

News from the Chapters

Eastern Great Lakes Chapter

There is presently before the New York State Legislature a bill requiring the licensure of nuclear medicine technologists. In September, the EGL Chapter sponsored a panel discussion on the pros and cons of licensure. Technologists were informed about the proposed legislation and its possible effect on the practice of nuclear medicine technology.

Members of the panel included Phil Ahrenhold, President, and Jim Senecal, Licensing Committee, N.Y.S. Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists, and Sue Lawrenson, Secretary, Capitaland Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists. Attendees were encouraged to make their views known so that all technologists may be represented in Albany.

Plans are beginning for next spring's annual meeting. The all-day meeting, a joint venture of our chapter's physicians and technologists, will be held on a Friday in May in Niagara Falls, Ontario. This location should provide the perfect opportunity to combine nuclear medicine with some sightseeing.

—Ann Steves

Greater New York

Several exciting fall meetings kept our chapter busy. For example, the Delaware Valley Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held a one-day symposium entitled, "Nuclear Medicine in the Care of the Critical Patient" on Oct. 13 and the Fifth Annual Scientific Meeting of the Greater New York Chapter took place in New York City Oct. 26-28. This meeting included a special one-day clinical symposium on "Gastrointestinal Nuclear Medicine."

The Executive Committee of the Greater New York Chapter's Technologist Section held a very productive meeting in September; special congratulations to Janice Brewster, President, for her work in getting more technologists involved on the local level.

At a recent Chapter Board of Governors meeting, the Bylaws Committee was instructed to implement certain changes—to allow technologists to have more representation on our chapter's governing body. Changes are: the President of the Technologists Section shall be a member of the Executive Committee; the Executive Committee of the Section shall be voting members of the Board of

Governors; and there shall be a technologist representative on all standing committees of our chapter.

I'd like to remind technologists to stay aware of all state legislation on technologist licensure and get involved through your area counselor; it really does help!

—Jack Kozar

Mideastern Chapter

The spring meeting is in planning and will be held in Ocean City, MD. Abstracts for the Scientific Program of the Mideastern Chapter Technologist Section Spring Meeting must be submitted no later than Jan. 25, 1980. Please send them to Christie Burkhead, 5250 Valley Forge, Apt. 312, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Our fall meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Old Town, Alexandria, VA, on Oct. 19 and 20. It was successful and well attended; a new addition to the program was a Friday-afternoon CPR course.

—Bonnie Clay

Missouri Valley Chapter

The fall meeting of the Missouri Valley Chapter was held in Des Moines at the Hilton Inn on Oct. 12-14. The program was entitled, "The Role of Nuclear Medicine in Oncology." Congratulations are extended to all of the hard working Des Moines area technologists for a super job! The meeting was well attended and a complete success.

An extensive membership drive is planned in the near future. We must get more technologists in the Missouri Valley Chapter involved at both the local and national levels!

Volunteers are *desperately* needed to monitor legislative activity on licensure in the following MVC states: Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Gary D. Gallamore, chairman of the Section's Governmental Relations Committee, is attempting to set up a legislative network throughout the country. In order for this to work we need cooperation and communication from every state. Please contact a chapter officer to find out details.

If you wish to volunteer your services to the Missouri Valley Chapter in any

way during the coming year, please contact me.

My address is St. Luke's Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound, 4401 Wornall Rd. Kansas City, MO 64111. We really need your input, ideas, and most of all involvement to make our Chapter strong. I look forward to hearing from you.

—Susan Christie Mank

New England Chapter

Our 15th Annual Meeting was held Oct. 13-14 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston and new officers were installed—including Maureen Monahan as President; Dayton Rich as Vice President; and Wayne Cotnoir as National Council Delegate.

Plans are now being formulated for a winter meeting to take place over the Washington's birthday weekend in the Red Jacket Inn in North Conway, NH. James McGregor, of the NE Vermont Regional Hospital, St. Johnsbury, VT, is the meeting chairperson. For more information, contact him at (802) 748-8141.

And don't forget the New England Chapter's spring meeting! This annual event will occur April 18 and 19, at the Sheraton Sturbridge in Sturbridge, MA.

—Maureen Monahan

Northern California Chapter

New officers for the Northern California Chapter include Dwight Wolczak, President; Judy M. Clarke, President-Elect; Clement Stankiewicz, Program Chairperson; and Laura Miller, National Council Delegate. They were installed at the Fourth Annual Western Regional Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine held in Monterey, CA, Oct. 19-21, 1979.

A special thank you to Marion Allen and Judy Clarke for a job well done.

—Judy Starr

Puerto Rico Chapter

The Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico has planned a series of educational and social activities for the remainder of 1979 and for 1980, which will be profitable to anyone interested in

nuclear medicine and ultrasound. Attendees at some of the activities will be eligible for continuing education credits.

Those wishing to enjoy our marvelous year-round weather, and at the same time exchange scientific ideas, can write to the Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico, c/o Nayda I. Quinones, Secretary, Society of Nuclear Medicine of Puerto Rico, V.A. Hospital, Nuclear Medicine Service (115) GPO Box 4867, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936, for details.

—*Rafael Bernabe-Prida*

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Plans are being made now for the 1980 Rocky Mountain meeting. The dates are March 26-29, in Park City, UT. Tentatively, the meeting will be held from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m., allowing technologists and physicians to attend and not miss an entire day of work.

Eleven technologists took the NMTCB

exam in Salt Lake City on Saturday, Sept. 15.

—*Trudy Battison*

Southeastern Chapter

The Kentucky Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held its fall seminar and business meeting on Sept. 8. They extend a welcome to everyone to attend the Annual Winter Meeting of the Technologist Section, SNM, in Louisville this February.

During the winter months the Florida Nuclear Medicine Technologists will be cosponsoring a series of management seminars with Dupont Corp. They will be conducted at various locations in the state.

The fall seminar of the North Carolina Nuclear Medicine Technologists was held Oct. 5 and 6 in Charlotte.

The East Tennessee Organization of Nuclear Medicine Technologists held

their fall meeting October 6 at Oak Ridge Hospital. The officers and Board of Directors of the Tennessee Society of Nuclear Medicine held the fall business meeting Sept. 2—aboard a cabin cruiser! Plans were made for the state meeting to be held May 3-4, 1980, in Gatlinburg. The educational program will be "Whole-Body Imaging in Nuclear Medicine."

—*Marcia Boyd*

A Welcome Aboard from Tennessee Technologists



Officers and members of the Tennessee Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists mixed business with pleasure when they met this fall to plan their 1980 spring meeting aboard a cabin cruiser.

President of the TSNMT, Martha Holt, projects that the spring meeting will be the best ever and she extends an invitation to all nuclear medicine technologists in the area to attend.

The meeting will be held in Gatlinburg in May—on land.

If you would like to join the TSNMT, please write to Ms. Holt, 797 Timber Lane, Nashville, TN 37215.