RVT

More Speakers Confirming Weekly!!

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## AKSRT Website

Clyde is training new webmasters for the AKSRT Website. President Dale Collins will be assisting in the maintenance of our web site. 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 to help us make our website a better online source of information. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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## State Licensure Update

Legislation Update - [HB 71](#)  
Submitted by Donna Rufsholm  
October 23, 2007



At the end of the 2007 Legislative session, HB 71 was held in the Labor and Commerce Committee by Committee Chair, Representative Kurt Olsen (Kenai) and will be voted on by the committee at the start of the 2008 Legislative Session. It is expected that the bill will move out of Committee and will be scheduled to be heard in the House Finance Committee.

In preparation for the beginning of the legislative session, the Legislative Affairs Committee has been seeking a Senate sponsor for the bill. The objective is to get the bill introduced in the Senate early in the session so that the bill can move through the Senate at the same time that it is moving through the House. This action could significantly increase the likelihood of it being passed during the 2008 Legislative session. [HB 71](#) is a controversial piece of legislation and the reduction of session days from 120 to 90 days severely impact the ability to move controversial legislation through the legislative process.

As members of the Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists and members of the radiology profession, we need to take charge of our profession by becoming involved. Do not allow other organizations to make decisions that will affect our profession just because of lack of interest.

The patients need your help. They need you to be an advocate for them. Alaskans are put at risk when the operators of x-ray equipment do not know how to properly perform an x-ray procedure. They need you to be an advocate for them. You are a professional who knows the health risks associated with the misuse of radiation and you are the best person to talk to your representatives and ask them to support HB71. Take ten minutes to make a few phone calls or send a couple of emails - it could make a difference. If you have questions regarding HB71 please call [Donna Rufsholm](#) at 235-1565.

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### 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.

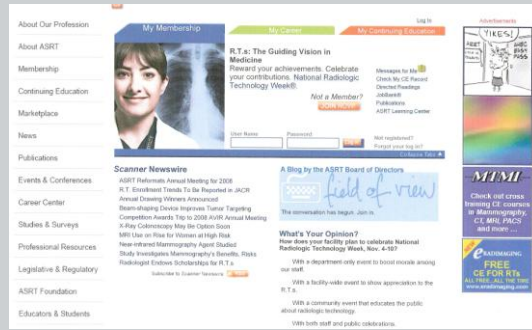
[Rep. Kawasaki](#)



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**Note from the Editors:** The [HB 71](#) Labor and Commerce Committee minutes from April 27th 2007 can be seen by clicking on the following link. [Minutes](#) The HB 71 - LICENSING RADIOLOGIC TECHNICIANS presentation started at 5:19:25 PM and is the last one of the four bills that were discussed that day. When the page link opens, just scrawl down about ¾ of the page and you will see it. We apologize because we couldn't make a direct link to the specific point of the minutes.

## ASRT New Website



The [ASRT](http://www.asrt.org) has a new and stylish design on the new and improved website. You may visit by using our link or just by typing [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org)

## AKSRT Officers

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