

Letter from the Editor

I am pleased to announce that at the 24th Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, the National Council Delegates of the Technologist Section approved the Publications Committee's recommendation that Patricia Weigand, VA Hospital, Philadelphia, be my successor as the Editor of *JNMT*. Pat has worked with me on the Journal staff, and, I might add, has done a superb job while serving as an RIA Consulting Editor and as a manuscript reviewer. Ms. Weigand has a considerable amount of publishing experience and has been active in the Technologist Section for approximately four years.

I ask that you continue to support Pat Weigand in her endeavors as you have supported me during the last four years. By the submission of scientific articles, letters, and news items, you, the membership have significantly contributed to the success of the *Journal*, making it the representative document for nuclear medicine technology. I am sure that you will find Pat an excellent editor and certainly a delightful lady to work with.

As of September 1, 1977, all manuscripts, letters, news, etc., are to be sent to Pat Weigand. Although her official duties and responsibilities as editor do not officially begin until January 1, she must have sufficient materials well in advance in order to complete the March 1978 issue. I will be forwarding all items for publication to Ms. Weigand after September 1.

For those of you who did not have the opportunity to attend the Chicago Meeting or were unable to hear some of the technologists' papers, we are attempting to publish, with excellent responses from the authors so far, as many of these papers as possible in future issues of the *JNMT*. My thanks to those authors who are interested in disseminating their works to the nuclear medicine community.

I regret that I must close on a sad note, that is, the death of one of our fellow technologists, Robert Cottongim of Dayton, OH. Bob and his wife, Carol, who were originally from the Kansas City area, perished in the fire that struck the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Southgate, KY, last May.

Bob served as a *JNMT* manuscript reviewer for the past three years. His death will certainly be a loss to the nuclear medicine community. On behalf of the entire editorial staff, I wish to extend our sincerest condolences to his family.

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Editor