

# Letter from the Editor

## Publications—A Way To Achieve Your Goals

The Technologist Section has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few years. Under the direction of our knowledgeable presidents and committee chairpersons, we have become a large and powerful voice in our field. We have branched out from a small group of several hundred to a well-structured organization consisting of almost 2,000 members represented by National Council delegates, dedicated officers, and committees established to serve the membership in a variety of areas.

Over the past several years, we have achieved many of our goals—obtaining seats on the JRC, publishing a first-class journal, and establishing a sound financial basis. We have organized two large and extremely successful midwinter meetings, as well as smaller registry reviews to further continuing education, and a number of excellent chapter meetings. Geographical chapters have been organized and have become extremely active, with some technologists even becoming section representatives with voting privileges on the Executive Committees within their own chapters. We have established state societies and have managed to have input into sound representative NMT legislation concerning such issues as licensure and certification.

In any organization, the wheels of progress sometimes appear to grind slowly. This is no less so in the Technologist Section than in any other organization. Some technologists may become impatient because they feel that the National Council is not responding to their needs. It is then their responsibility to help out by personal input.

One way to have input into the operation of the Section is to use the pages of the *JNMT*! Send us "Letters to the Editor" containing your constructive criticism not only of the Journal itself but also of the activities and actions of the Section. Send us your ideas of your newest scientific techniques which you would like to share with others in the field. Send us news of your local area and its activities and interests. In doing so, you will not only be communicating your scientific and technical ideas to others in the Section. You will also be helping yourself to become more involved in the interactions of the Section and its guidance. As you know, individuals are selected to nomination to national offices in the Section on the basis of scores assigned according to their achievements in the field of nuclear medicine and in the Section. According to the Nominating Committee's selection method for candidates, each article published in the *JNMT* scores five points—the highest score.

If you have never written a scientific article and are not sure how to do so, write your article in general form and send it to me. I will be more than happy to assist you in organizing it in the correct style and format.

Once you have published several articles and proven your leadership abilities at the grass roots and Chapter level, you have the necessary prerequisites to step into the National level and lead the Section in directions you feel will better serve the needs and interests of the membership.

It's up to you to become active, to participate, and to lead.

As a first step, publish your ideas in the *JNMT*.

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