

News from the Chapters

Central Chapter

The Spring Meeting of the Central Chapter will be held March 27-29 at the St. Paul Radisson Hotel, St. Paul, MN. The meeting topic will be "An Update on What's New with Emphasis on Emission Tomography." Commercial exhibits are also planned.

Beginning with the spring 1980 meeting, the Central Chapter will award prizes for the best proffered papers in two categories. The categories are: resident physician/scientist; and technologist.

Prizes for each category will include \$100 and a certificate. Papers are welcome on all subjects. Abstracts should be sent to: Marvin E. Goldberg, MD, Dept. of Radiology, University of Minn. Medical School, Box 292 Mayo Memorial, MN 55455. Format for abstracts is the same as for SNM national meetings.

—Dorian Soper-Marks

Eastern Great Lakes Chapter

Don't forget the EGL Chapter's Annual Spring Meeting to be held on Friday, May 23, at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The educational program will be "Computer Fundamentals and Clinical Nuclear Medicine Applications." For more information about the meeting, contact Anita McGuire, Division of Nuclear Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY 14642.

—Ann Steves

Greater New York Chapter

The Greater New York Chapter held a very productive and educational meeting in New York at the Sheraton Centre Hotel for both physicians and technologists last fall. Congratulations for a job well done are in line both to Program Chairman, Richard E. Smillie, CNMT, and Dr. Paul B. Hoffer for their hard work in making this meeting a great success.

Our spring technologists' meeting will be held at Mr. Airy Lodge in the Poconos on April 11-13. There will be no registration fee for physicians to encourage their attendance and support.

Local grass roots meetings have been

held by the Delaware Valley and New Jersey state societies to encourage technologists to become involved and meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

The State of New Jersey has enacted a law requiring state licensure of nuclear medicine technologists beginning Jan. 1, 1980.

—John J. Kozar, III

Mideastern Chapter

The Annual Midwinter Meeting of the Mideastern Chapter, Technologist Section, was held on January 30, 1980, in Dorsey, MD. Dr. Gerald Johnston was the guest speaker.

Our annual spring meeting will be held April 18-20 at the Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City, MD.

Elections are now in progress for new officers of our chapter, who will be installed in April.

—Bonnie Clay

Missouri Valley Chapter

The subchapters of the Missouri Valley Chapter are very active again this year. Continuing education meetings are held monthly throughout our six-state area. If you have not attended a local chapter meeting recently and wish to find out more information concerning times and dates, please contact me for details. We need all local technologists' input and support to make our subchapters strong.

Volunteers are still *desperately* needed to monitor legislative activity on licensure in the following MVC states: Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota. We prefer technologists who reside in the capitol cities of these states. This job is not difficult and would require very little personal time. If you are a technologist in any of these three states, you are in danger of having a bill passed—without your valuable input—that could seriously affect your job status. Please contact me if you can help in these areas. My address is: St. Luke's Hospital, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine and Ultrasound, 4401 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64111.

The MVC is currently in the process of

organizing a job placement center hotline for our six-state area. Complete details will be discussed in the next issue of *JNMT*.

—Susan Christie Mank

New England Chapter

The New England Chapter held its 15th Annual Meeting on Oct. 13-14, 1979 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. The new officers were installed: Maureen Monahan, President; Dayton Rich, Vice President; Cynthia Abreau, Secretary; Cynthia Russo, Treasurer; and Wayne Cotnoir, National Council Delegate.

Plans have been completed for the Third Annual Winter Meeting to be held at the Red Jacket Inn, North Conway, NH, on Feb. 16 and 17. Jim McGregor and his committee have been working diligently to make this meeting a success.

Final plans are now being made for our spring meeting to be held at the Sheraton Sturbridge in Sturbridge, MA, on April 18 and 19. Dayton Rich is now formulating plans for this meeting, which we hope will be enjoyable as well as educational.

Massachusetts held its first grassroots meeting at the Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick. The speaker was Dr. Wolk who presented a talk entitled, "Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine in the Suburban Hospital." Dr. Wolk's lecture was extremely informative and well received. Other meetings are now being organized by the grassroots chairpersons throughout New England.

The New England Chapter has published two newsletters for the 1979-1980 year. Hopefully, four additional newsletters will be published. If anyone wishes to have an item printed in the newsletter, please contact me at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, 55 Lake Ave. North, Worcester, MA 01605. I look forward to hearing from you.

—Cynthia Abreau

Northern California Chapter

Plans are nearing completion for our Midwinter Meeting, which will be held March 19, 1980, at the Marriott Hotel in Berkeley, CA.

Of interest to all technologists will be an updated lecture on radiation protection given by Chuck Rose, Director of Medical Education for General Electric.

—*Marcie Osborn*

Southeastern Chapter

The 20th Annual Southeastern Chapter Meeting was held in Orlando, FL, Oct. 31–Nov. 3. There were numerous opportunities for technologists to receive continuing education credits through VOICE. New officers were installed by George Alexander. They are: Douglas Anderson, President; David Lewis, President-Elect; Becky Cacciatore, Secretary; Tommy Mahone, Treasurer; and Marsha Baggett, NCD. Among the scientific papers, eight were presented by technologists. A panel of technologists judged them and awarded prizes to the three best papers. The following took top honors: First place—Craig Williams for “The Accuracy of Dose Calibration Mo-99 Breakthrough Assays”; Second Place—JoAnne Beasley for “Comparison of the Scintillation and Tomographic Scanner for Adrenal Gland Imaging”; and Third Place—Douglas Anderson for “Evaluation of Kinetics of Digoxin by Solid Phase Radioimmunoassay”.

Alabama will hold its Seventh Annual Meeting in Huntsville on April 10-12 at the Hilton Hotel. The topic will be “Nuclear Medicine in Oncology” and Dr. William Kaplan will be a guest speaker “New Innovations in Nuclear Medicine”

will be the topic for the Sixth Annual Georgia Society Meeting to be held February 29–March 1 in Atlanta.

The North Carolina Annual Spring Seminar will be in Raleigh on April 12. A full day of sessions will focus on cardiovascular nuclear medicine.

Tennessee Technologists have been finalizing plans to host our 21st Annual Chapter Meeting at Opryland in Nashville next fall.

Our Historian, Cecil Moss, is seeking additional information for the Section's archives. The Technologist Section of SE Chapter boasts a 12-year history!

Plans are being made to establish a “hot line” through Dr. Eva Dubovsky to help answer questions when problems arise in nuclear medicine departments.

—*Marcia Boyd*

Southern California Chapter

In January the membership heard about progress on the California State Licensing Bill (AB-1545). The progress report was presented by Danielle Kavanagh, a member of the advisory committee for the licensure bill. Among the points discussed were requirements for licensing.

An excellent educational session has been scheduled for March 22 entitled, “Cardiac/Computer Update.” The meeting will be held in Marion Davies Auditorium at UCLA.

A registry review course has been planned by our Educational Committee in response to numerous requests from the membership. The sessions will be held April 12, 19, 26, and May 3 at USC Medical Center. Plans are also being made now for the Fifth Annual Western Regional Meeting.

For further information on the above

meetings contact either Kathy Thomas or me at the City of Hope Medical Center (213) 359-8111, ext. 351.

—*Ronald Fomin*

Southwestern Chapter

The 25th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Chapter heralds in a new and exciting year for our chapter's Technologist Section. Led by Dan Patrick, our President and National Council delegate for 1980-81, the Section will continue to meet the needs of our chapter's technologists. Our thanks and congratulations to Sister Bernard Anne Ruebusch for her leadership in the past year. Congratulations are also in order to Chuck Lazzare and the Scientific and Teaching Sessions Committee for an excellent program.

“Oncology in Nuclear Medicine” will be the topic of the North Texas Technologist Section's Spring Symposium. The meeting will be held at the Rodeway Inn Six Flags, Arlington, TX.

We would like to encourage all of our members to attend the Annual Meeting of the Society of Nuclear Medicine in Detroit in June.

—*Margaret Perry*