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## TEXRAYS - FALL 2022 ISSUE

### PRESIDENTIAL GREETING



Thank you for taking the time to read this Fall 2022 edition of TexRays. Our Vice President and Executive Office Manager have worked hard putting it together and I am sure they would appreciate your feedback. As President for 2022 - 2023, I have had several priorities and personal projects. One has been to bring as much transparency to TXSRT as possible. We are posting minutes of Board of Director meetings on a regular basis. For the first time in many years, we are having a public board meeting on Saturday morning, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The board meeting will be available either in person in Houston, Wichita Falls, or via Zoom for those who wish to attend at home. Another change TXSRT has made is to adopt a regular dual-entry accounting system. The Executive Office Manager, Courtney Snyder, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Jenny Otrezov, and I have moved our books over to a Quick Books Online system, effective with the new budget that started on September 1, 2022. This accounting system will provide us with up-to-the minute data on our bank accounts, our expenses, and how we are doing with our budget. We will be able to create customized reports about any aspect of the business side of the society. We will also be able to better track information which will make auditing the books more accurate and effective.

The second priority I have for this year is to improve our “institutional memory”. By institutional memory, I mean we as an organization need to improve the way we handle our records, organize our tasks, and prevent officer jobs from becoming too overwhelming. We are moving all of our records online, or “in the cloud”. Each volunteer will have a section of our cloud storage available organized by their job to store all their information. This will improve our ability to onboard new officers and volunteers more effectively. It will also help ensure that we always have the records we need at

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

ANNUAL MEETING  
SPEAKER  
APPLICATIONS OPEN -  
OCTOBER 1, 2022.

TXSRT FALL BOARD  
MEETING WILL BE HELD  
OCTOBER 15, 2022, FROM  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

NATIONAL RADIOLOGIC  
TECHNOLOGY WEEK -  
NOVEMBER 7-12, 2022

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR  
TXSRT HONORS,  
OFFICERS, AND AWARDS -  
NOVEMBER 12, 2022.

STUDENT COMPETITION  
GUIDELINES RELEASE DATE  
- NOVEMBER 19, 2022

91<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
SPEAKER APPLICATION  
DEADLINE - DECEMBER 12,  
2022.

any time, and are less dependent upon former officers or chairs retaining their records properly, and turning them over to their replacement when the time comes.

We are also streamlining our committee system. During a review this summer, the board found several committees which were not being used, and committees which had duties redundant in nature. These committees have been eliminated from our organizational structure. In addition, we have introduced the role of “coordinator” for those jobs which may only require one or two people rather than an entire committee. For instance, many of our student contests can be more effectively administered by one or two people reporting to the Vice President rather than an entire committee trying to do several jobs at once. We are working on making the officer jobs less overwhelming and time consuming and more attractive so members will want to be officers rather than accepting a job solely from a sense of duty. Many of the day-to-day operations of the organization have been placed on the shoulders of the elected officers. With the streamlining I discussed above, we are delegating many of the day-to-day duties of the officers to other volunteers, with the goal of breaking one large job into several smaller tasks. This will give our volunteers meaningful roles which they can do over several years, becoming experts in their positions. This is a much more effective model than having these tasks done by officers who will only hold the office a single year. Under our old system, by the time an officer became proficient at all the jobs they were supposed to do, it was time to move on to a new office. The new officer then had to effectively start over. Year after year we have been “reinventing the wheel”. Now, many of these jobs will be done by other volunteers who will perform these tasks over several years. This will add more experience and continuity to our organization, and leave the officers to their primary jobs of strategic planning and supporting our volunteers. This will also help us grow our volunteer base into a larger pool from which to draw future officers.

My last priority for this year is to grow our membership base. Our clout in Austin and our ability to successfully advocate for our profession is directly proportional to

ANNUAL MEETING  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
MEETING - DECEMBER 15,  
2022.

TXSRT OFFICER  
NOMINATIONS DEADLINE -  
DECEMBER 18, 2022.



how many members we have. If we are few in numbers, there is little reason for legislators to pay any attention to our concerns. Larger lobbying organizations will always have the upper hand in promoting their agenda, which can often be in conflict with ours. Our agenda is, and always will be to promote patient safety and improve the diagnostic quality of medical imaging by ensuring that only qualified technologists perform any phase of medical imaging. We also strongly believe that only qualified providers should have the authority to order medical imaging and interpret the results. It is this partnership between us as technologists, and the providers to whom we send our images and tests results which will ensure our profession is recognized for what it is: one of the most important professions in first-line medical care. It is only by being strong in numbers we can achieve the respect our professionalism deserves every day as essential healthcare workers. As such, TXSRT will always work to be a great value to its members, but we need your help. We need you to volunteer to help us grow our profession and advocate for our professional status. You can go here to see the opportunities and to sign-up: <https://txsrt.org/2022-2023-volunteer-opportunities/>. We also need you to talk to your co-workers about why it is important to be part of the state society, and how easy it is to make a difference simply by joining.

Thank you all for everything you do every day! You all really make a difference! I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting April 20 - 22, 2023 in Wichita Falls, TX.

Rodney C. Fisher, PhD, RT(R)(N)(CT)(BD), CNMT  
President 2022 - 2023  
Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists



## MEET YOUR 2022-2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



TXSRT Board of Directors - Left to Right: Board Chair - Jose Rodriguez, President - Dr. Rodney Fisher, President-Elect - S. Jeanifeer Lara, Vice-President - Rachel Whatley, Secretary-Treasurer - Jennifer Otrezov



### 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting Award Winners

Lois Lehman, pictured with Board Chair Jeanifeer Lara, was the recipient of the Margaret Bishop Service Award at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.



“Lois Lehman has gone above and beyond to display her passion for the field through selfless service. Apart from her number of years of active service with the TSRT and ASRT, Lois still continues to volunteer her time to the growth of our society and the education of our profession. She spent a countless number of hours digitizing TSRT records from the last 90+ years. These records are being organized as a TSRT Archive and will be available to everyone on the TSRT website in the months to come.” Congratulations Lois!

Dr. Jeff Killion, RT(R)(QM), pictured with Executive Office Manager Courtney Snyder, was the recipient of the Dr. James Johnston Administrator’s Award at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.



“From 2013 - 2017, Dr. Killion was the Radiologic Science Department Chair, the entry-level RT program director, and continued to oversee the graduate programs. He taught in the graduate program, trained new faculty to teach in the graduate program and ensured all undergraduate faculty had the resources they needed to provide excellent education to the entry level and completion baccalaureate students. Dr. Killion supported publication and presentation opportunities for faculty so they could hone their skills and provide the most updated information to students and other colleagues.” Congratulations Dr. Killion!

Dr. Beth Vealé, PhD, RT(R)(QM), pictured with President-Elect Dr. Rodney Fisher, was the recipient of the Sharon Coffety Educator of the Year Award at the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.



“Dr. Vealé is an outstanding educator in all respects. With more than 30 years’ teaching experience, she is an expert in the field of radiologic sciences. Her students and colleagues respect her for the many years of service and view her as a leader in our profession.” Congratulations Dr. Vealé!

Allison Dean, pictured with Brian Spence, Program Director for Tarrant County College, Maverick from MSU Texas, and President Jose Rodriguez was the recipient of The Rising Star Award and the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.



“Allison has excelled in her didactic, lab, and clinical coursework. Allison is always willing to help her classmates better learn course material. She always demonstrates a professional demeanor with classmates, instructors, and clinical personnel. Allison is willing to do any task asked of her. She demonstrates strong initiative and is a team player. Her clinical skills are above “on-level” for this point in the program. Allison regularly receives praise from staff technologists and clinical instructors.” Congratulations Allison!

### 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting Student Competition Winners

The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting was held in person in Wichita Falls, TX, on the Midwestern State University campus. Congratulations to all our student contest winners!

Student Bee Winners pose with Maverick from MSU Texas.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Kymberly Ackley - MSU Texas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Shali Hartman - MSU Texas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Joseph Darr - Tarrant County College



RAD T-shirt winners pose with Maverick from MSU Texas.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tarrant County College
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Harris Health
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - MSU Texas



**Student Competition Winners continued.**

iLEAD presentation winners pose with Maverick from MSU Texas.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Shali Hartman - MSU Texas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Naomi Williams - Harris Health
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Esbeyde Nunez - Harris Health



Award of Merit winners pose with Maverick from MSU Texas.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Naomi Williams - Harris Health
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Karigan Brown - MSU Texas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Shali Hartman - MSU Texas



**Student Competition Winners continued.**

Scientific Display winners pose with Maverick from MSU Texas.

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Leilani Amituanai - MSU Texas

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Jonathan Negri / Essayas Hailu - Harris Health

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Elena Medivilla / Stephanie Weeks - MSU Texas (not pictured)



Congratulations to our scholarship winners!

Stacy Adrien - MSU Texas (not pictured)

Leilani Amituanai - MSU Texas

Johnathan Negri - Harris Health

Anthony Hernandez - Harris Health

Savannah Daanen - MSU Texas



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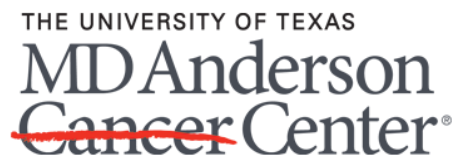
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**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 91<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
MEETING AND EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
SPONSORS!**



## **Volunteer Information**

2022-2023 TXSRT Volunteer Opportunities are now available by clicking [here](#).

The following Committees are accepting volunteers:

- Affiliate Development
- Annual Meeting
- By-Laws
- Legislative / Advocacy Committee
- Nominations
- Texas Student Leadership Development

The following Coordinator areas are accepting volunteers:

- Education Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Historian / Photographer
- Social Media Coordinator
- Student Contest Coordinator in the following areas:
  - Award of Merit Essay
  - iLEAD Presentations
  - RAD T-shirt
  - Scientific Poster
- Webmaster

The following areas have opening for an Area Counselor:

- Alamo
- Capital
- Central
- Costal Blend
- Gulf Coast
- High Plains
- South Texas Border
- Southwest Texas
- Upper East Texas
- West Texas



## 92<sup>ND</sup> 2023 ANNUAL MEETING AND EDUCATIONAL SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION



### ***The 92nd Annual Meeting & Educational Symposium April 20 - 22, 2023 MSU Texas, Wichita Falls***

- ***Three CE Tracks***
- ***Vendor Fair***
- ***Student Contests***
- ***Educators' Alliance***
- ***Details coming this Fall***

#### 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Speaker Application

The Annual Meeting Committee is now accepting speaker applications for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium. Please click [here](#) to send us your application!

#### 93<sup>rd</sup> 2024 Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium Information

We are now taking applications for the 93<sup>rd</sup> 2024 Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium Host. If you are interested in hosting, please click [here](#) to submit your application. After your application is received, the site selection committee will send all interested programs a questionnaire with specific requirements for hosting.

Annual Meeting  
Information - 2023

## **OCTOBER BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 15, 2022**

The TXSRT Board of Directors will hold a Fall Board Meeting on October 15, 2022, via Zoom or you can join your board members in the following areas. There will also be an Educators' Alliance Meeting following the board meeting. An agenda will be sent via email and available on the TXSRT website before the meeting. The Zoom link will be sent to all members closer to October 15, 2022.

Wichita Falls, TX - MSU Texas Campus - 3410 Taft Blvd. Centennial Hall - CE 101, Wichita Falls, TX 76308  
Houston, TX - Harris Health System - 4800 Fournace Place, Conference room C340, Bellaire, TX 77401

## **ASRT Student Leadership Development Program**

The ASRT is taking applications for the Student Leadership Development Program. The ASRT will select two Texas students. Those students will also be state interns and participate in the Texas Student Leadership Development Program. Both will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship from TXSRT. The selected students will also have paid trips to the TXSRT 2023 conference April 20 - 22 in Wichita Falls, Texas, and the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting June 22 - 25 in Reno, NV.

Applicants must be student members of both TXSRT and ASRT to be eligible. The application and how to join ASRT can be found here: <https://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-program/application>. Students can join TXSRT here: <https://txsrt.org/membership-levels/>. The application deadline is November 11, 2022.



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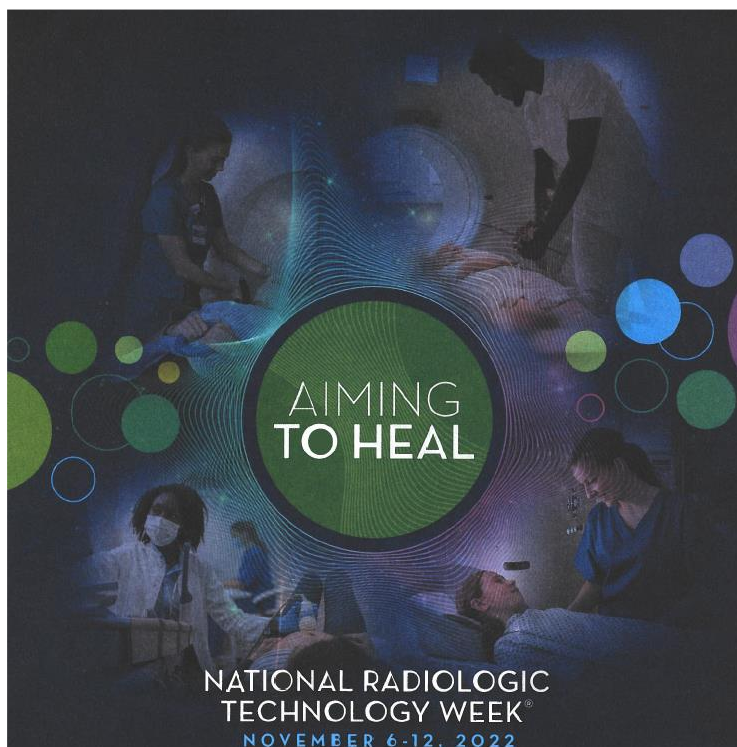
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## Happy Radiologic Technology Week November 6-12, 2022



Thank you for all you do for your profession and being RAD! Please email us at [tsrtinc@outlook.com](mailto:tsrtinc@outlook.com) to show us how you are celebrating Rad Tech Week!



## Fall 2022 Edition - TEXRAYS

