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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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I am writing this message at the close of the Annual Meeting of the Section in Las Vegas to inform you about significant developments that occurred. The outstanding educational program was attended by 160 people, a significant decrease from last year's attendance of 220. Once again the Section needs to discuss whether continuation of scientific sessions along with the business portion of the Annual Meeting is a viable option.

Section Committees and the National Council reviewed many items and issues during the 2-day meeting. The National Council discussed in great detail on-the-job training as an option to a formal CAHEA educational program. The National Council and Board of Trustees passed a resolution to encourage the NMTCB to eliminate on-the-job training as a route of eligibility to take the NMTCB exam. Nuclear medicine technology has reached a level of significant technological sophistication whereby attendance in formal CAHEA-accredited programs is needed to assure competence. Examples of this advanced sophistication are illustrated in the "Performance and Responsibility Standards for the Nuclear Medicine Technologist" [*JNMT*, 10(3), 1982, p. 163] adopted by the Society in 1982.

The Society as a whole will begin work on passage of a con-

gressional proclamation for a National Nuclear Medicine Week in 1986. This week will provide the nuclear medicine community with more public recognition in local hospitals and the media. Members will be apprised of the progress because their assistance is needed for congressional passage of this proposal.

A Code of Ethics has been reviewed by the National Council for the last few years. The input of several individuals and many revisions have resulted in the passage of a Code that appears in this issue on page 60. This code is not meant to be legally binding but to serve, instead, as a guide for professionalism.

The subject of NMR was discussed by the Section and Society. The Board of Trustees passed a resolution adopting Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) as the official term to be used by the Society. This term also applies to NMR imaging and spectroscopy.

The June 1985 issue of *JNMT* is a very special issue. It will commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Section. Look for the historical articles in the issue and plan to attend the Section's business meeting in June where recognition will be given to those people who have led and served the Section during the last 15 years. ■

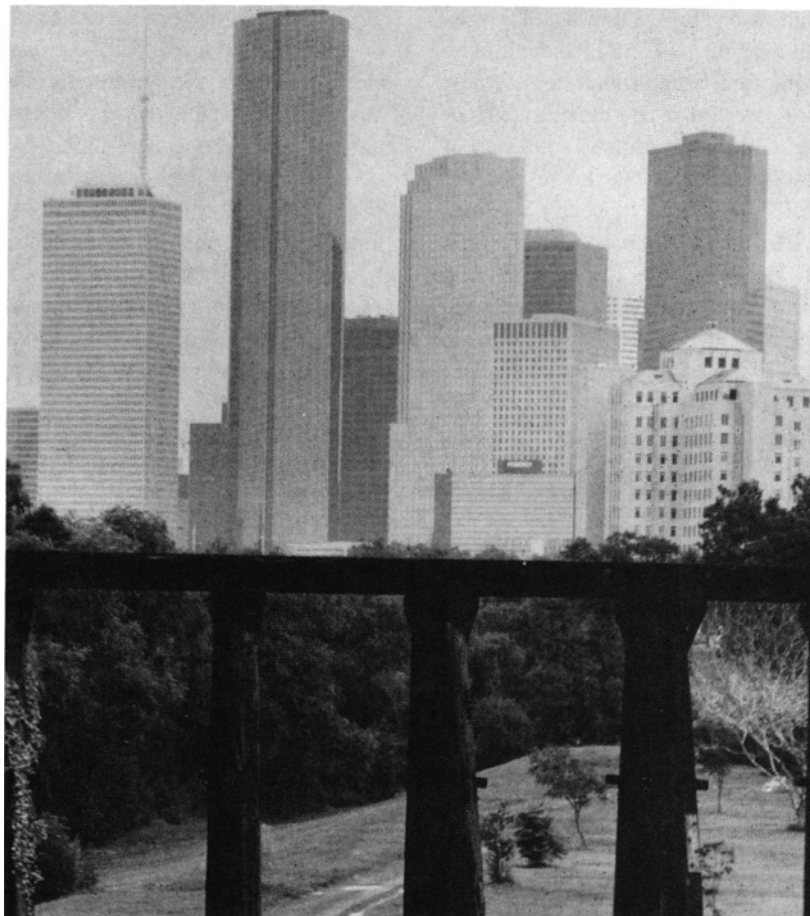
## TECHNOLOGIST PROGRAM SET FOR HOUSTON

On Sunday, June 2, 1985, in Houston, Texas, The Society of Nuclear Medicine will convene its 32nd Annual Meeting, bringing together some 3,000 physicians, basic scientists and technologists in the largest symposium of its kind. The Technologist Section, celebrating its 15th anniversary, has prepared a first-rate continuing education program under the direction of Ann M. Steves, MS, CNMT.

The program will offer 4 days (Sunday–Wednesday) of clinical seminars and management workshops covering the full spectrum of technologist skills. Although clinical sessions form the heart of the program, Monday afternoon will be dedicated solely to technologists' scientific papers. Over the course of the 4 days, 56 hours of continuing education credit will be offered. In addition, 16 physician-oriented CE courses and three full-day categorical seminars, which are scheduled Saturday, June 1, will carry VOICE credit and should provide the most up-to-date information available on clinical procedures and techniques.

Several innovations have been introduced to the technologist program and principal among them is an interactive quality assurance workshop that examines new perspectives on the gamma camera. Another innovation from the program committee is a hands-on computer workshop that stresses computer programmed learning of management concepts, a session most administrators will find creative and applicable to their own departments.

Other technologist sessions include lectures on ECT, cell labeling and monoclonal antibodies, radiation accident preparedness, collimation for SPECT, several cardiac sessions, a legislative workshop on how to pro-



pose and pass legislation, and a workshop for educators that will discuss legal implications of student evaluations and student performance problems.

The 32nd Annual Meeting will convene at the Albert Thomas Convention and Exhibit Center in downtown Houston on Sunday, June 2, with the formal opening taking place directly across the street at the Civic Center Music Hall. Approximately 85 commercial companies will exhibit their products and services throughout the meeting and some 1,500 commercial company representatives from every major manufacturer of cameras, computers, radio-

pharmaceuticals, and accessories will be present to discuss their product lines. Registration is \$100 for SNM members and the average single occupancy hotel room should not exceed \$67.00 per night. Houston is one of the least expensive major cities in the country with costs for meals and lodging reported to average \$107.00 per day.

Social activities will range from the traditional welcome reception, which takes place on Saturday, June 1, 5:30–7:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency, to the SNM Banquet featuring dining and dancing at the Hyatt on the following night, Sunday, June 2, 7:00–11:00 pm. (continued on page 58)

On Tuesday, June 4, nearly 1,000 SNM members will be treated by Mallinckrodt to a night at Gilley's, the world's largest and reputedly liveliest nightclub. The Technologist Party, as this evening is called, includes admission, free beer, dinner, a souvenir mug, and lots of live music and dancing. Gilley's, 35 minutes southwest of Houston, served as the set for the Hollywood film, "Urban Cowboy."

During the Annual Meeting, tours of Houston and the surrounding vicinity will be available. One such notable tour, the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, focal point for this na-

tion's manned space flight program, is located 25 miles south of Houston. There is no admission charge to enter the Space Center; however, occasionally, some facilities may be closed for operations. You can expect to see mission control and the space museum. Visitors should plan to spend at least half a day touring the facilities.

Galveston and the beaches are approximately 50 miles south of Houston. In contrast, the island, which has been battered by more than a few hurricanes, presents a gentle and unhurried face, yet visitors will find all the services of a modern city. Shopping,

sailing, fishing, or just strolling along the shore are compelling reasons to visit this historic antebellum city. A tour of Bishop's Palace, built in 1886, provides views of the only building in Texas included on the American Institute of Architecture's elite list of masterpieces.

A selection of available tours will be published with the final program in April. More information on the SNM 32nd Annual Meeting may be obtained by writing the SNM Education and Meetings Dept., 475 Park Avenue South, NY, NY 10016 or calling (212)889-0717. See you in Houston.

### TECHNOLOGIST SECTION PROGRAM

Sunday, June 2	Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 5
Formal Opening and Plenary Session 8:00-10:00	Clinical I: ECT 8:30-12:00	Educators' Workshop: Improving Clinical Evaluation 8:30-5:00	The Supervisory Art of Performance Appraisal 8:30-12:30
Educators' Forum: Using the New Essentials 10:30-12:00	Clinical Applications of Computers 8:30-12:00	Quality Assurance II 8:30-12:00	Radiobiological Agents: Monoclonal Antibodies and Blood Agents 8:30-12:30
	The Use of Personal Computers in Nuclear Medicine 7:30-6:15	Computers & Instrumentation 8:30-12:30	Radiation Accidents: Are You Prepared? 8:30-12:00
	NMTCB: Item Writers' Workshop 8:30-11:15	The Use of Personal Computers in Nuclear Medicine 7:30-6:15	
	NMTCB: Forum 11:15-12:00		
<b>12:00-1:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
Quality Assurance of Computer-Interfaced Cameras 1:30-5:00	Scientific Papers I 1:30-4:15		
Nuclear Medicine: The Government's Role 1:30-5:00	Scientific Papers II 1:30-4:15	The Role of Clinical Nuclear Medicine: 1985 1:30-5:00	
	Scientific Papers III 1:30-4:45	Slide Preparation & Video Display 1:30-5:00	

## NMTCB REPORT

George W. Alexander, Jr., CNMT, Chairman

The nuclear medicine community continues to support NMTCB in that 947 candidates were examined in 1984. The highest raw score obtained was 177 out of a possible 200, and the lowest raw score 59. The mean raw score was 120.6, and the cutting score for the exam was 118.

There has been some misunderstanding generated by the Board's request for comments on eligibility requirements of high school plus 6 years on-the-job training. It is not the Board's intention to abolish this eligibility route, but rather the Board is concerned about identifying additional requirements that will better prepare candidates for our examination. The Board still welcomes any comments you may have relative to this issue.

At its October, 1984 Meeting, the Board adopted the following:

1. The NMTCB will recognize clinical experience that technologists obtained under the supervision of a physician certified by the American College of Osteopathic Nuclear Medicine.
2. Self-assessment exams will be offered starting in June, 1985 at a reduced fee of \$50. This is an ideal way to assess your requirements relative to continuing education.
3. Applicants who fail the June, 1985 NMTCB Examination will be given the opportunity to reapply for the September, 1985 Examination within 14 days after posting of the pass/fail letters. This privilege will only be open to persons who take and fail the June, 1985 Examination.

All educators and applicants should refer to the published "NMTCB Critical Task Validation Study: Identification of Entry Level Domain"—December 1984 JNMT, pp. 192-200. Not only are the validated tasks listed for you, but the number of questions per task on the examination are also listed. This is vital information in preparing for the NMTCB Examination.

At the March, 1985 Meeting, the Board will finalize the September 1985 Examination, and begin assembling the June

1986 Examination. Last, but not least, I would be remiss if I did not mention the outstanding leadership and guidance afforded NMTCB by Sheila Rosenfeld, CNMT, Chairman from 1983 through 1984. We shall certainly miss her.

### NOMINATIONS FOR NMTCB DIRECTORS

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board is seeking nominations for NMTCB Directors from the nuclear medicine technology community. Terms for new Directors will be from January 1986 through December 1988. Qualified individuals should contact the NMTCB office at (404)493-4504.

### 1985 NMTCB EXAMINATION & APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 16, 1985 application deadline  
for June 29, 1985 Examination

June 15, 1985 application deadline  
for September 28, 1985 Examination

## NEW NMTCB BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy M. Blosser, CNMT; Marcia R. Boyd, CNMT; Shelley D. Hartnett, CNMT; and Wayne J. Wcislo, CNMT have been elected to the NMTCB Board of Directors.

A total of 28 ballots were mailed to the National Council. Sixteen valid ballots were counted, using preferential voting in the presence of a notary.

## RECRUITMENT AWARD

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that through the efforts of the Central Office, the following special recruitment award will be part of the 1984/85 Membership Campaign.

Technologist Section members who recruit three or more new members during the campaign will become automatically eligible to win a free round-trip coach ticket on Eastern Airlines to attend the Annual Meeting in Houston, TX.

The winner's name will be selected in a random drawing conducted by the Central Office on May 3, 1985. The winner will be notified by mail.

The specific rules for eligibility are as follows:

1. Only technologist members of the Technologist Section are eligible for the award. (Membership Committee members are excluded.)
2. There is automatic entry for all Technologist Section members who recruit 3 or more new members.
3. There is no substitution of the award. The ticket must be used

on Eastern Airlines to attend the Annual Meeting of The Society in Houston, TX, June 2-5, 1985.

4. The flight must originate in the continental United States from a city served by Eastern Airlines.

Connecting transportation to a city served by Eastern is the sole responsibility of the winner.

5. The period of eligibility is June 30, 1984 through May 1, 1985.
6. Only one trip will be awarded.

## CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

During the January Winter Meeting, the slate of nominees for the 1985 Technologist Section Election was approved and announced. The nominees are:

### President-Elect:

Frances L. Neagley, CNMT  
Wayne J. Weislo, CNMT

### Secretary/Historian:

Carol V. Bonanno, CNMT  
Sally A. Zabawa, CNMT

### Trustee:

Vincent V. Cherico, CNMT  
Dorothy Duffy Price, CNMT

### Finance Committee:

John J. Radtke, CNMT  
Gloria M. Yowell, CNMT

### Membership Committee:

Mickey T. Clarke, CNMT  
Mark H. Croswaithe, CNMT  
Lois E. Padellford, CNMT

### Nominating Committee:

Ricky R. Fahrenkrug, CNMT  
Lynette A. Fulk, CNMT  
Paul C. Hanson, CNMT  
Myra J. Nelson, CNMT  
Thomas F. Pearce, CNMT  
Mary Jo Stuttmann, CNMT

Every Technologist Section member (in good standing) will receive a ballot and an election bulletin, which will mail no later than April. Ballots must be returned (postmarked) by May 4, 1985. ■

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## CODE OF ETHICS

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Nuclear medicine technologists, as members of the health care profession, must strive as individuals and as a group to maintain the highest ethical standards.

The Principles listed below were adopted by the Technologist Section and Society of Nuclear Medicine at the 1985 Winter Meeting. They are not laws, but standards of conduct to be used as a quick guide by nuclear medicine technologists.

**Principle 1**—The nuclear medicine technologist should provide service with compassion and respect the rights of the patient.

**Principle 2**—The nuclear medicine technologist should hold in strict confidence all privileged information concerning the patient.

**Principle 3**—The nuclear medicine technologist should comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of nuclear medicine.

**Principle 4**—The nuclear medicine technologist should be responsible for competent performance of assigned duties.

**Principle 5**—The nuclear medicine technologist should strive continuously to improve knowledge and skills.

**Principle 6**—The nuclear medicine technologist should not engage in fraud or deception.

**Principle 7**—The nuclear medicine technologist should be willing to assume responsibility to participate in activities that promote community and national response to health needs. ■

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS LEGISLATIVE SURVEY RESULTS

### A. Method

Survey questionnaires were sent to members of the National Council and the Government Relations Committee legislative network representatives on November 30, 1984. Preaddressed postage paid reply envelopes were included with the survey document. A total of 84 surveys were mailed.

### B. Response

Forty-seven responses, representing 38 states, were received. Below are the responses to the survey questions.

1. Of the 38 states represented in the survey, seven require a license to practice nuclear medicine technology:

- a) California (in vitro)
- b) Illinois
- c) New Jersey (in vitro)
- d) Maine
- e) Vermont
- f) Kentucky
- g) Florida (in vitro)

2. Of the 38 states represented in the survey, nine reported license requirements for RTs.

3. The following four states have legislation pending for licensure of NMTs:

- a) Alabama
- b) South Carolina
- c) Texas
- d) Iowa

4. Only two respondents did not know names of U.S. senators and congressmen.

5. The following four states report nuclear pharmacy regulations in place or pending:

- a) Michigan
- b) Georgia
- c) Maryland
- d) North Dakota

6. Washington state reports a law, effective June 7, 1984, requiring certification of health care assistants who perform skin puncture procedures.

7. The following state representatives did not respond:

- a) Arkansas
- b) District of Columbia
- c) Hawaii
- d) Kansas (verbal only)
- e) Louisiana
- f) Montana
- g) Nebraska (verbal only)
- h) New Hampshire
- i) Ohio
- j) Virginia
- k) West Virginia

### C. Summary

Combining the survey's results with earlier data indicates the statistics listed below:

The following states (and Puerto Rico) license CNMTs:

- a) California
- b) Illinois
- c) New Jersey
- d) Maine
- e) Vermont
- f) Kentucky
- g) Florida
- h) Puerto Rico

The following states (and Puerto Rico) license RTs:

- a) Arizona
- b) Illinois
- c) Florida
- d) California
- e) Hawaii
- f) Indiana
- g) Kentucky
- h) Montana
- i) New Jersey
- j) New York
- k) Oregon
- l) Vermont
- m) Maine
- n) West Virginia
- o) Puerto Rico

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## NEWS BRIEFS

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### *Section Seeks Tech for JRCNMT*

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The Academic Affairs Committee is seeking applications from Technologist Section members who would like to represent the Section as a Director of the Joint Review Committee on Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT).

The JRCNMT is composed of medical and health professionals from six professional organizations. It is involved with establishing and maintaining standards of appropriate quality for NMT educational programs and providing recognition for educational programs that meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth in the *Essentials*.

The Academic Affairs Committee must receive applications by June 1, 1985. The Committee will then recommend applicants it deems most qualified to the Section's Executive Committee. During the fall 1985 meeting, the Executive Committee will select three applicants from this pool; the President of the Section will then make one appointment, pending approval of the Executive Committee.

The Director's term will begin January 1, 1986. The appointment will be for 4 years. The Director's duties include attending JRCNMT meetings (spring and fall), submitting a written report to the Section President after each JRCNMT meeting, and submitting summaries to the Section's National Council Delegates.

Directors serve without pay but are reimbursed for expenses incurred for attending official JRCNMT meetings.

Applicants should submit a current curriculum vitae using the Technologist Section Curriculum Vitae Form for Nominees for Elective Office and a letter which demonstrates knowledge of the philosophy, functions, and duties of the JRCNMT, as well as indicating availability of time, willing-

ness to serve, and availability for necessary travel. Support of the applicant's employing institution must be submitted in writing before the appointment can be finalized. Applicants must hold current certification of registration as a nuclear medicine technologist. A statement of any potential conflict of interest must be submitted, but this does not preclude appointment.

Address all submissions to: Wanda Hibbard, CNMT, Department of Radiologic Technologies, Medical College of Georgia, 1457 Gwinnett Street, Augusta, GA 30902. ■

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### *National News Chronicle*

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Technologist News in this format will become a regular feature in future issues of *JNMT*. It has been said that old news is no news; with this in mind, a news chronicle column has been created. It is our belief that technologist activities should not go unheralded. With production schedules as they are, it is often difficult to get this information to the readership in a timely manner. Every effort will be made to bring current technologist news to you in as short a time span as possible. The efforts of all Chapter Presidents and National Council Delegates are solicited to accomplish this task. The News Editor will contact those resource people in your state and chapter to accumulate this information for publication. If

you have information that is newsworthy, do not hesitate to contact the News Editor, Coordinating Editor, or Editor with your information.

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