
Letter from the Editor

Three Easy Ways To Get Involved . . .

Technologist Section members frequently ask how they can become involved in the business of the Section on the national level.

Perhaps you, too, would like to participate in these activities but do not know how to go about it. First, please realize that the leaders of the Section are always interested in knowing which of you would be willing to serve on committees and task forces and as officers. The problem is that they have no way of knowing who you are unless you take the first step. You need to identify yourself in some way.

Let me suggest a variety of mechanisms to initiate your involvement in national affairs.

1. Submit your name to your Chapter's National Council Delegate (NCD) as a potential candidate for national office (President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer). If you feel you are not quite ready for the big time yet, submit your name for elected committee member slots. Committee members elected annually include four nominees for the Nominating Committee, two nominees for the Membership Committee, and one nominee for the Finance Committee. The NMTCB also solicits nominees for their board of directors through the NCDs.

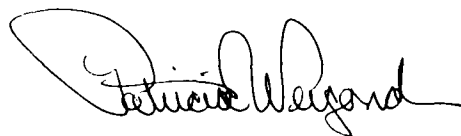
All you need to do is call your NCD for instructions. If you do not know how to contact this person, call the SNM New York Office (212) 889-0717 and ask Virginia Pappas for the name and number of the delegate from your chapter.

2. Decide to become your chapter's next National Council Delegate. The president of your local group will know the procedure to apply for this position. If you are unfamiliar with the local leaders, get information at your chapter level. The incumbent NCD can surely inform you of the duties of the office and steer you in the right direction.

A seat on the National Council is a fantastic learning experience, touching on the areas of nuclear medicine legislation, financial affairs, business and management, publications, continuing education, and public relations. The time you spend serving on the National Council will acquaint you with the many aspects of national involvement and help you to decide what course you would like to pursue next.

3. Sit in on a few committee meetings that take place immediately prior to the annual meetings of the Section and the Society. All of these meetings are open to the general membership; you are, in fact, encouraged to attend. The Committees that meet include the Executive Committee, the National Council, Publications, Finance, Continuing Education, Government Relations, Membership, Bylaws, Academic Affairs, Socio-Economic Affairs, Scientific and Teaching Sessions, and other special committees. When you attend a given meeting, you will be able to better judge whether you want to ask the chairman how to become actively involved in the future. At the Las Vegas Annual Meeting, listings of Section Committee meetings, including times and locations, will be available in the registration area.

Do not be bashful about any of this. The Section needs your participation. It needs your ideas and support; in return, you will broaden your own horizons with new and exciting stimuli.



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