

What an amazing opportunity it was to be able to attend the 2019 ASRT House of Delegates meeting! I had a wonderful time meeting students, delegates, and other members of the ASRT. I learned so much over the week I was there and it gave me such an appreciation for our society.

The night we arrived, we attended the student orientation where we were able to meet students from other states. We also got to hear some advice and words of wisdom from our very own Beth Webber, who was the 2018-2019 ASRT speaker of the house. She spoke to us about how she came into the field and into the ASRT. She gave us advice about how to make the most of our time at the meetings while also having fun. She showed us that taking part in our state affiliate can get your foot in the door and lead you to many new opportunities.

We started off the next day with a speaker about leadership, followed by Governance and Affiliate 101. Here we got another speech from Beth Weber about the history of the ASRT, what positions are held on the board, and how important volunteers are to the society. Next, we went to ARRT 101, where we learned about the important of the standard of ethics, the code of ethics, and the rules of ethics. It showed me that though there may be a many rules and standards in place, they are all there for a reason and stand to serve a purpose for our benefit. For the next few hours, we were able to choose different speakers to listen to all with different topics about radiography and the joining modalities. That night we also attended the ASRT expo, welcome reception, and my favorite part, the pin exchange! Here we were able to trade the pins we made for our state affiliate with students from the other states (I was able to round up pins from 32 different states!)

On Friday, we woke up early to practice for the flag ceremony before the first house of delegates meeting, I got the privilege of carrying the flag into the ceremony! Following this we

attended the house of delegates meeting where I got to sit in the front with my mentor (Susan Pritchard) and learn all about how the house of delegates meetings are run and how important it is for our delegates to vote! Following this we attended updates from the ASRT, ARRT, and JRCERT. After the updates we attended the Honors Evening and Reception where they honored the new life members and inducted the new fellows.

Saturday was filled with the open forum on proposed changes to practice standards, the bylaws open forum and commission hearing, and the speaker/vice speaker election open forum. Following these I attended the registered radiologist assistant chapter meeting, the radiography chapter meeting, and the computed tomography chapter meeting where we were able to discuss with the board of each chapter about further schooling, what it is like to be a current student, and how our field is always changing.

For our final day, we attended the final house of delegates meeting, the other intern, Bille, sat in the front this time with the South Dakota delegates while I sat with her mentor in the student section and learned about what each persons role was on the board and about each of the items they were discussing. Following this, we attended a ceremony where we received our SLDP certificates and took group pictures. That evening we attended the ASRT installation of officers and the president's reception were Billie and I played fangirl and got to meet and take a picture with Philip Ballinger, one of the authors of the "Merrill's Atlas of Radiographic Positions and Radiologic Procedures" that we use in school!

Overall, this trip taught me that even though I am one small person in a large society, I can make my way up to a big position! I also learned that starting small can lead to big opportunities, and that is what this conference gave me. It gave me the opportunity to meet new people, network with other affiliates and ASRT members, and make amazing memories. I want

to thank the SDSRT board again for giving me this unforgettable opportunity to take a step into our big world of radiography.