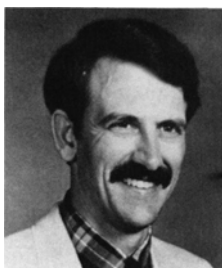


# Message From The President

**A**s I begin this message, plans for the coming year are well underway. The Section meeting in Los Angeles in late January will set the preliminary stages for the



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Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June. I know that the Section's educational program for the Annual Meeting is going to be great. Nellie Kelty, Scientific and Teaching Sessions Chairperson, has been keeping me up to date on the committee's activities; their efforts will result in an exciting and informative program.

On September 12 and 13, the Search Committee met in New York to interview candidates for the Society's Executive Director position. As a representative of the Section, I was an active member of this committee, which was comprised of nine other Society members. Since the Section represents approximately 40% of the Society's total membership (as of September 30, 1989 there were 4,661 Section members and 10,604 Society members), I thought it important that the Section be represented in the selection process. The committee selected Torry Mark Sansone as the new Executive Director. Mr. Sansone has spent the last nine years as the executive director of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), an organization numbering approximately 17,000 members with an annual operating budget of 2.8 million dollars. Mr. Sansone has stated that he looks forward to working with "an educated, informed and committed membership and a board of trustees preoccupied with addressing issues and promoting the profession." Please join me in welcoming Mr. Sansone as the new Executive Director.

Attending meetings of various organizations is necessary for continuing and fostering communication on issues that

affect all of us. The following is a summary of recent meetings.

Brad Pounds attended the 17th annual AHRA meeting in St. Louis where he met with current and past AHRA presidents, Mary Wright and Howard Schwartz, to discuss and share items of mutual interest.

The Summit on Manpower reconvened in Washington to discuss the current market plan to deal with the technologist shortage. Summit members have agreed to work on this problem via a multi-phase program, in which each participating organization will share equally in the program expense and also secure funding from commercial companies and foundations to cover the additional cost of this undertaking. Other Summit activities included the announcement that AHRA has developed a radiology career brochure that can be used at health fairs and in college and hospital recruitment programs to attract students into radiology fields.

I recently attended the ACNP's Technologist Affairs Committee and Government Relations interim meetings in Washington. The Technologist Affairs Committee discussed in vitro procedures's impact on certification. Due to concerns expressed by physicians in California about in vitro procedures, a study was conducted by the Section on various aspects of in vitro imaging, including RIA and immunoassay. The Section and JRCNMT are now reviewing the study to determine the number of course hours that are needed. This information was provided to the committee, who were content with the Section's work on this matter. One of the items discussed at the Government Relations Interim meeting was the drafts on training and experience criteria (known as the Brodsky report), currently being prepared by an NRC subcontractor. This report has been commented upon extensively by members of the Society and the ACNP. At the Government Relations Seminar luncheon, a panel composed of an NRC commissioner and staff generated interesting dis-

cussion about NRC rules. I was unable to attend the ACNP Corporate Committee meeting on September 21, but Virginia Pappas, CAE did attend. As a result of ongoing meetings with Dr. Phyllis Allen of Dupont and the ACNP Corporate Committee Chairman, Thomas Cafarella, and other members, the Section has up to \$20,000 committed to help in dealing with the technologist shortage. This activity resulted from the efforts of a subcommittee established by the ACNP Corporate committee to deal with the shortage. We must now present a written proposal to the ACNP Corporate committee that delineates how we will use these funds.

The technologist shortage continues to be a problem of grave concern, involving both the Section and the Society. Dupont continues to work with the Section to create innovative ways to deal with education and recruitment. Syncor has made a commitment to work on a video and volunteers its managers to speak at high schools on nuclear medicine as a profession. The Mallinckrodt Technologist Advisory Board is meeting to discuss ways of supporting the efforts of the Section on issues pertaining to education and recruitment. I am encouraged by these offers, and I am working with these organizations to develop ideas and avoid duplication of efforts. Your support and encouragement of commercial vendors is appreciated.

Please be aware that the Section is still in the process of collecting money for the Paul Cole, CNMT scholarship fund. A special line item has been added to the dues statement. If 50% of our membership contributes to this fund, we will be well on our way to collecting \$30,000 towards establishing several scholarships.

Congratulations should be extended to Virginia Pappas, CAE, who has been elected to the Nominations and Elections Committee of ASAHP. Virginia's appointment to this committee is a real plus for the Section.

Do not forget that the call for nominations for the NMTCB Board of Direc-

tors will be announced early next year. I urge you to nominate candidates from your chapters to serve on the NMTCB. Your support is needed if we are to continue to have a voice in NMTCB activities.

In closing, I would like to thank the Central Chapter for sponsoring my attendance at its meeting as well as the Missouri Valley Chapter for sponsoring Brad Pounds's attendance at its meeting in October. Both Brad and I enjoy

visiting the membership at these meetings and hope that we answer questions members have about the Section, the Society, and the shortage.