

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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It's that time of year again to renew your membership in the Society of Nuclear Medicine (SNM) by paying your dues. I'm not trying to sound like one of those notices from the magazine companies, but this could be the last issue you will receive if you don't pay your dues. Think of all the scientific and educational information you would miss without the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology (JNMT)*. Again this year, you have an opportunity to contribute to the Education and Research (E&R) Foundation when you pay your dues. A voluntary contribution of \$10.00 is listed on your dues notice, but you can also choose an amount more or less than that listed. This year the Annual Nuclear Medicine Technologist Award of \$1,000 will be presented by the E&R Foundation for an original paper submitted by a technologist.

### Committees

The committees continue to be busy. The Academic Affairs Committee reviewed applications for the Joint Review Committee (JRC) Director and made for Nuclear Medicine Technology its recommendations to the Executive Committee. Maria Nagel has been appointed to the position and Mike Cianci has been asked to serve as the Alternate Director.

The Socio-Economic Affairs Committee (SEA), in a conference call, reviewed the possibilities of a workload measurement study. They recommended to the Executive Committee that the Technologist Section contract with the American Radiology Healthcare Administrators (ARHA) to increase the number of nuclear medicine procedures in Phase II of its Radworks project. After an endorsement by the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee approved funding. The National Council members were contacted regarding the project and recommended proceeding with the ARHA proposal. We are now awaiting word from ARHA and, hopefully, their acceptance of the proposal. SEA and the Publications Committee are working on a joint project to publish a Quality Assurance Manual, with Susan Gilbert heading the project.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of preparing a slate of candidates for offices and committee member posi-

tions. Wayne Wcislo, Immediate Past President, chairs this committee.

The Government Relations Committee is in the process of finalizing the Legislative network. A meeting of professional organizations involved in aspects of radiology is planned at the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) to discuss communication among the groups on legislative affairs.

Thank you, if you returned the diagnosis related group (DRG) Survey. It is being tabulated and the results will be available soon.

The Task Force on Multi-Competency has been reviewing the literature to formulate ideas before it meets for the first time in February at the mid-winter meeting. Hopefully members will develop a draft position at that time.

### Nuclear Medicine Week

Anyone receiving a Guideline packet for Nuclear Medicine Week was sent a survey to help Art Hall and his committee make the week even bigger and better next year. Hopefully you returned the survey and made your recommendations. If you did not receive the survey, Art is still interested in your ideas. Please call or write him with any suggestions for our special week.

### SNM 35th Annual Meeting

Don't forget the deadline for abstracts. Brad Pounds promises that the program for the 35th Annual Meeting in San Francisco will be outstanding. Don't miss your chance to participate.

### Chapter Meetings

I attended the ARHA meeting in August. I also had the pleasure of attending the Missouri Valley Chapter meeting in September, and the Southwestern Chapter and the Western Regional meetings in October. The educational sessions at the meetings were excellent and the camaraderie that is a part of a regional meeting is a very special experience. I really enjoyed my visits with the Chapters and am very much impressed with the work being done in the local and regional areas.

### **ACNP Seminar**

Following the Southeastern Chapter meeting, I attended The American College of Nuclear Physicians (ACNP)-sponsored marketing seminar, "Planning for Growth." If you are in a position in your hospital or clinic to influence the marketing strategies, it is really a well-planned and informative one and-a-half day workshop for both the physician and the

technologist. The ACNP will offer three workshops in various areas again in 1988.

Paul Cole, President-elect, represented the Technologist Section at the interim meeting of the ACNP in Washington, D.C., in September.

Again, I am interested in your ideas and suggestions on what the Technologist Section should be doing. Please let me hear from you.