

My time at the ASRT Educational symposium and annual governance and House of Delegates meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico

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What is it?

Where professionals around the United States come to get educational credits, debate and vote on proposed changes to the ASRT bylaws and adopt clinical practice and educational standards. More importantly, it is a chance to network with some of the brightest minds in the imaging and nuclear medicine world. It is an opportunity to connect with some of these people, many of who are authors and prestigious advocates of the stringent requirements of training and safety in our profession. This conference is an opportunity to be brought together with other students across the nation to have fun and learn how big and diverse our largest professional organization really is.

What was it for me?

One of the best memories I could ever ask for as a student. From watching the grand opening of the museum at the ASRT headquarters, attending lectures from some of the people who write or contribute to the content in our textbooks, or just networking with the various program directors, doctors, lifetime members, and fellows, was truly a humbling experience. Walking into the hotel one evening, I met a person who was so friendly. I identified myself as a student, and he told me stories of taking x-rays on a freed slave and working in a hospital while being shot at during the race riots in Indiana during the 60's. That man happened to be Mr. William May who is a program director, served as president of the ASRT, and was responsible for implementing the House of Delegates for all the affiliates. He happened to also ascend to “Life Member Status” this year, and was featured in the *ASRT Scanner* for his accomplishments. This is just an example of one of the many stories I have from my experience at the ASRT SLDP. I wish that every student could be as fortunate as I was.

How to get there:

If you want to develop yourself early in your professional career, gain contacts and friends across the United States, and have an insight to our largest professional organization, I strongly encourage you to apply. This is a wonderful opportunity to have the ASRT fly you out to the meeting, pay for your lodging, and give you a meal stipend for the week you attend. It will look great on a resume, prove you have a dedication to the program and the profession and make your instructors proud. Just get the blessing from your program director, be in good standing with the OSRT and ASRT, and write an essay. Don't miss out on taking your student experience to the next level!