

AEIRS 2020 Annual Meeting

Thursday – Welcome, Business Session, and Education Sessions

The AEIRS Board of Directors opened Thursday's meeting agenda with an introduction of Kenya Haugen, DM, RT(R), FAEIRS and Kristen Andrews, MS, who provided technical support, and Charles Drago, DHEd, RT(R)(CT) and Mari King, EdD, RT(R), FAEIRS, the directors- at-large, who organized the 2020 meeting. Sponsor-created commercials transitioned the registrants from the welcome session to the educational programming. Thank you to the sponsors: MIC, Trajecsyst, SuperTech, and SIMTICS.

Joel Hicks, EdD, RT(R), and Laura Aaron, PhD, RT(R)(M)(QM), started the education session off with a presentation on "Improving Quality in Quality Improvement Courses." There are multiple reasons for quality improvement initiatives to include improved patient outcomes, increased efficiency, decreased costs, solving problems before they occur, and improved communication.

Meanwhile, a concurrent session for textbook authors was moderated by Nina Kowalczyk, PhD, RT(R)(CT)(QM), FAEIRS, FASRT, and facilitated by Craig St. George, director of education for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). The radiography curriculum is coming up for its revision process starting in 2021.

Susan Dumler, MS, RT(R)(M)(CT)(MR), LRT, highlighted the use of mobile technology in her presentation, "How to Connect the Connected: Smartphones in Imaging Education." Registrants learned about the statistics associated with mobile technology use, preferred brands, and typical screen times.

"Anatomy of a Medical Malpractice Lawsuit" presented by Ted Vanderlaan, JD, RT(R), highlighted the importance of quality patient care and the legal terms commonly used in cases involving patient injury. Four elements of negligence include: duty, breach, harm, and causation.

Thursday – Business Session

Following an insightful Honors Lecture, attendees were invited to attend the business session. Outgoing president, Nina *AEIRS 2020 Annual Meeting* Kowalczyk, PhD, RT(R)(CT)(QM), FAEIRS, FASRT, opened the session. Installation of the officers was conducted to include newly elected officers; Director-at-Large Tiffany Roman, MAEd, RT(R)(CT)(MR), and President-Elect Charles Drago, DHEd, RT(R)(CT). The scholarship and research grant recipients were also announced. Darcy Willis, M.S.Ed., RT(R)(CT), thanked the membership for granting her the LaVerne T. Gurley Meeting Scholarship to help finance her attendance at the 2021 Annual Meeting. The Research Grant was awarded Kevin Clark, EdD, RT(R)(QM). Debra Poelhuis, MS, RT(R)(M), provided the incoming president's address, which included an emphasis on the current year's initiatives.

As is tradition during the business session, Joy Renner, MA, RT(R), FAEIRS, "Passed the Virtual Hat" for donations in support of AEIRS scholarships. With matching donations, a total of \$6,000 was collected. A very special "Thank You" goes to Jordan and Joy Renner and Judy McNitt-Mell, owner and president of Supertech, for matching gifts of \$2,000 each.

Thursday – Education Sessions Continued

So, are we professionals? Kelli Welch Haynes, EdD, RT(R), kicked off the afternoon education sessions with her presentation, "The Perception of Professional Values of Radiologic Technologists". Kerry Mohney's presentation, "Planning and Building Medical Imaging Educational Laboratories for Best ROI," provided some pointers on securing a new educational laboratory.

Mahsa Dehghanpour, EdD, MS, CMD, and Jamie Baker, PhD, MEd, CMD, talked about “Best Practices for Clinical Education Based on Perspectives of Medical Dosimetry Graduates.”

Thursday - Poster Presentations

New to the research poster venue this year were audio-guided explanations of the researchers’ work available for continuing education credit. The poster presenters provided an overview of their study for registrants followed by a live question and answer sessions.

Below is a list of the presenters and their body of research.

Scholarly Productivity Among Educators in Radiologic Sciences and Other Health Care Professions:

An Interprofessional Comparative Approach

Kevin R. Clark, EdD, RT(R)(QM)

Mind the Gap: Navigating Adaptive Skills for the 21st Century Learner

Emily Scaggs, MEd, RT(R)

Deborah LeMay, MPH, RT(R)(N)

Ashley Marshall, MA, RT(R)

Diagnostic Imaging Students’ Attitudes and Perceptions Toward Interprofessional Education

Tracy Glentz, EdD, MS, CNMT

Friday – Welcome, Open Forums, and Education Sessions

While nestled in their pajamas and warm coffee at hand, their computers screens lit up with friendly greetings by outgoing Chair of the Board Tiffani Walker, MSRS, RT(R)(ARRT), CRT(R).

The Open Forum by Sal Martino, chief executive office and executive director of ASRT, reported hitting two milestones this year: membership topped 157,000 and the organization celebrated its 100th anniversary.

A team of presenters, Vesna Balac, EdD, RT(R)(MR); Richard Carlton, MS, RT(R)(CV), FAEIRS; Randy Griswold, MPA, RT(R); and Kori Stewart, MHS, RT(R)(CT), CIIP, opened the day’s education sessions with a presentation titled “Establishing Standardized Terminology for Digital Radiography.” The session emphasized a need to standardize terminology, and with that, the terms to match the technology as technologists understand it.

The morning educational sessions wrapped up with a presentation titled, “Transgender Patient Care Considerations,” by Sandi Watts, MHA, RT(R), and Brandon Hirsch, MS, CMD, RT(R)(CT)(T). This presentation covered common terminology and definitions associated with transgender patients.

Following a lunch break, Leslie Winter, MS, RT(R), and Tracy Herrmann, PhD, RT(R), FAEIRS, guided the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) Open Forum, and Nina Kowalczyk, PhD, RT(R)(CT)(QM), FAEIRS, FASRT, moderated the Digital Imaging Technology Open Forum.

Bobbi Kowash, MHSc, RDMS, RVT, presented a concurrent session titled, “Stories from the Front Line: Dealing with Millennials in the Clinical Environment.” This presentation talked about methods to connect and communicate with learners regarding the expectations of the clinical workplace.

Linda Cox, MS, RT(R)(CT)(MR), Maryann Oake, MBA-HCM, and Dina Peterson, MEd, RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, RVT, provided an education session titled, “Designing Digital Learning: Finding and Assessing Tools that Will Work for Your Course,” which highlighted various educational technology tools for student learning.

“A Multidisciplinary Front-Loaded Curriculum in the Radiologic Sciences: The Georgia Southern University Experience” was presented by Kerry Dunn, MEd, RT(R)(M), and Laurie Adams, EdD, RT(T). Following a call for interdisciplinary teaching across a newly merged department, faculty conducted an in-depth curriculum review and revision.

The two-day virtual AEIRS Annual Meeting came to a close following the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists’ Open Forum provided by Barbara Smith MS, RT(R)(QM)(ARRT), FASRT, FAEIRS. The 2020 AEIRS Annual Meeting attendees waved good-bye to their professional colleagues and quietly closed their laptops.