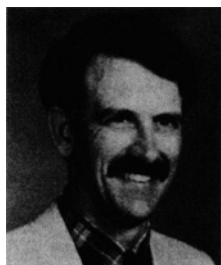


## Message From The Acting President

**S**erving as Acting President has been both an informative and a rewarding experience. Although I have missed the guidance and leadership that Paul Cole would



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have provided, I have tried to enact the policies and goals that Paul originally developed. I am pleased to report that Paul has been posthumously designated as a recipient of the Section's Distinguished Honoree award. This is a fitting tribute to the dedication and commitment that Paul had for nuclear medicine and the Section.

The National Council recently met in New Orleans. Various topics were discussed, including the Section's withdrawal from ASAHP, and are summarized as follows:

The hard work that the Section provided to ensure the inclusion of hospital-based programs in the Title VII legislation paid off when the 100th Congress authorized funding for allied health programs, including those which are hospital-based. Our next goal is to see that funding is actually appropriated. Earlier this year, ASAHP began preparing a position paper for presentation to the 101st Congress. The original draft again left out the hospital-based programs. The close monitoring of the Government Relations Committee brought this to my attention, and I contacted ASAHP about this oversight. Lawrence Abrams, PhD, and President of ASAHP, has contacted me and apologized for the oversight. As a result of our continued difficulty in working with this group and because the dues for membership have increased substantially, the National Council has directed me not to renew our membership in this organization.

The Education and Research Foundation was asked to approve and award three "Paul D. Cole, CNMT" scholarships. The proposal was discussed and

an ad hoc committee was formed by the Section and the Foundation to work out the details. In view of the continued technologist shortage, I hope that the Foundation can successfully initiate this project.

Donna Brinlee has been recently appointed Chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee to replace Ronni Markwell, who is retiring from nuclear medicine. We wish Ronni well with her new endeavors. Currently, the committee is developing a system to convert Category 1 CME credits to VOICE credits.

Recently, the Section was contacted by NRC representatives to assist in the development of a videotape on misadministrations. Since to participate would be tantamount to admitting that there is a misadministration problem, it was suggested that we offer to make a video on quality assurance instead of misadministration. The Council voted not to take part in this project because our resources are better utilized at this time in dealing with the technologist shortage. I have written a letter to the NRC indicating our continued interest in working with them in the development of other projects. It is important that we maintain a good avenue of communication with the NRC.

Membership dues and the increase in suspended members also were addressed. Rose Allen is diligently working to identify and correct the problem of increased number of suspensions. As Chairperson of the Membership Committee, I think that the general consensus is to lower membership dues. The problem is how! The dues structure is somewhat complicated in that both Society and Chapter dues appear on the same bill. Since the Society controls its portion of the billing and the Chapters control their portion, members receive a bill that is similar in structure but different in price. The goal of the committee is to increase membership in the Section during 1989. Your support and input will be instrumental in achieving this goal.

Paul Hanson, Section representative to the NMTCB, presented a report con-

cerning NMTCB by-laws changes that would decrease the input that the Section currently has in the selection of the NMTCB Board members. Currently, the Section selects from its membership nominees for the NMTCB Board. The NMTCB, however, is concerned that members serving on the Board for three years might not be re-elected and that this would result in a loss of expertise in various Board activities. The NMTCB Board is proposing a change that would limit Section input on the selection process in that NMTCB Board members would be elected only by the members of the Board. In its response to the proposed changes, the Section strongly suggested that the NMTCB reconsider and seek another method to resolve this problem.

Through the assistance of Mark Crosthwaite, CNMT and the University of Louisville, the Finance committee approved the production of a recruitment video. This project should be underway shortly, but there is an additional twist. While attending the Board of Trustees meeting, I mentioned that its support was needed for Nuclear Medicine Week promotions and recruitment activities. A nonmember of the Society volunteered both his time and his company's time for production of a video on recruitment to be made during the Annual Meeting. The Section salutes Larry E. Rowell of Audio Visual America, Inc., for making this offer. Mark will be working with Mr. Rowell and his company to produce this tape.

On a different note, Brad Pounds, at my request, attended the recent ACNP meeting as Section Representative. Brad provided the Corporate committee's Subcommittee on Technologist Training with an update on the Section's marketing efforts, particularly student recruitment. Dr. Phyllis Allen's subsequent report to the Corporate Committee was well received. All corporate committee members were then asked to make additional comments and suggestions regarding technologist recruitment and training to be discussed at the ACNP's June



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meeting. Brad also attended the ACNP's Technologist Liaison committee meeting and presented my report. Issues addressed by the committee included the recently passed Title VII legislation and the previously mentioned NMTCB issue. Dr. Mel Freundlich, Committee Chairman, is sending a letter to the NMTCB that addresses the ACNP's concerns regarding the NMTCB's proposed by-laws changes. Other committee

business included a motion to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the development of a category of membership for the Section within the ACNP. The motion, which was made by Dr. Andy Keenan, was defeated when brought before the ACNP's House of Delegates. This issue, however, will be addressed by both the National Council and the Executive committee during the Annual Meeting.

### **Nuclear Medicine Week**

Do not forget that Nuclear Medicine Week is July 30–August 5. Mickey Williams and his task force have worked hard to produce a nice poster design. Your continued support is needed to make Nuclear Medicine Week 1989 the biggest and best yet. Congratulations to Mickey and the task force for a job well done.