

NMTCB REPORT

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At the NMTCB fall meeting, we began formatting the task analysis tool to be sent out in the 1997 survey of which tasks nuclear medicine technologists are doing these days. This is a formidable task, as anyone who has served on the board well knows, and Pat Wells has done an excellent job of keeping her committee focused. By the end of the meeting we were well on our way with a final instrument to send out.

The board has since given final approval to the survey form and it will now be sent to about 30–35 technologists, selected by the board, to review and critique. The survey should be ready to mail to about 1200 technologists after the spring board meeting in March. The board requests that all of you who receive the survey please fill it out as best you can and return it to us by the deadline, which will be about one month after you receive the survey. Your timely response to this survey is a tremendous contribution to the work of the NMTCB and to your profession. Your responses will let us develop the matrix for future certification examinations. The list of instruments and procedures currently in use will also be compiled from your survey responses. We need this input from you to remain true to our motto, "certification of nuclear medicine technologists by nuclear medicine technologists."

During the fall board meeting we said good-by to Mark Crosthwaite and to Robert Mekelnberg. Both of these members served two full terms and have many contributions to their credit.

Elections were held for four technologist members. Mark Richard, Nancy Sawyer and James Wirrell were elected to another term of four years each. Jennifer Prekeges was elected to the fourth seat. It was a tough struggle to select just one person from the candidates presented, as all of the candidates had excellent qualifications. Jennifer's qualifications included serving as an item writer for a number of years.



Please take note, those of you who aspire to being a board member.

Jennifer trained in nuclear medicine under Paul Brown in Portland, OR and later earned her master's degree in radiologic sciences from the University of Washington. She has been program director of the Bellevue Community College nuclear medicine program in Seattle, WA since its inception in 1989. She is currently on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Society of Nuclear Medicine–Technologist Section. In her spare time, Jennifer is active in her church and enjoys hiking, biking and bird watching with her husband and five-year-old daughter, Krysta. Welcome to the board, Jennifer.

Larry Holder, professor, Department of Radiology and director, Division of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, has been elected to serve a four-year term as the representative from the Society of Nuclear Medicine. Many technologists will recognize Dr. Holder's face as he has given quite a few talks at local and national meetings, to both physicians and technologists. The NMTCB has been blessed by having physician members who have worked with and for technologist causes within the soci-

ety and we are sure Dr. Holder will continue as a champion of the nuclear medicine technologist as he serves on the board. Welcome, Larry Holder.

Now that the CAT examination is given throughout the year, the board is looking at how we can spread out the board's work over the entire year. In the past, because most of the work concerned the examination that was given only in June and September, we had to plan the work around these two dates. At its fall meeting, the board decided to ask item writers to submit items, or questions, throughout the year. New item writers will receive instructions immediately and will be asked to submit their items as soon as completed. These items will be sent to the subgroup chairs and edited. We hope to have much faster feedback to the writers than in the past. We also ask all of you who have images that could be the basis for items to please send them to us. We are interested in your images even if you cannot write the questions for them yourself. We know how busy you are with more work and fewer people, but please think about becoming an item writer.

At the fall meeting, elections were held and these people were made officers for the coming year: Daniel Leahy, chair-elect; Fran Neagley, secretary; and John Findley, treasurer. Congratulations to all, we know you will serve the board well.

In this issue of *JNMT* you should find a call for directors. Each year four vacancies occur on the board and are filled by CNMTs who are active members of the Society of Nuclear Medicine–Technologist Section. We encourage you to apply for director by sending your name to Virginia Pappas at the SNM headquarters office.

I am honored to have been elected NMTCB chair for 1997 and will serve you as best I can. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know and I promise to answer you.