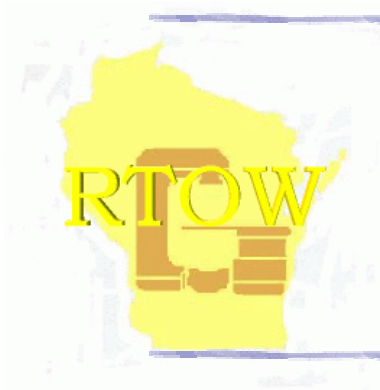


March 26, 2011



SPRING NEWSLETTER

2011 Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting was held at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells on March 26th, 2011.

The RTOW board members would like to thank all of the sponsors who supplied and donated materials for the meeting. They would also like to thank everyone who put forth time and effort to make the meeting a success, with a special thanks going to Amy Heath for all of her hard work.

Very special thanks to the vendors and sponsors:

- ✦ *Civco*
- ✦ *RadiaDyne*
- ✦ *Riverview Hospital - Wisconsin Rapids*
- ✦ *Siemens Medical Solutions*
- ✦ *Tomotherapy*
- ✦ *Varian Medical Systems*

A special thanks to our speakers:

- ✦ **Lynn Czaplewski, RN, MS, ACNS, BC, CRNI, AOCNS**
 - "Implications of Chemotherapy/Biotherapy with Concurrent Radiotherapy"
- ✦ **Michelle Mackay, MD**
 - "Difficult Cases in Radiation Oncology Involving Re-irradiation"
- ✦ **Kevin Kozak, MD, Ph.D.**
 - "Radiation Therapy for Sarcomas"
- ✦ **Ian Nelson, Ph.D.**
 - "Technical Aspects of Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy for Lung Lesions"

- **Angie Parente, BS, RTT and Denise Hunt, Breast Cancer Survivor**
 - "Customer Service in Radiation Oncology - Thoughts from the Radiation Therapist and the Patient"

2011 Fall Meeting

Columbia St Mary's Hospital will be planning this upcoming 2011 Fall Meeting. Thank you in advance for all the hard work you will be doing to make this meeting a success.



RT In DC and the CARE Bill

Our President, Vicki Mullins, went to RT in DC this year with a special thanks going out to Riverview Hospital Foundation who helped to get her there. There is a lot of buzz in DC that the CARE Bill is liked by everyone and should hopefully come to pass this year. The most important thing that everyone can do is to spread the word and advocate for the CARE Bill. Please go online to the ASRT website and inform your district representative about the CARE Bill. Anything that you can do to help get the word out about the CARE Bill will bring us one step closer to getting it passed.

Treasurer Report



The beginning balance on October 1st, 2010 was **\$12,203.61**.

The expenditures included:

- Website Hosting
- Meeting Expenses
- Board Member Reimbursement
- Board - ASRT Membership
- Printing and Postage
- Bonding - Treasurer
- Licenses
- Misc.

The income included:

- Membership - Student
- Vender Fee
- Donations
- Meeting Registration

The balance as of December 31, 2010 is **\$11,215.83**.

The beginning balance as of January 1, 2011 is **\$11,215.83**.

The expenditures included:

- Website Hosting
- Licenses and Permits
- Postage

- Speaker Honorariums - Spring Meeting 2011

The income included:

- Membership - Active/Late/New
- Misc.

The balance as of March 31, 2011 is **\$11,682.86**.

Audits are now being done quarterly. A detailed report can be found on the RTOW website or from the RTOW treasurer found at www.rtowonline.com.

Secretary Report

There are currently 138 RTOW members for 2011.

Therapists: 80

Dosimetrists: 8

2011 Students: 18

2012 Students: 20

Educators: 4

Directors/Managers: 7

Other (Not Specified on application): 1

The public RTOW Membership Directory posted on the website was last updated March 2011 and will be updated quarterly. Please email all changes to the RTOW secretary, Erica Stehsel, St Vincent's Hospital Green Bay at estehsel@yahoo.com.

ONLINE ACCESS

- Please forward any updates or news to the webmasters Amy Heath and Dawn Henrich. They will do their best to update the website on a regular basis.
- Send address changes to the webmasters or to the Secretary, the membership will be updated quarterly.
- We do not have control over who accesses the RTOW website. Be sure to mark on your membership application if you would like to be apart of the public directory.
- Please remember to check the website occasionally for Policy and Procedure revisions.
- Please email any and all suggestions to the webmasters.
- We now have PayPal! Membership fees and meeting fees can now be paid for online.
- Facebook - we know have a RTOW facebook page. Just befriend the page and you can post pictures or upcoming events in your area online. Please remember that this is a professional organization and to monitor closely what you put on the page.



Scholarship Opportunity

There are scholarship opportunities available for both student members and non-students members. Please go to the website at www.rtowonline.com for details.

Executive Board Member Nominations

At the 2011 Fall Meeting there will be several board positions open for nomination. The board positions that are open for nominations are the **President Elect, Northeast Rep and Treasurer.**

President Elect Nominees - Danielle Hinze

Northeast Rep Nominees - None

Treasurer Nominees - Tracy Nelson and Heather Meerstein

If anyone would like to nominate anyone else for these positions please contact Erica Stehsel. These board positions will be voted on at the 2011 Fall Meeting.

A Letter from the President

Hello everyone,

As we stated at the Spring Business meeting, we have been following changes made to the ASRT's Affiliate Network structure. These changes are in response to changes in the IRS's tax regulations concerning "non profit" and "not for profit" organizations. As a result the RTOW will in the future be considered an affiliate subordinate of the WSRT. This is by most account a change of name (semantics) only. However, there are a few changes that must be made. The first and most important is how we account ourselves to the ASRT through the WSRT. This will involve some changes to our reporting who our officers are, when we meet as an organization and what type of educational opportunities we are providing to our members. The second change will involve some account and treasure changes (thank you IRS).

As a result, at the Fall Business Meeting we will be presenting to you several By-Laws changes that require your vote. Why should we make these changes? There are several reasons. To my mind the most important is that without them we will no longer be in compliance with the ASRT's Affiliate Network and will lose our affiliation with our professional organizations. I urge you to go to the ASRT's website and look through the Affiliate and Governance section for more information regarding this issue. On the website you can also find a list of frequently asked questions regarding this topic. There will be more on this issue as we get closer to the Fall Meeting.

Thank you,

Vicki Mullins, Acting President/RTOW

Kudos

- To Heather Schultz from Froedtert Hospital to has been accepted into the Dosimetry Program and who has also been selected to the 2011 ASRT House of Delegates meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Thank you to all whom have made and continue to make a positive difference in the field of Radiation Therapy. On the RTOW website there are nomination forms to tell us about someone who has gone above and beyond as well as someone whom has been an active member of RTOW and has served on the Executive Board.

RTOW Executive Board - Spring 2011

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