

2011 Spring Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Held at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Vicki Mullins called the meeting to order.

1. Reports

a. President

- i. RT in DC – It looks very hopeful for the CARE Bill to be passed this year. Please help us by advocating for the bill and getting the word out. You can go to ASRT online to find out who your district representative is and ways you can help advocate for the CARE Bill.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. The beginning balance on October 1st, 2011 **\$12,203.61**

1. Expenditures include:

- a. Website Hosting
- b. Meeting Expenses
- c. Board Member Reimbursement
- d. Board – ASRT Membership
- e. Printing and Postage
- f. Bonding - Treasurer
- g. Licenses
- h. Misc.

2. Income included:

- a. Membership - Student
- b. Meeting Registration
- c. Donations
- d. Vender Fee

- ii. The balance on December 31st, 2011 was **\$11,215.83**

- iii. The beginning balance on January 1st, 2011 was **\$11,215.83**

1. Expenditures include:

- a. Website Hosting
- b. Licenses and Permits
- c. Postage
- d. Speaker Honorariums – Spring Meeting 2011

2. Income included:

- a. Membership – Active, Late, New
- b. Misc.

- iv. The balance on March 31st, 2011 was **\$11,682.86**

c. Secretary's Report

- i. There are currently 138 RTOW members for 2011
Therapists: 80
Dosimetrists: 8
2011Students: 18

2012Students: 20

Educators: 4

Directors/Managers: 7

Other (Not Specified on application): 1

d. Area Representative's Reports

i. Southeast

1. Columbia St Mary's Hospital recently hired a pool radiation therapist, a full time physicist, a full time nurse and a radiation oncologist.
2. Columbia St Mary's Hospital recently received ACR accreditation at both the Milwaukee and Ozaukee campuses.
3. Columbia St Mary's Hospital also started using brachy-mesh as a treatment for lung cancer patients.
4. Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare recently filled a full time radiation therapist position and is currently looking to fill a chief physicist position.
5. Froedtert Hospital recently filled a full time dosimetrist position starting in March and is looking to fill a part time dosimetrist position.
6. Froedtert Hospital will be replacing their oldest linac this summer.
7. Community Memorial Hospital will be getting a new linac in April and their patients will be spread out between St Joe's in West Bend or Froedtert.
8. The VA Hospital filled a full time radiation therapist position.
9. St Luke's Hospital replaced one of their linacs with a Varian TrueBeam Accelerator – 1st in State and Region and is looking to get a wide bore CT scanner in the near future.
10. St Luke's Hospital upgraded their EMR to Varian's ARIA

ii. Southwest

1. Turville Bay in Madison will be holding an annual ice cream social on June 5th, 2011.
2. Johnson Creek went paperless using Epic and Aria's EMR system.
3. St Clare is looking for a full time therapist in Baraboo.
4. UW Hospital and Clinics is working on going paperless. The East Clinic is 90% of the way there.
5. The UW System is also getting a View Ray. This machine can take MRI images and then can treat with cobalt.

iii. Northeast

1. No report.

iv. Northwest

1. St Michael's in Stevens Point will be getting a new machine.

2. There will be a new cancer center opening up in Rice Lake.
 3. Marshfield will be starting to use HDR.
- e. RT intern report
- i. University of Chicago
 1. They finally have their new rapid arc linac up and running this semester, lightening our patient load on the other machines making life a little less hectic around the department. We are working on making educational videos for new patients as this year's student QA project and have started assisting with data collection for department QA and research in addition to our other morning jobs. We are otherwise staying busy with school work and looking forward to hosting everyone for the CART competition.
 - ii. Gunderson Lutheran
 1. Everything is going great at GL. All three of us are still looking for jobs. We have been helping out the new RT class with labs and will be participating in future labs.
 - iii. Froedtert
 1. Heather Schultz has been accepted into the Dosimetry program. She has also been selected to go to the 2011 ASRT House of Delegates meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 - iv. Advocate
 1. Things have been going well at LGH. We have been very busy and cannot believe we are already finishing our third semester. We are sad our time is coming to an end and always joke that the department will not be able to get rid of us. There are currently no job openings at our facility. On a good note, LGH is exploring the idea of getting CyberKnife. The staff will be participating in a walk for brain cancer on May 14th; unfortunately we will not be able to attend as we will be graduating.
 - v. Madison
 1. We are busy with clinicals and are looking forward to graduation and applying for jobs. Bridget and Kailee will be representing the program for CART.
- f. RT Club report
- i. The RT Class of 2012 is having a great semester so far. I know we are all really anxious to start our internship this July. We just had a lab at Gundersen Lutheran where we got to practice positioning and moving the table. It got the whole class even more excited to start our internships.
 - ii. The RT Club is winding down for the year. This semester we did a fundraiser for a fellow student on campus with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. We had mock interviews where the students in the program were interviewed the Pre-RT students so that they can

practice their interviewing skills. Lastly, we are hosting a bone marrow drive on April 7th. This is where students can sign up to be on the donor registry, so I think that will be a great success.

Thanks again for all of your support of our program and club!

2. Old Business

- a. The Facebook page is up and running. Thanks to Danielle Hinze for all her hard work! The page looks fantastic!
- b. PayPal – You can now use PayPal to renew your membership or register for upcoming meetings. This can be found on the RTOW website.
- c. Website – please go to the website and look at the directory to make sure your information is up to date. We will be sending out updates via email and by mailing address and would be helpful if the information we have is accurate. Thank you!

3. New Business

- a. Fall Meeting – We currently do not have anyone to host the Fall Meeting. It has been suggested to have it at the Chula Vista again. If anyone is interested in hosting the meeting please let Vicki Mullins know ASAP.
- b. Board Nominations – we will be looking to fill the President Elect, Northeast Rep and Treasurer positions this fall.
 - i. President Elect Nominee – Danille Hinze
 - ii. Northeast Rep – None
 - iii. Treasurer – Tracy Nelson and Heather Meerstein
 - iv. If anyone else is interested in running for any of the positions please let Vicki Mullins know. We will be voting on these positions at the fall meeting.
- c. FYI – due to the tax laws being changed we are working with the WSRT to be compliant with these new changes. We will have further information at the fall meeting.
- d. Scholarships are still available. Please look at the RTOW website for details.

At 12:30 Erica Stehsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim Bangert seconded the motion.