

MESSAGE FROM THE P R E S I D E N T

In my last message as President, I want to congratulate the Technologist Section as it celebrates its 20th Anniversary. A review of the past twenty years is featured in this issue.

With the September issue, this page will contain lines from our new, president, Mr. Brad Pounds from Houston, Texas. I think you will find the plans Brad has for the Section appealing and refreshing. A strategic planning session is planned for the upcoming National Council meeting in June at which time Brad will present a business plan for the Section. The strategic planning session will help the Section focus upon the needs of technologists over the next 2-3 years and also provide the leadership with direction on how to fulfill those objectives. Since the National Council Delegates will be expected to take an active part in this planning session, I strongly encourage all of you to provide your delegate with suggestions and ideas.

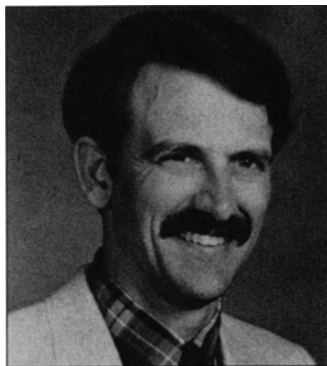
The following is a summary of various meetings and activities which have been carried out by the Section.

Recently, Marcia Boyd testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concerning increased funding for Title VII legislation in fiscal year 1991. Title VII legislation is important to allied health fields and the current appropriation is severely underfunded for existing needs.

With the assistance of The Society of Nuclear Medicine Public Relations Committee and Syncor and with funding from the ACNP Corporate Committee, we have almost completed the objectives of the marketing plan, which was published in the December 1988 issue of *JNMT*. Funding for a technologist recruitment videotape was provided by the ACNP Corporate Committee. I extend special thanks to Chairman Tom Cafarella and Phyllis Allen who were instrumental in getting this project funded. The Technologist Section recruitment package includes the following: (a) a new SNM Technologist Pamphlet, a revision of the existing pamphlet, that explains what is nuclear medicine technology; (b) a SNM Technologist Poster that will be sent to high schools and colleges for student recruitment; (c) a videotape (produced by Syncor) which explains nuclear medicine in terms for the general public; and (d) a SNM Technologist-produced videotape that is geared towards recruitment of technologists.

Funds are still being collected for the scholarship campaign, with implementation expected to begin next year. Plans for the administration of the fund are still being finalized.

The Section continues in its effort to disseminate educational materials to the membership with the publication of



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the following titles: *Community SPECT Workshops*, compiled by Brad Pounds, CNMT, *Quality Assurance Resource Manual for Nuclear Medicine*, edited by Sue Gilbert, CNMT, and the second edition of the *SPECT Primer*. These publications will all be valuable, informative additions to nuclear medicine departments. The *Quality Assurance Resource Manual for Nuclear Medicine* and the *Community SPECT Workshop* are now available to the membership. The *SPECT Primer* will be available at the June meeting.

The Mallinckrodt Advisory Group, under the leadership of Pat Hastings, met in February to discuss ways in which Mallinckrodt could assist in the issues currently facing technologists. Plans are now underway to develop an educational track on immunoconjugates for imaging and therapy. The discussion also generated ideas for career expansion for technologists.

The DuPont Advisory Board, led by Dave Pendleton, met in March to discuss ongoing projects and plans for new projects. Progress has been made in getting scholarship money for technologists-in-training, and the Board is developing an article for publication in one of the health trade magazines. The Board's Technologist Professional Development Program has been enthusiastically received. The Advisory Board is exploring ways of working with the American Nuclear Society as well as with the National Teachers Association to disseminate information on nuclear medicine technology.

Significant items approved at the National Council Meeting in Los Angeles included publication of a Job Hotline in *JNMT*, various bylaw changes, and changes in VOICE applications. In addition, I also proposed the formation of a task force to review various proposals and resolutions addressed by the Section to ensure that all Section resolutions remain current and are utilized.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Please note that "New Member Orientation Sessions" will be conducted on Wednesday, June 20 (check the Program for times). These informal discussions will inform new members of Society and Tech Section activities and various membership benefits.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the membership for the support you have given me over the past two years. It has been an educational and worthwhile experience serving as President. The Marketing program, the Scholarship program, and the support of the Society, the ACNP Corporate Committee, and industry in facing critical technologist issues were the most rewarding aspects of my term. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I hope I have served you well.