

Membership Report

The membership of the Technologist Section is at an all time high of 4,439 members. The total number of new and reinstated members during the past year was 1,256. The membership committee congratulates the following Chapters for meeting or exceeding the assigned membership goal during the 1983/84 membership campaign: Central, Eastern Great Lakes, Greater New York, Mid-eastern, Missouri Valley, New England, Pittsburgh, Rocky Mountain, Southeastern, Southern California, Southwestern.

The Technologist Section, through its increased membership, has proven that we represent and speak for Nuclear Medicine Technology. The recruitment of new members must continue, especially in this era of legislative actions (T.E.F.R.A., licensure bills, etc.) when there is a need more than ever before to demonstrate unity and strength as the voice of Nuclear Medicine Technology.

As we enter into our 15th year, let us celebrate the anniversary of the Technologist Section by continuing to increase our membership through new member recruitment and the reinstatement of all former members. A recent bylaws change adopted by the Society allows

past members, who have not been active for one year or longer, to rejoin, being billed only for the current year's dues. If you know a past member, please inform them of this bylaws change.

The membership committee is composed of three members who are responsible for coordinating the efforts and the activities of the membership campaign, and to work with the individual Chapter Membership Liaisons.

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At the annual meeting in Los Angeles, Chapter Membership Liaisons met to provide the Membership Committee with information on Chapter recruitment efforts. These Chapter Liaisons requested that the Committee prepare guidelines to assist them in their recruitment efforts. The committee will work on establishing guidelines and send them out to the Chapters.

—Jim Wirrell, CNMT
Membership Chairman

Technologists Needed to Serve as JRC Site Evaluators

The Academic Affairs Committee is seeking applications from Technologist Section members who are interested in becoming program site visitors for the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT).

Site visitors are appointed by the JRCNMT to conduct visits to an educational program undergoing accreditation review. The purpose of the visit is to collect information related to the degree to which a program meets requirements for quality as mandated by the Essentials. A confidential written report is prepared by the site visit team and forwarded to the JRCNMT for action. The review committee evaluates the degree of the program's compliance with the Essen-

tials by studying the site visitors' report and other appropriate documentation.

Newly appointed site visitors can work with an experienced team, attend a JRC-training workshop, or both. Individuals then make an average of two site visits each year. Each site visit requires one to critique self-study materials and inspect program facilities. If possible, JRC assigns site visitors geographically to minimize time and travel.

To be considered one must hold a current certification or registration as an NMT and be active in the profession. To apply contact Wanda Hibbard, CNMT, Medical College of Georgia, Department of Radiologic Technologies, BD 246, Augusta, Georgia 30912. Interested individuals will be sent a curriculum

vitae form and an informational packet. Along with the completed vitae form a short essay must be written reflecting the applicant's philosophy of the student educational process as it relates to nuclear medicine technology. Candidates should also indicate availability of time, willingness and ability to serve, and availability to travel; a letter of employer support must be included.

Complete applications must be received by December 14, 1984. Recommendations of applicant appointments by the Academic Affairs Committee are sent to the Technologist Section President who, with the approval of the Executive committee, forwards the names of the approved appointees to the JRCNMT through its Executive Director.

Finance Committee Report

Paul D. Cole, CNMT
Chairman, Finance Committee

The Finance Committee submitted the Fiscal Year (FY) 84-85 budget to the National Council at the Los Angeles meeting with a revenue excess of \$4,103. After the Council approved the new budget, they approved funding of \$4,000 for a marketing consultant for the *JNMT*.

The 84-85 budget has an increase in revenues and expenses over last year's budget of 7.1 percent. Investment income and an increase in the number of new members is primarily responsible for the increase in revenues. Although staff support dollars have increased 11.2%, staff support hours have increased only slightly. Most of the increase is due to annual salary increases. The Membership section of the budget has the largest increase in staff support which is primarily due to an increase in new members. The Data Processing section also has a substantial increase which is due to the computerization project undertaken by the Central Office.

The Technologist Section no longer receives a subsidy from the SNM. Under an agreement worked out in 1983 by the Task Force on Society of Nuclear Medicine and Technologist Section Finances, the Section now receives revenues from:

- 1) Dues paid for SNM membership by Technologist Section members are returned to the Section;
- 2) Registration fees paid by technologists to the Annual Spring meeting are returned to the Section;
- 3) A portion of the exhibitor fees to the Annual Spring meeting are returned to the Section (fifty cents per square foot);
- 4) Sales of the Technologist Section's mailing lists; and,
- 5) Interest gained on Technologist Section income.

In addition, any surplus monies at the end of each fiscal year is retained by the Section.

The tables below show where the Section's revenues come from and how they are expended.

1984#85 Budget		
	REVENUES	TOTALS
Policy and Leadership		\$ 2,600
Placement Service	\$ 2,600	
Education and Meetings		153,630
Annual Meeting (Spring)		
Registration Fees	92,650	
Exhibitor Pass-Through	19,500	
Royalty Income (cassette sales)	150	
Winter Meeting		
Registration Fees	23,175	
Finance		17,360
Investment Income	17,360	
Membership and Subscriptions		298,883
Society Dues	141,752	
Section Dues	116,144	
Student Dues	1,224	
Institutional Members	33,445	
Application Fees	4,100	
Mailing List Sales	2,218	
Publications		82,193
Book Sales	15,430	
JNMT		
Advertising	55,260	
Subscriptions	6,150	
Reprints	2,470	
Single Copy Sales	513	
Classified Ads	2,100	
Royalty Income	270	
Grand Total		\$554,666

Expenses			
	DIRECTS	STAFF SUPPORT	TOTAL EXPENSES
Policy and Leadership	\$ 75,415	\$ 53,240	\$128,655
Data Processing	10,827	19,265	30,092
Education & Meetings	76,480	48,295	124,775
Finance	6,675	52,942	59,617
Membership & Subscriptions	19,016	43,723	62,739
Publications	78,603	39,427	118,030
General Office	53,085	4,384	57,469
Value of Exempt OT	0	(26,814)	(26,814)
Grand Totals	\$320,101	\$234,462	\$554,563

The general office expenses for the Section will increase approximately \$30,000 per year after the Central Office relocates in 1985. The Finance Committee is looking for new sources of revenues to offset this and other expense increases. The Committee welcomes suggestions from the membership.



Maria V. Nagel, CNMT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the 15th anniversary of the Section approaches, a retrospective look at our last 14 years includes superb growth. Starting with a few hundred charter members in 1970 we now have over 4,000 NMTs. Along with the normal growing pains any organization experiences, we have developed many new services for our members. Our own journal, the *JNMT*, was started to provide communication and scientific articles. Continuing education programs at the national, chapter, and local levels have been held each year. Audio-visuals (AVs) and continuing education articles in the *JNMT* have increased the availability of updated information to each technologist. The VOICE recording process has been developed to keep records of CEUs earned. Initial NMT education has been enhanced by the publication of a Curriculum Guide, Clinical Evaluation Methods Guide and the recently released Laboratory Manual. Legislative and socio-economic issues affecting all NMTs have been addressed through the years. Of primary note was the initiation of our own certification body, the

NMTCB. During this time, the Section has matured in its fiscal autonomy and has assumed more responsibility as part of the Society. These are but a few details of the last 14 years. We can be proud of our past accomplishments but we must continue to be progressive and active.

This year will see the culmination of the much needed Manpower Project. The entire NMT workforce will be surveyed this Fall. When you receive your questionnaire, please complete and return it promptly. Everyone's response is vital to ensure reliable data.

Educational opportunities will be found in four new AV programs from the Los Angeles meeting and excellent programs are slated for Las Vegas in January 1985 and Houston in June 1985. Self-assessment quizzes will begin with this *JNMT* issue. I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities to test your skills.

During the year, some members will be surveyed to discover what types of self-assessment they are interested in and whether this type of activity should be expanded.

In June, the National Council approved the formation of a group to look at whether on-the-job training is still a viable mechanism for entering NMT. If you have any comments (pro or con) on this issue, please contact me via the National Office, Society of Nuclear Medicine, 475 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016.

As an integral part of the Society, we continue to work on common interests internally and externally. The Section maintains its strong commitment to the accrediting organization for NMT schools, the JRCNMT, and the certification body for NMTs, the NMTCB.

The Section continues to communicate with other professional organizations such as the ACNP, AHRA, and ASRT through the exchange of ideas and opinions.

Thank you for electing me to serve you and give direction to the Section this year. No one knows the future, but I feel over the next 15 years, it will be up to each one of us to strengthen the role of the NMT.

The nuclear medicine community continues to support the NMTCB: over 1,000 applications were received for the September 1984 Exam.

The NMTCB is pleased to announce that it has contracted with the states of New Jersey and Maine to provide the nuclear medicine technology exam for their state licensure. The NMTCB had several conversations with the state of Illinois to provide similar services prior to that state's decision not to administer its own exam for state licensure. As of January 1, 1985 persons wishing to be licensed in Illinois will have to pass a national certification exam. The NMTCB's administration of two exams per year starting in 1985 will provide candidates more latitude regarding application for certification. Make note of the examination dates as well as the application deadlines:

	Exam Date	Application Deadline
1st Exam	last Sat. of June, 1985	3rd Sat. of March, 1985
2nd Exam	last Sat. of Sept., 1985	3rd Sat. of June, 1985

As a reminder, the NMTCB adopted policies affecting both applicants and certificants, which will be implemented December 31, 1984. Anyone who has not maintained current credentials for at least five years will be removed from the certification rolls at the end of this year. The Board has made a concerted effort during the past two years to notify all individuals affected by this policy. This policy will be automatically implemented in December of each year. Exam applications will be maintained on file in the NMTCB Office for a period of five years from the date of the original application. If no activity, i.e. reactivation, has occurred within this five year period, the applications will be discarded.

To date no response to the request for input concerning the high school plus six years on-the-job training eligibility requirement has been received. The NMTCB sincerely seeks input from the nuclear medicine community and still welcomes your comments. Please send

your responses to the NMTCB Office, P.O. Box 1034, Stone Mountain, GA 30086.

The NMTCB has always had an appeals mechanism, although this has never been published. In order to better serve the nuclear medicine community this procedure is printed below. The appeals procedure is available from the NMTCB Office upon request.

NMTCB: Appeals Procedure

In order to assure fairness and a right of redress in the evaluation and processing of applications, examination procedures, and certification activities, the Directors of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board have established a formal appeals procedure. This procedure must be followed by any individual who wishes to appeal NMTCB policy, requirements or decisions.

Any applicant, certificant, or person who is both dissatisfied with and adversely affected by any action or decision of the administration of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, Inc. shall have the right to appeal from such action or decision to the Board of Directors or to a committee designated by the Board, or both.

Any decision or action by the administration of the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, Inc. affecting any individual applicant or certificant shall be transmitted to the individual in writing, and shall contain a brief notification of the right of appeal and that appeal procedure information will be supplied on request.

All appeals will be conducted in accordance with the following procedure:

1. An appeal shall:
 - (a) be in writing,
 - (b) be signed by the person appealing ("Appellant"),
 - (c) be addressed to the Board,

- (d) state the date and substance of the decision or action being appealed,
 - (e) give the reasons why the decision or action was wrong, and
 - (f) specify what decision or action Appellant seeks.
2. No Appeal shall be considered unless received by the Board within sixty (60) days after the action or decision appealed from, and, if required, a check for the appropriate monies is enclosed.
3. Upon receipt of an Appeal, the Executive Director may reconsider the decision or action appealed from, and with consent from either the Chairman of the Committee or the Committee responsible for the action being appealed, reverse or modify the decision or action. Unless so reversed or modified to the satisfaction of the Appellant, the Executive Director shall transmit the Appeal to the Committee designated by the Board of Directors to hear the Appeal.
4. The Executive Director shall, at the same time, notify the Appellant when and where the Appellant will be heard and of the Appellant's rights specified in the next paragraph.
5. The Appellant shall have the right, by written request, to receive copies of any relevant documents in the possession of the Board in preparing an Appeal. The Board shall have the right to require a payment of the actual cost of such copying.
6. The Appellant shall have the right to appear before the Committee in person or by counsel, to present oral or written testimony and documentary evidence, and to argue orally or by written brief. Appellant shall also have the right

to present evidence and argument in writing and without a personal appearance, provided a waiver of right to appear and all written evidence and argument are submitted no later than ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting at which Appeal will be considered. The failure to appear in person shall not prejudice consideration of the Appeal.

7. The Committee and the Board may consider evidence and argument presented without being

bound by the rules of evidence applicable to court proceedings, but shall have the right to exclude from consideration any matter which is not relevant or material to the Appeal.

8. The Committee shall consider the Appeal and issue a decision in writing within sixty (60) days after the last evidence or argument is received.

9. The Appellant shall have the right to appeal an adverse Committee decision to the Board of Directors

under the same procedures herein specified.

10. Unless appealed, the Committee's decision shall be final. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

11. No person who participated in the initial decision being appealed from shall have a vote on the decision under appeal.

12. The Appellant shall be responsible for all costs incurred by Appellant in exercising this right of appeal.

12th Annual Meeting of Tech Section

Las Vegas will host the 12th Annual Meeting of the Technologist Section, January 23-27, 1985, Wednesday, January 23 is reserved for committee day and Thursday, January 24 is scheduled for the National Council Delegates meeting.

Under the direction of Ann M. Steves, MS, CNMT, SUNY Buffalo, the technologist program committee has organized what promises to be a unique educational program, focusing on two themes: Computer/instrumentation and clinical applications in nuclear medicine technology. By paring back the number of concurrent sessions offered in previous years, the committee has attempted to focus on fewer aspects of nuclear medicine in more detail. The computer and instrumentation session, for example, will examine region of interest selection, subtraction techniques for dual isotope studies, image filtering, and bone densitometry. A second session will focus on the non-clinical tasks computers can accomplish, specifically, inventory and record-keeping. Program co-chairman, Michael Plankey of Emory University Hospital, has designed the non-clinical session as a hands-on tutorial with computer terminals to accommodate 10-12 technologists in four separate one-hour segments. The computer and instrumentation sessions will provide technologists with seven hours of continuing education.

Bone imaging in sports medicine is becoming an ever more frequent procedure in nuclear medicine depart-

ments. Saturday's clinical session will be devoted to sports related injuries as well as aerosol lung imaging and cardiac shunt quantitation and phase analysis.

Rounding out the 2½ day educational program will be sessions on diagnosis related groups (DRGs), quality assurance, and a workshop and forum for educators; in all, nearly 30 hours of VOICE approved continuing education.

Registration for Section members has been set at \$85.00. Students will be admitted at half price. Those who register for the meeting may also attend, at no additional charge, the Sunday seminar funded by the Department of Energy: "Receptor Based Radiopharmaceuticals—Research and Clinical Potential." The seminar will feature presentations on labeling of receptor ligands with fluorine-18 and carbon-11, clinical potential of technetium labeled

receptor ligands, and clinical use of carbon-11 labeled compounds for the study of dopamine and morphine receptor systems.

The Riviera Hotel, located at 2901 Las Vegas Boulevard South, will serve as the meeting site with nightly room rates of \$44.00 double/twin. Hotel facilities include an Olympic size swimming pool, four tennis courts, men's and women's health clubs, and, of course, gambling in all its forms. Technologist Section members will receive the program in November. Those who wish to take advantage of discount airfares may do so by calling SNM's official agent, Garber Travel, at (800) 225-4570. With the cooperation of American Airlines, Garber Travel will offer reduced airfares from your home city to Las Vegas. When calling, be sure to ask for the SNM meeting desk.

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