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Vancouver USA

Most of the international mail sent to the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology* is addressed to Vancouver, Washington, Canada. I am always surprised that the mail actually arrives. It must happen frequently and the postal workers in both cities, and both countries, must be used to sorting out the mail to get it to the correct Vancouver. The *JNMT* office is located in Vancouver, Washington, which is in the United States. Here in Vancouver we often say "Vancouver USA."

Our history is somewhat interesting. Vancouver, Washington is the oldest city in the state of Washington. Lewis and Clark camped here and later the Hudson's Bay Company maintained Fort Vancouver beginning in 1825. The English wanted the western dividing line between Canada and the United States to be the Columbia River, which is the southern boundary of Vancouver, Washington and the northern boundary of Portland, Oregon. However, the line was drawn at the 49th parallel in 1846, which is about 400 miles north of the Columbia River. The Hudson's Bay Company lost all of their claims below the 49th parallel and eventually the British moved north and founded Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Washington became a territory in 1853 and a state in 1889 (1). Today, Vancouver, Washington is one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S. Vancouver, British Columbia, however, is a much larger city. Several international members have told me they failed to locate Vancouver, Washington on a map. I tell them to look for Portland, Oregon (it's larger than Vancouver, Washington) and look north of the Columbia River.

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Dawn Murphy and Cathy Frizzelle were indispensable during the past year. Cathy Frizzelle types all of the reviewer letters and sends out the author copies of the final *JNMT*. Dawn Murphy is the person who tries to keep me on schedule, copy edits the manuscripts for grammar and style, and coordinates tasks among my office, the art department and the production staff. Without these two people, my job would be much more difficult.

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This issue marks the last issue that Karen Blondeau will serve on the editorial board. Karen has left the clinical practice of nuclear medicine and enrolled in graduate school. Karen has served the Technologist Section and the NMTCB in many capacities. Her enthusiasm and energy will be missed. Best wishes, Karen, in all your future endeavors.

Consulting Editors

James Conway
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This issue also marks the last issue that James Conway will serve on the editorial board. Dr. Conway will be retiring from clinical practice. He is a distinguished honoree of the Technologist Section as well as a past president of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Conway is also one of the few SNM members who is both a technologist and a physician. It has been my pleasure over

the years to work with JC, as he is affectionately known. He has been both professionally and personally supportive, and for that I will always be grateful. We wish you health, happiness and good wine.

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Sue Weiss has coordinated the continuing education papers that have appeared in *JNMT* over the past four years. She too will be moving on to other professional endeavors in the new year. Thank you, Sue, for your friendship and leadership. We all appreciate your many years of work on the journal. Sue is both a distinguished honoree and a past president of the Technologist Section. We wish you health, happiness and good wine, too.

James J. Wirrell has been promoted and will be broadening his career activities in the allied health arena. Jim too has been a leader within the Technologist Section, as chair of the Technologist Sec-

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tion Publications Committee, most recently, and as a past president. We thank you and wish you continued success.

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There have been staff changes over the past year as well. Kristin Ludwig and Jessica McLane Petit have taken new positions. Kristin and Jessie served *JNMT*

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