



The Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA) welcomes two new staff members both of whom will join the home office service team in June 2015.

**Ronald O. Kruzel, CST, MA, CAE
Director of Accreditation Services**

Mr. Kruzel has an extensive history of service to the ARC/STSA as both a Director and Secretary/Treasurer on the Board of Directors and as an on-site evaluator [site visitor] in the CAAHEP system for over ten years. As an officer of the Board of Directors, he represented the ARC/STSA at CAAHEP events and other partner organization meetings. He subsequently served as Executive Director for the ARC/STSA working with the staff and volunteer leadership of all partner and sponsoring organizations before serving most recently as the CEO of the NBSTSA. His professional expertise includes service as a post-secondary educator and program director in Surgical Technology over a period of eleven years and as a clinical practitioner for eighteen years. In addition, he has most recently served as both a Director and Vice Chair of the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, the accrediting agency for credentialing organizations, and he holds the national Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential.

The Director of Accreditation Services will oversee the day-to-day provision of accreditation services, including program reviews and on-site evaluations of compliance with national Standards.

**Arthur A. 'Tony' Makin, CST, BS, FAST
Director of Education and Professional Affairs**

Mr. Makin has a rich history of service to the ARC/STSA as both a Director and President on the Board of Directors and as an on-site evaluator [site visitor] in the CAAHEP system for over ten years. As President of the ARC/STSA, he represented the organization at CAAHEP and other partner organization joint functions. His professional expertise includes service as a post-secondary educator and program director in Surgical Technology for sixteen years preceded by fifteen years of professional clinical practice in both the military and civilian sectors, which included significant surgical services administrative responsibilities.

The Director of Education and Professional Affairs will oversee the day-to-day provision of accreditation-related services, including guidance and development of professional resources for school administration and program staff and volunteer on-site evaluators.

The ARC/STSA is a private, not-for-profit accreditation services provider which, in collaboration with the national Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), accredits approximately 460 surgical technology and 8 surgical assisting programs throughout the United States. The ARC/STSA, with offices in Littleton CO, is jointly sponsored and supported by Association of Surgical Technologists and the American College of Surgeons and is the sole Committee on Accreditation recognized by CAAHEP for the professions of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.