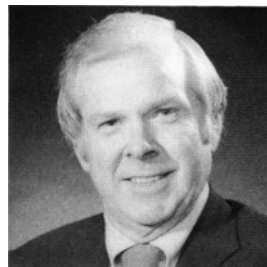

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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This is my last message to you as your president. I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to serve as your spokesman. The past year has been an exciting period in terms of my professional growth. Although I am looking forward to a less hectic year of professional involvement after the June meeting, I must confess that I will miss the following: (a) the usual pile of daily mail; (b) my weekly (sometimes daily) phone calls to Virginia Pappas and Wayne Wcislo; (c) my regular chats with my committee chairmen; and (d) the personal interaction that occurs between the president and the membership. To all of you, I hope that you will indulge me in the future if I just call to say hello and not make demands on your time and efforts as I have done this past year. I must thank the Executive Committee, the National Council, Virginia Pappas, Stan Goldsmith, and all of my task force and committee chairmen for their support during the past year. Without the combined effort of all of these individuals in addition to that of the committee members, the Section would not function and would not be able to accomplish any of the tasks that it undertakes each year. To all of you, I say "well done."

I cannot write this message without speaking to the future

of the Section. There are many perceived and real obstacles facing the Section. Finances are one of the obstacles that must be addressed immediately. In order for the Section to continue to provide services at its present level, additional funding must be obtained. At the Finance Committee meeting in April during the review of the 1986-1987 budget, it became apparent that a dues increase was necessary. If the Section is to remain viable and be proactive in the many areas identified by the membership as priority items, a dues increase of at least \$10.00 per member is needed. There has not been an increase in dues for the past four years, but expenses to the Section have greatly increased due to relocation costs, the new computerization project, the Manpower and DRG surveys, National Nuclear Medicine Week, and other projects and tasks that the Section has undertaken for the benefit of the membership. No President likes to go out of office on the coattails of a dues increase, but I stress to each and everyone of you that it was needed just to maintain our present level of services.

In closing, I want to wish Wayne Wcislo and the newly elected officers of the Section the best of luck, and if I may quote Bob Hope to you, I say "Thanks For The Memories!"