Greetings Current and future HSRT members,

 I would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone on the progress we have made in re-establishing the Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologists (HSRT). For the past 18 we have been working together to attain this goal. We are finished with all the groundwork and now just need you as a medical imaging professional to sign up.

 The geographical limitations of the region have previously made it difficult to provide services for the entire state, however, with the full support of the ASRT’s affiliate relations department we have been able to realize our goals and are planning to be able to provide free Continuing Education (CE) opportunities to the entire state. How we plan to perform this service to all the islands is through online, real time webinars. We plan on coordinating with each island to have a representative that the HSRT will designate, make the video teleconferencing services available to so we can empower one, or multiple locations (such as hospital, clinics), on each island to view, interact and ask questions of the presenter as needed, just as they would at a regular seminar. As a fully recognized state affiliate we can now request approval of these CE’s for free through the ASRT!

 How will we be able to do all this? In 2014, the ASRT President Bill Brennan introduced a new program called the Affiliate Financial Assistance Program that helps qualifying affiliates financially. In addition to this program, the HSRT is also enrolled in the Affiliate Development Program that allowed the HSRT to acquire startup funds necessary for this endeavor.

 Additionally in 2016, the HSRT will begin sending two delegates to the ASRT’s House of Delegates conference every year. This trip’s flight, hotel and daily food allowance are all paid for by the ASRT as well. This will give Hawaii a vote for any new regulations or actions within each imaging modality at the national level.

 We encourage you to share this correspondence with your Radiology co-workers and others who might be interested in joining. The HSRT website is now established and has begun providing online registration abilities for ease of use. The ASRT allows limited use of mass emails throughout the year, so we will try not to use it if avoidable. Once the HSRT’s member database has been established we plan on performing future correspondence through the HSRT website and membership list directly.

Anyone interested in assisting or becoming a future Board officer for the HSRT, please email: hawaiiSRT@gmail.com and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible. Mahalo!

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