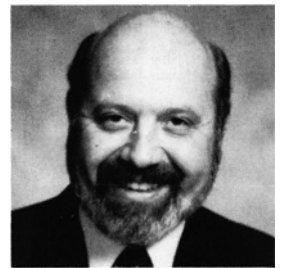

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Look at this year to be one of renewed growth. Membership has been at an all time high and has been stable over the past three years. Currently, membership is greater than 4,700 members. Each member should do his or her part to increase the number of members and the visibility of our organization.

By the time you read this message, National Nuclear Medicine Week will have become a reality. I would like to personally thank Tom Crucitti, Jim Wirrell, the Society staff, the legislative network, and all the members who made this possible. Plans are already under way for next year's promotion.

The results from the PPS survey (see p. 185) show the many changes we have experienced over the past year (i.e., the shift from inpatient to outpatient studies, marketing of our departments, cost effectiveness, and work load recording statistics). Work load recording units seem to be of particular interest to over 33% of those that responded. Methods utilized by many

institutions were not standardized for one's own city, let alone on a national level. Administrators have been asking for this information to justify the staffing of nuclear medicine departments. Jackie Bridges, our Socio-Economic Committee Chairman, will be in attendance at the AHRA Meeting in August where a preliminary report will be given. Jackie will also attend future meetings to insure that our input is provided to the Harvard Group performing the study. I feel this information is extremely important to our membership, and you will be updated on a regular basis.

Start making plans for the San Antonio Mid-Winter Meeting. Become part of history by attending the last annual meeting as we know it. The National Council has approved conducting Section business in conjunction with Chapter meetings. This format will also allow us to get back to the "grass roots level" to meet and attract more members from participating regions.