



Editor's Letter

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the special Annual Meeting issue of *Signals News*. For several weeks following the meeting in Montreal, Canada, the SMRT has been in a state of transition. New leadership is commencing terms of service and committees are incorporating new members and gearing up for another year of service. Times of transition allow for a reflection of past successes as well as areas that need improvement. Continued development into the future is a common goal.

We begin by learning about President [Charles Stanley](#); his experience and his vision for the SMRT. [Carol Lee](#), 2011 Program Committee Chair walks us through the exceptional Annual Meeting. Thank you to Carol and Publications Committee Chair, [John Totman](#) for providing many of the photographs in this issue. Each year the SMRT acknowledges the significant contributions made on behalf of the organization. The award recipients are presented here for you to know those individuals who have made a difference. Past recipients are listed to give you the perspective that the SMRT already has a history supported by many dedicated individuals.

For the first time, the John A. Koveleski Award for Professional Development was bestowed upon a worthy MR professional. [Barry Southers](#), Professional Development Committee Chair, explains the significance of the award and interviews the recipient for 2011.

[Maryann Blaine](#), 2011 Education Committee Chair was instrumental in refining the process of judging, scoring, and presenting the proffered papers and posters at the annual meeting. Those individuals whose work received an award this year are listed for you to view. Included with the annual meeting is the Joint Forum with the ISMRM. 2011 Chair, [Michael Macilquham](#), was not able to travel to Montreal. [Ben Kennedy](#) willingly substituted and conducted the forum activities well.

SMRT Secretary, [Vera Miller](#) provides us with the annual meeting business report. As you peruse the outline keep in mind this is the only time during the year the entire leadership meets with the membership in person. Introductions of the incoming and outgoing policy board members and officers are made for those members attending the meeting. During the year; many hours are filled with discussion and deliberation on your behalf with a concerted effort to create the finest MR professional organization possible.

Newly elected Chair of the External Relations Committee, [Cindy Comeau](#), has already been attending meetings and representing the SMRT. See her report for details of the many activities of the SMRT involving other organizations around the world.

Among the duties of the immediate Past-President is to chair both the Nominations Committee and the SMRT

Awards Committee. The 2011 Chair is [Julia Lowe](#) who is inviting your input to choose the future leadership of the SMRT. Candidates for the Crues-Kressel Award are also requested. Details for eligibility of the candidates and expected responsibilities are published for your review.

An extraordinary benefit of SMRT membership is the availability of quality continuing education offerings specific to the MR technologist/radiographer. [Anne Marie Sawyer](#), Editor of the Educational Seminars Home Study Program describes the current publication. Be sure to check the SMRT web-site for up-to-date information on electronic educational material.

[Carol Lee](#), Chair of the Local Chapter Committee shares her thoughts and invites you to become involved by starting a chapter in your area. Note the many SMRT local chapters are now active in the USA and in other areas of the world. Regional Seminars Committee Chair, [Betsy Sestina](#), announces the schedule of excellent programs scheduled throughout the year. And as always you are encouraged to check the SMRT web-site for up to the minute information.

Happy Reading! 