

ASRT Board of Directors Report
Feb. 27, 2023

The Board of Directors, as identified below, received the motion, as shown below, via the Commission, Feb. 27, 2023. In accordance with the ASRT Bylaws — Article VII Board of Directors, Section 2. Duties, The Board of Directors shall: C. Act on main motions received from the Commission concerning matters of organizational operations and report the status to the House of Delegates — this report serves as notice of action and status regarding the received motion to the 2023 ASRT House of Delegates.

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Operational Motion

The Board of Directors reports action and status of the following motion to the 2023 House of Delegates:

Main Motion BOD-23.01

Entry level of education for radiologic technologists:

The Education Chapter moves that the ASRT investigate, report on and subsequently determine ways, if appropriate, to support the baccalaureate degree as the entry level of education for the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession.

Rationale:

- In 1979, the National Labor Relations Board ruled that radiographers, therapists, nuclear medicine technologists and sonographers were not professionals. The U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) defines “professional” as occupations requiring either college graduation or experience that is comparable to a college education. The federal government clarifies “college graduation” as a baccalaureate degree.
- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Classification System Manual categorizes “Radiologic Technicians” under the “Major Occupational Group A – Technical and Related Occupations.” The U.S. BLS also lists it as a technical occupation within its 2018 Standard Occupational Classification User Guide, noting that “Occupations are classified based on work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education and/or training needed to perform the work.”
- Many other developed countries require the minimum of a baccalaureate degree for professional practice. This is true for Australia, Japan, Kuwait, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, several provinces in China, and several countries on the African continent. The United States is distressingly out of alignment with these developed countries and regions regarding our profession’s entry level of education for professional practice.
- To bolster the movement of the radiologic technologist occupation from a federal classification of “technical” to that of “professional,” the minimum entry-level education should be a baccalaureate degree.

ASRT Board of Directors Report of Action and Status

The Board of Directors has decided to take the following actions on the operational motion submitted by the ASRT Education Chapter:

- In the coming year, form a multiorganizational committee to explore the appropriateness of supporting the baccalaureate degree as the entry level of education for the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession.
- Have representatives of the multiorganizational committee report their findings in a full report to the ASRT House of Delegates during the 2024 ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting.

Status: The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) Boards have approved participation on the Consensus Committee.

This document is accepted as written.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristi Moore, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(CT)
Chair of the Board