
MESSAGE FROM THE P R E S I D E N T

With the relocation of the SNM's headquarters from New York to Reston, Virginia, one chapter in the SNM's history closes and a new one opens. SNM's move provides cost savings and strategically places us in the politically central Washington, D.C. area. Our beautiful, new location is now owned by you the members, thereby saving substantial rental fees. The move was accomplished swiftly and with virtually no breaks in member services. I would like to thank the ten members from our original New York staff, who relocated to Reston, as well as welcome our 22 new staff members. You will need to know these key managers:

Associate Executive Director, Virginia Pappas
Assistant to the Associate Executive Director, Olivia Wong
Membership Services, Lori Ann Tremmel
Meeting Services, Lauren Kramer-Whelan,
Jacqueline Williams
Public Relations Services, Kristin Ludwig
Continuing Education, Services, Marcia Ferg
Communication Services, John Childs
Health Care Policy, Wendy Smith
Financial Services, Daniel Cassidy
Computer Services, Mark Rogers

Since my last *JNMT* message, we've resolved or made progress on the following issues:

• **NAFTA.** SNM has submitted paperwork to the U.S. Department of Labor to acquire professional status for NMTs. By achiev-



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ing this status, we can participate in the NAFTA Agreement with Canada and Mexico. The paperwork will take several months and must pass through Congress. Recapping, NAFTA's impact over the next three years will eliminate most duties and investment barriers between the U.S. and Canada or Mexico.

• **Scope of Practice Coalition.** The coalition sent a letter addressing the licensure issue (Section 1161 of HR 3600) to congressional leaders. Although the Health Care Reform issue has died for this year, it continues to be very active at the state level. SNM will continue to monitor and keep you informed of any issues that would affect our organization.

• **ACNP.** Lynne Roy, Chairperson of the Government Affairs Committee, and I attended the ACNP meeting in Washington, D.C. The SNM agreed to help in a joint marketing effort for the new ACNP proficiency testing program. Those of you who currently subscribe to the CAP phantom series will notice the sponsor is no longer the CAP but is the ACNP. The program has been enhanced and improved. The SNM does not have a proficiency testing program. Therefore, we support the efforts of the ACNP.

• **SNM Executive Meeting.** Twenty-two topics were discussed at the meeting held October 8-9. I am happy to report that the Technologist Section continues to play an integral role within the SNM. Thanks go to Dr. James Conway, president and Dr. Peter Kirshner, president-elect.

• **25th Anniversary.** Chaired by Duffy Price, CNMT, the committee is actively organizing numerous projects such as t-shirts and cups to kick off our 25th anniversary celebration at the national meeting in Minneapolis in June.

Until next time, Lynn Fulk and I look forward to meeting many of you at the chapter meetings.