
News from the Chapters

Mideastern Chapter

The annual Registry Review and Refresher Course in Nuclear Medicine Technology was an outstanding success this year; approximately 40 students and technologists attended. From the opening remarks by our President to the final lecture, nuclear medicine was thoroughly reviewed. Many thanks to the physicists, physicians, and technologists who gave up their weekends to present a comprehensive review. We are also indebted to the Bethesda Naval Institute for the use of their facilities and the many courtesies extended by their staff.

The Fall Meeting held in Alexandria covered a wide variety of topics by lecture and panel discussions. We'd like to express our appreciation to the many guest speakers who travelled so many miles and gave so freely of their time to present this most educational session.

With the Fall Meeting barely behind us everyone is working feverishly to prepare for our midwinter dinner meeting to be announced very shortly. As in the past we are anticipating a great turnout.

The Technologist Section is now accepting scientific abstracts for the Spring Meeting to be held in Gettysburg, PA, April 21-23, 1983. Abstracts must be submitted by Feb. 15, 1983, to Greg Shindlecker, 3124 Willoughby Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234. Keep in mind that cash prizes will be awarded to the top three papers given during this meeting.

—Karen Sargent, CNMT

Missouri Valley Chapter

Congratulations to Mickey Clarke who was judged to have presented the best technologist paper at the Annual Chapter meeting in Columbia, MO. She receives 50% of her expenses to go to the 1983 Annual SNM Meeting and present her paper. We hope this incentive will cause more technologists to present papers at chapter meetings. Our annual meeting on "Radiopharmaceuticals" was very informative and well attended. An added attraction at the Saturday night cocktail party provided extra entertainment.

New officers, inducted at our business meeting, are: President and National Council Delegate—Maria Nagel, CNMT;

President-Elect—Gloria Yowell, CNMT; and Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Jo Struttmann, CNMT.

Regular meetings of our subchapters continue to provide continuing education for local technologists. The South Central Kansas Subchapter is planning its Third Annual Seminar for sometime late next spring. The results of a questionnaire, sent this fall to chapter members and as many nonmembers as could be identified within the Chapter boundaries, are being reviewed for future chapter direction.

Mark your calendars now for our 1983 Annual Chapter meeting Sept. 23-25 at the Old Mill Holiday Inn in Omaha.

We look forward to hosting the 1983 SNM Annual Meeting in June. Plans are underway for a technologist party directed by Gloria Yowell. We hope you will join us in St. Louis.

—Maria Nagel, CNMT

Southern California Chapter

The ballots have been counted and the newly elected officers for 1982-83 are already busy with plans for the coming year. The executive board includes: President—Debbie Behrendt, CNMT, President-Elect—Cardiff (Mickey) Williams, CNMT, Vice President—Jim Fain, CNMT, Secretary—Susan Thornton, Treasurer—Ron Fomin, CNMT, National Delegate—John Radtke, CNMT, National Delegate Alternate—Nehemiah McCallum, CNMT.

During the installation of officers, which occurred at the Seventh Western Regional Meeting in San Diego, President Debbie Behrendt outlined her plans. As with preceding years, continuing education will be the primary concern, followed by social and informational programs designed to promote communications among the technologists in the Southern California Chapter.

Declining membership is a problem that the executive board feels must be addressed as quickly as possible. Membership Chairman Gail Schroeder presented her ideas for a membership drive at an executive board meeting held in November. Gail welcomes any suggestions, complaints, or help, and

may be reached at (213)376-9474.

Committees are now being formed for the 1982-83 year and all volunteers are welcome. Contact the following Chairmen for information: Francine Aguilar, CNMT, Continuing Education (213)825-7701, Government Relations, Danielle Kavanagh, CNMT, (714) 633-9111, Publications, Kathy Thomas, CNMT, (213)359-8111, ext. 2351, and Job Opportunities, Debbie Behrendt, CNMT (213)829-5511.

—Kathy Thomas, CNMT

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A group of local nuclear medicine technologists, including the recent University of Puerto Rico, College of Health Related Professions graduates, took the fall NMTCB registry examination. We wish good luck to all of them.

A bill designed by nuclear medicine technologists to regulate the practice of our profession has reached the House of Representatives. Public hearings were held and interested parties invited. Nuclear medicine technologists support the view that nuclear medicine technology and radiologic technology should be classified as different entities. As you may know, the Consumer-Patient Radiation Health and Safety Act covers Puerto Rico and Puerto Rican nuclear medicine technologists are busy trying to comply with the law.

—Rafael Bernabe-Prida, CNMT