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SNMTS Elections 2006
By Nanci A. Burchell, CNMT, FSNMTS
Chair, SNMTS Nominating Committee

Members of the SNMTS Nominating Committee are pleased to announce the results of the 2006 elections. At the SNMTS annual business meeting, D. Scott Holbrook, CNMT, FSNMTS, vice president of Clinical Pharmacy Services, an independent nuclear pharmacy in Gray, Tenn., was inducted as president. David Gilmore, CNMT, RT(R)(N), an assistant professor and clinical coordinator for nuclear medicine technology at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston, Mass., was elected as SNMTS president-elect. Mary Beth Farrell, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), of Pittsburgh, Pa., an applications specialist for GE Healthcare, will serve on the SNMTS Executive Board as the newly elected secretary. Kathy S. Thomas, CNMT, FSNMTS, City of Hope, Glendora, Calif., was voted to assume Farrell’s vacated position as a member of the SNMTS Executive Board elected from the National Council of Representatives.

Mark Wal lenmeyer, CNMT, an instructor and clinical coordinator for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, was elected to begin the first year of a three-year term on the SNMTS Finance Committee. Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, CNMT, PET, RT(N), Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N.C., rotated into the role of Finance Committee chair; Karen Martin, CNMT, RT(N), Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed to fill the second-year vacancy left by Gilbert. NCOR, chaired by David J. Perry, CNMT, FSNMTS, BJc HealthCare, St. Louis, Mo., held elections to fill open specialty area representative positions. The results are as follows:
• Cardiology: Nancy McDonald, CNMT, NCT, RT(N)(R), Southpoint Cardiology,

Message From the SNMTS President
By D. Scott Holbrook, B.S., CNMT, FSNMTS

As I begin my term as SNMTS president, my focus will be on all the details of maintaining the Technologist Section’s high standards.

We must measure our current practice standards on a more frequent basis—in light of all the emerging technologies and new radiopharmaceuticals evolving in our workplaces—so we may continue to provide high-quality patient care as we evolve into imaging specialists. Technologists need to be educated in basic sciences, genetics, cell biology and more. We can only imagine where all the coming advances are leading us.

Our educational system must be evaluated so it includes emerging technologies more quickly. This challenge is as daunting for four-year baccalaureate programs as it is for two-year or certificate programs, as many general education courses are often required in addition to nuclear medicine technology-specific coursework. Perhaps our greatest ongoing challenge will be to develop mechanisms to educate and train practicing technologists. In addition to more workshops and interactive online content, preceptorship programs must be developed in order to allow practicing technologists to obtain clinical training. We have initiated state-of-the-art career preparation in our educational programs with our CT workshops, cardiology symposia and online courses specifically for technologists.

This year has the potential to be remembered as a landmark year in the history of nuclear medicine. SNM’s board of directors approved an expanded core purpose for the society: To improve health care by advancing molecular imaging and therapy. The

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Focus on the Fellow:
Lynne T. Roy, M.S., MBA, MHA, CNMT, FSNMTS

By Mary Beth Farrell, M.S., CNMT, NCT, RT(N)

Over the course of Lynne Roy's career in nuclear medicine, she has seen the field evolve from one so new that she and her fellow pioneers essentially wrote their own rules into a highly structured discipline of which she is universally recognized as a national leader.

Back when Roy was first starting out in 1973, nuclear medicine technologists were using I-131 Hippuran, rose bengal and fluorine-18 on rectilinear scanners. Like many others, she entered the field with a degree in biology and little knowledge about nuclear medicine because at that time there were few nuclear medicine technology schools. “When I think back, it’s not surprising that I didn’t know what nuclear medicine was—hardly anyone knew what it was,” said Roy.

Currently, she is the director of imaging at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif. She manages 497 employees in MR, CT, ultrasound, vascular ultrasound, nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology, PET, interventional radiology, diagnostic radiology and mammography. During her career at Cedars-Sinai, she has been promoted from supervisor of nuclear cardiology to manager of nuclear medicine to her current director position. “Progressive management experience was not on my radar, but I love the challenges that management brings and the long-range planning that is necessary to lead and develop a department,” laughed Roy.

Anyone with as much alphabet soup behind her name as she has, however, can handle them.

Roy said she likes the strategic nature of her job best, but she concedes there is also more responsibility that comes along with it. “It’s really hard to remain current in order to be competitive,” she noted. Roy reads all the scientific, trade and economic journals. “I get a voluminous amount of journals each month, and I feel compelled to read them in order to keep up on what’s going on,” she explained.

One accomplishment of which she is particularly proud is building a new, 121,000-square-foot imaging facility equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Roy notes, however, that with technology changing so fast, it has quickly outgrown the building and its equipment. One PET machine has been replaced with a PET/64-slice CT scanner; one specifically dedicated to nuclear cardiology has been added. The facility has also replaced two multisliced CT scanners with a 64-slice machine and is adding a 3.0T MR machine.

In addition, Roy is looking for other areas into which to expand. She noted, “I believe optical imaging is going to play a huge role in the future of imaging, and anticipating how it’s going to fit into our department will be crucial.”

Whatever direction Roy’s career goes from here, she doesn’t expect it to take her far from home. “About two to three years ago, I thought that I would leave Cedars-Sinai to go to bigger and better places,” she said. “But I really love my job, and I can’t imagine not being involved in imaging. Because Cedars-Sinai is so big, it’s always a challenge, and we do great medicine. It never gets boring, so I don’t see myself leaving here,” she added.

Roy is married and has a son who’s attending law school. She and her husband Steve belong to several wine clubs, and they like to travel. They’ve been to Machu Picchu, hiked the Inca Trail and explored Europe. Most recently, they visited Costa Rica. Last year she went on a medical mission to Guatemala with Cedars-Sinai as part of Health International. She worked in triage weighing people, measuring blood pressures and working in the kitchen. “Because I have such a wonderful life, I felt I needed to give back something,” Roy said.

It’s difficult to imagine that Roy has any spare time to be involved in SNMTS, but she’s been an active member for many years. At the encouragement of fellow technologist Brenda King, CNMT, FSNMTS, she began doing presentations at the local chapter level. She then

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Representatives from the Food and Drug Administration moderated two exciting educational sessions June 5 at SNM’s 2006 Annual Meeting in San Diego. During the extremely popular FDA sessions, more than 200 molecular imaging researchers and radiopharmaceutical manufacturers had a rare opportunity to meet FDA staff and hear firsthand how to properly guide items through the Radioactive Drug Research Committee or Investigational New Drug processes.

George Mills, division director of FDA’s medical imaging and hematology products, attended the sessions, which featured presentations by him and several other division representatives. This FDA division is responsible for the review and approval of diagnostic imaging drugs, diagnostic imaging biologics, radiolabeled therapeutic oncologic drugs, and biologics and non–oncology hematology drugs and biologics. The slides/presentations from the FDA sessions may be downloaded online at http://www.snm.org/am.

A “Dear Colleague” letter in support of basic nuclear medicine research at the Department of Energy has been sent to the Senate Energy and Water Subcommittee of Appropriations in anticipation of the upcoming Senate energy appropriations markup.

Senators signing the letter include Christopher Bond (R-Mo.), Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), Jim Talent (R-Mo.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.), Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), John Kerry (D-Mass.), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Arlen Specter (R-Pa.).

The purpose of the letter is to aid SNM and allies in restoring funding to the DOE Office of Science Office of Biological and Environmental Research Medical Applications and Measurement Science program for fiscal year 2007. If the Senate successfully restores funding for nuclear medicine research supported through MAMS in their version of energy appropriations, the House of Representatives energy appropriations would still need to recede to the Senate language in conference later this year.

**SNMTS Passes Resolution Endorsing Mandatory Accreditation**

**By Mary Beth Farrell, M.S., CNMT, NCT, RT(N)**

Depending on which part of the country you live in, accreditation may or may not be of major importance; however, it’s a pretty safe bet accreditation will be important to your facility in the near future.

At SNM’s Mid-Winter Educational Symposium this past February in Tempe, Ariz., the SNMTS National Council of Representatives and Executive Board and SNM’s House of Delegates all passed a resolution supporting mandatory accreditation of nuclear laboratories by a recognized accrediting body. Such accrediting bodies include the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Laboratories and the American College of Radiology—both offering accreditation in nuclear medicine, nuclear cardiology and PET and both promoting patient safety and accuracy of testing.

SNMTS leaders cited the increasing demand for practice accreditation by third-party payers and concerns about continuing patient safety as reasons for passing the resolution. Some third-party payers maintain that not all facilities provide the same level of service and quality of patient care. Many of these same payers are now requiring accreditation with its inherent peer-review process to demonstrate quality and validate payment for certain services.

Accreditation is currently a requirement of payment by some payers in Alabama, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Kansas. There is growing evidence that Medicare, the nation’s largest payer, may soon require laboratory accreditation as a condition of payment.

SNM isn’t the only organization supporting mandatory accreditation. Both the American College of Cardiology and the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology passed resolutions supporting participation in laboratory accreditation programs developed by physicians and technologists that are appropriate to the field of practice. ASNC’s resolution went so far as to require accreditation by Jan. 1, 2008. The SNMTS resolution lacked such a time requirement in order to allow adequate time for facilities to begin the process.

“SNMTS sees accreditation as a means of helping to ensure our patients receive the best care possible,” explained Valerie R. Cronin, CNMT, FSNMTS. “This isn’t about requiring more work for laboratories. It’s about a commitment to quality, standardization and outcomes. The goal is to improve the level of patient care in diagnostic testing,” added the 2005-06 SNMTS president.

For more information about the accreditation process, contact Stefanie Margulies at ICANL (http://www.icanl.org) or Carolyn Macfarlane-Williams at ACR (http://www.acr.org). For information regarding SNMTS’s position on accreditation, contact your local chapter representative to the National Council of Representatives.

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became an officer and—before she knew it—was 1998-99 SNMTS president. She believes getting the ARRT MRI exam opened up to nuclear medicine technologists was the most important thing she accomplished as president. “It was an honor to serve as the president of a professional society in which I made a career,” said Roy.

As for what she envisions for the future of nuclear medicine, she quickly replied, “All of the cutting-edge imaging in 10 years is going to be molecular based. Nuclear medicine is the molecular imaging modality. I think nuclear medicine is going to be the foundation of all imaging to come.”

Roy understands there will be tremendous hurdles to overcome in terms of licensing and training, but she emphatically stated, “Although it won’t be a slam dunk, it is going to happen.”
SNM's 53rd Annual Meeting has come and gone, and what do we have to show for it? Quite a bit actually!

After a day of committee meetings on Wednesday, May 31, the SNMTS Executive Board met to consider a number of important issues. Among those were three resolutions arising out of the Membership Committee, all of which were approved.

**Membership Committee Resolutions**

- The first allows for a discounted price for technologist membership to those who authorize automatic renewal through the use of a credit card. Discounts are good!
- The second resolution expands the “Technologist” member description to include those working in affiliated careers, including researchers, educators and affiliated sciences. This expanded description will be important as SNM evolves more deeply into the expanding science of molecular imaging.
- Lastly, the board approved the concept of a 50 percent reduction in the technologist membership rate for active duty military members. This shows support for our troops; more details about this program will be available soon.

Also during the board meeting, Martha W. Pickett, CNMT, FSNMTS, presented revised core competencies for the role of nuclear medicine practitioner. This was a very important step in the process of creating this new, advanced level of technologist.

The Publications Committee put forth two resolutions, one to approve a written description of the process it used in the recent Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology editor selection (see related article on page 6) and one naming Lyn M. Mehlberg, CNMT, FSNMTS; Kathy S. Thomas, CNMT, FSNMTS; and David J. Perry, CNMT, FSNMTS, to new two-year terms on the Uptake Editorial Board.

It was also at Executive Board that the results of the recent SNMTS elections were made official. Congratulations to David Gilmore, CNMT, RT(R)(N), who is our new president-elect. Special congratulations to Mary Beth Farrell, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), who is the new secretary. While we should all be pleased with the results, it is unfortunate that only 612 members out of 7,635 who were eligible actually took the very few minutes required to go online, read about the candidates and vote.

**Bench to Bedside Campaign, Certification Exam**

Thursday, June 1, was reserved for the meeting of the National Council of Representatives, where we heard a lot of information and several exciting announcements. Calling it a “historic moment” for SNM and for the future of quality medical care for patients, SNM President Peter S. Conti announced the official beginning of a $5 million campaign called “Bench to Bedside” to span the next five years. “SNM’s ‘Bench to Bedside: A Molecular Imaging Campaign’ will allow significant molecular imaging discoveries made by scientists at lab benches to be efficiently and effectively ‘translated’ into practice so they can be used by physicians at sick patients’ bedsides,” said Conti. Also announced was a milestone agreement between NMTCB and ARRT to collaborate on the development of a certification exam for the advanced practice or nuclear medicine practitioner role.

Other issues discussed at NCOR included the current status of the CARE bills and the $37 million cut in funding for the Medical Applications and Measurement Science Program at the Department of Energy’s Office of Science. Updated information about these issues and how you can do your part to influence their outcomes may be found under the “Hot Topics” section of the SNM homepage at http://www.snm.org.

**Attendance Verification Requirements**

NCOR also discussed several topics even more near and dear to our hearts, including how SNM might be able to work with local and regional organizations to meet the attendance verification requirements necessary to receive VOICE credits. We look forward to a report on the success of the attendance verification system used during the 53rd Annual Meeting as our members continue to struggle with this vital part of the continuing education process.

Let’s fast forward through the SNM committee meetings and the House of Delegates to Saturday, June 3, and the opening of “The Show.” Numerous categorial seminars were held during the day, and the exhibit hall opened to the usual fanfare with a reception designed to introduce attendees and exhibitors.

Sunday, June 4, saw the beginning of the continuing educations sessions with the SNM plenary session and formal opening. From then on, there was one excellent CE session followed by another. There was also an incredible number of scientific presentations and posters competing for one’s time.

All in all, the Technologist Section program was excellent, and April Mann, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMTS, program chair and incoming chair of the Publications Committee, is to be applauded. Of course, the absolute highlight was the Nuclear Medicine Game Show held Tuesday afternoon. Eight of our esteemed members of leadership—along with an unlikely pair of key office staff—filled the nine boxes of this “Hollywood Squares”-type test of nuclear knowledge. Contestants vied to mark each square as their own, but the winners were the members of the audience who all had fun while they learned. Let’s hope Ed Lyons, CNMT, RT(R), the master of the Nuclear Medicine Game Show, can be enticed to return again next year.

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By David J. Perry, CNMT, FSNMTS

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Annual Meeting Awards Recognize Contributions

SNMTS Outstanding Educator

Daniel T. Guarasci of Lancaster, N.Y., a clinical assistant professor of nuclear medicine with the School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo for nearly 10 years, has been named the 2006 SNMTS Outstanding Educator. Guarasci, who has been executive director and vice president of Central Radiopharmaceutical Services in Buffalo since 1996, was honored during SNM’s 53rd Annual Meeting June 3–7 in San Diego.

“Daniel Guarasci has a special talent that sets him apart from other educators,” said Valerie R. Cronin, SNMTS immediate past president. “He translates complex information into the understandable, whether he’s teaching nuclear medicine technology students or residents or pharmacy students,” she added.

“It is quite gratifying to be recognized by SNMTS, and I appreciate the support and acknowledgement,” said Guarasci, a certified nuclear medicine technologist and a licensed pharmacist who also serves as a clinical instructor for the Department of Medical Technology with the School of Health Related Professions at SUNY at Buffalo.

A licensed medical/health physicist, Guarasci earned a doctorate of pharmacy, a master of science degree in radiation biology and bachelor of science degrees in pharmacy and in nuclear medicine, all from SUNY at Buffalo. He is certified by the American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine, the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board. An SNMTS member since 1987, he is vice president of the American Board of Science in Nuclear Medicine.

2006 Student Travel Awardees

SNMTS offered $500 awards to cover travel expenses for 10 technologist students who presented abstracts at SNM’s 53rd Annual Meeting. The $5,000 for these travel awards was funded by the SNMTS Professional Development and Education Fund with support from these PDEF Corporate Friends: Biogen Idec, Bristol Myers-Squibb, Capintec Inc., GE Healthcare, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals Inc. and MDS Nordion.

The 10 award recipients are Kristen Knerzer, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Marshfield, Wis.; Jared Thatcher, Kathryn Leonard and Isaac Tran, all Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Mo.; Chanh Vu, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, Calif.; Alice Hall, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine School, Rochester, Minn.; and Jerlin Jacob, Jamie Mathews, Urvri Patel and Jennifer Tordal, all Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

JNMT Awards

Receiving the first-place award ($500 and a plaque) for a Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology paper were Fiona O. Roberts, Dishan H. Gunawardana, Kunthi Pathmaraj, Anthony Wallace, Paul L. U, Tian Mi, Sam U. Berlangieri, Graeme J. O’Keefe, Chris C. Rowe and Andrew Scott for “Radiation Dose to PET Technologists and Strategies to Lower Occupational Exposure” (J Nucl Med Technol. 2006;33:44-47).

Second-place ($100 and a plaque) went to Waheeda Sureshbabu and Osama Mawlawi for “PET/CT Imaging Artifacts” (J Nucl Med Technol. 2005;33:156-161). Third-place honors went to Claude Wastiel, Jean-François Valley, Angelika Bischof Delaloye, Michel Leresche, Reto Linder, Manfred Sassowsky and François O. Bochud for “Intercomparison of Activity Measurements for ß-Emitters in Swiss Nuclear Medicine Laboratories” (J Nucl Med Technol. 2005;33:238-242). These awards were funded by the Education and Research Foundation for SNM.


Scientific Posters: Iwase Mikio, Shibamoto Yuta, Kojima Akihiro, Tomita Yoya, Yamashita Eiji, Kobayashi Toshiki, Nishio Masami, Iwata Hiroshi and Taniaki Tsuneo, “Influence of the Gaussian Filter Used for CT Attenuation Correction on PET Imagineste Awards continued on page 7, see Awards

1. Daniel T. Guarasci was named the 2006 SNMTS Outstanding Educator. He received his award during SNM’s 53rd Annual Meeting from 2005-06 SNMTS President Valerie R. Cronin.
2. Receiving the SNMTS Presidential Distinguished Service Award from 2005-06 President Valerie R. Cronin, CNTM, PSNMTS, were Martha W. Pickett, CNMT, PSNMTS, and William L. Hubble, CNMT, RT(R)(N). Pickett was honored for her work as chair of the Advanced Practice Task Force. Hubble was recognized for his service as co-chair of the Entry-Level Task Force.
3. Receiving the first-place JNMT paper award on behalf of its authors from editor Beth Harkness.
4. It wouldn’t be an Annual Meeting without Nuclear Medicine Squares.
**New Editor Named for JNMT**

By David J. Perry, CNMT, FSNMTS

F rances L. Neagley, CNMT, FSNMTS, of San Francisco, Calif., has been named the new editor of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology, replacing Beth A. Harkness who is leaving the post on Dec. 31, after six years (two terms) of very successful leadership of JNMT. Frances began a transition period on July 1 and will assume full editorial responsibility on Jan. 1, 2007.

Frances began her medical imaging career in the mid-1960s as an X-ray technologist in northern California. She credits Dorothy Duffy Price, CNMT, FSNMTS, with sparking an interest in nuclear medicine that Frances has never lost. After graduating from a nuclear medicine training program in 1970, Frances went on to earn a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of California at San Diego.

In addition to being the start of a long career in nuclear medicine technology, it was around this time that Frances started becoming active in the local SNM chapter and became editor of the newsletter for the San Diego segment of the southern California SNMTS. She moved to the Davies Medical Center in San Francisco in 1980, where she soon took over responsibility for editing the northern California SNMTS newsletter. While at Davies, she received the Davies Medical Center Medical Staff Award for Excellence in Patient Care, but she claims her most notable and rewarding experience during this period was participating in the use of nuclear medicine imaging, especially gallium scanning, for the diagnosis and care of HIV/AIDS patients.

During the years that followed, Frances not only excelled in her position as supervisor in nuclear medicine, she also published several articles, made numerous presentations, was elected to two terms on the NMTCB board of directors and held enough offices in SNM and SNMCTS to take up two full pages on her curriculum vitae. She has been elected a Fellow in the SNMCTS President's Award from Martha Pickett in 1997.

Recently retired from Davies, Frances says that she has always had an interest in the JNMT editor position but felt she could not give it the time it deserved and, recently, did not have the necessary support at her institution. “I decided to retire from my workplace and felt I could now give this position the attention it needs,” said Frances. Given her past experience with editing and her very long relationship with the Publications Committee, she seems a natural for this position. “While I do not enjoy writing, I have a great respect for writing/publishing and the desire to...”

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**Spread the News!**

For members of the SNMTS leadership, the SNM Annual Meeting is a long time to spend away from home and family—and even work—and all will tell you it is worth it. It is impossible to describe all of the important issues that were discussed and decisions that were made. Those eight days in San Diego were jam-packed with meetings filled with planning and debate and decision making followed by world-class continuing education. In between such intense sessions are periods of downtime when people who may only see each other twice a year form a uniquely tight bond as strong as any friendship most may ever know. Now these friends must disperse to the four corners, and it is up to each of them to spread the information they gained among all of the rest of the members of SNMCTS. We each came home with an extra briefcase full of important papers and news vital to our grassroots, and now it is up to us to see that what happened in San Diego doesn’t stay there—but is spread throughout the membership for the betterment of nuclear medicine technology.
support those who want to write,” she added.

Frances discussed her vision for JNMT, saying, “I consider the journal to be the number one member service; it goes out to every member. I want to make sure it is read.” In addition, she said, “I hope to increase the continuing education articles. While keeping the high scientific content of JNMT, I want to increase the relevancy to the average technologist—beginning with some state-of-the-art articles.”

Though she didn’t officially begin her transition until July 1 and doesn’t assume full responsibility for the post until 2007, Frances had already been hard at work. She had identified her associate and consulting editors and is in the process of getting final approval for her choices from the SNMTS Publications Committee. She is pleased that several editors who have worked with Beth will continue, which she hopes will result in a smoother transition. She has also chosen some additional leaders in the field to help provide a well-rounded source of scientific information and continuing education.

When asked how she is preparing for her first issue, which will be published in March 2007, Frances replied, “I have a new computer and printer and am updating my cell phone to increase my accessibility. I am also working to increase the number of technologists interested in reviewing journal submissions.” She indicated, “And I am working with my associate and consulting editors to not only increase input to JNMT but also the variety and topicality.”

We on the SNMTS Publications Committee are pleased to have Frances taking the helm of this flagship publication, and we wish her well as she works to continue the long and proud tradition of JNMT. Welcome, Frances!

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Jacksonville, Fla.;

- **Education:** Mark Wallenmeyer, CNMT, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Ark.;

- **Emerging Technologies:** David M. Eve, CNMT, LifeScan America, Louisville, Ken.;

- **Industry:** Carol V. Bonanno, CNMT, Bracco Diagnostic Inc., St. Petersburg Beach, Fla.;

- **Management:** Lynne T. Roy, CNMT, FSNMTS, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, Calif.; and

- **Student:** Christine Cook, nuclear medicine technology student, Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio. Additionally, two new members—David M. Eve, CNMT, and Elpida S. Crawford, CNMT, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.—have been elected to the Professional Development and Education Fund.

The proposed bylaws changes passed with a 95 percent approval rate, and the historian is now an appointed position separate from the position of SNMTS secretary. Alan Pan, CNMT, Active Health Concepts, Torrance, Calif., has been appointed as the Technologist Section’s historian.

I would like to thank everyone who graciously agreed to run for office. All candidates deserve our sincere thanks for their dedication and tireless work on behalf of the Technologist Section. I would also like to thank the members of this year’s Nominating Committee: Art J. Hall, CNMT, FSNMTS; Karen Martin, CNMT, RT(N) and Alan Pan, CNMT.

Next year’s Nominating Committee will be headed by Valerie R. Cronin, CNMT, FSNMTS. Joining her will be Martha W. Pickett, CNMT, FSNMTS; Lyn M. Mehlberg, CNMT, FSNMTS; Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, CNMT, PET, RT(N), and Deborah M. Gibbs, CNMT, RTN, NCT, PET. I appreciated the opportunity to serve the Technologist Section and look forward to a productive year ahead.

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**Student Abstracts:** Meghan Blase, Dana Oliver and Medhat M. Osman, “Patterns of Uptake in the Subareolar Plexus as Detected by 18F-FDG PET/CT: Does Gender or Bra Use Matter?” abstract 2140, first place; Nicole E. Boyd, Michael Zimmer, Peter Cutrer, Nancy McDonald and Stewart Spies, “Evaluation of Radiation Levels of Various Syringe Shields Containing Sm-153 Lexidronam,” abstract 2114, second place; Steven Parmett, Dana Rausch, Ping Lu, Ash Rafique, Nazar Golewale, Melissa Quispe, Chun K. Kim, Josef Machacek, Richard Stern and Borys R. Krynyckyi, “Improved Breast and Axillary Lesion Detection on PET Imaging Through the Novel Use of a Breast Holding Device,” abstract 2134, third place.
Aug. 5–6: Technologist PET Board Review Workshop, SNM Headquarters, Reston, Va. **Host:** SNM (http://www.snm.org/lc). **Description:** For the Nuclear Medicine Technologist preparing for the PET specialty exam: PET physics and instrumentation, PET protocols, PET for oncology/cardiology/neurology, patient preparation, PET radiopharmacy, PET artifacts and variants, radiation safety. **Contact:** SNM meetings, meetinginfo@snm.org; (703) 708-9000, ext. 1229; fax (703) 709-9274.

Aug. 19: CT Review Symposium, Los Angeles, Calif. **Host:** SNM (http://www.snm.org/lc). **Description:** Designed for the nuclear medicine technologist and physician with minimal CT experience; normal cross-sectional anatomy and oncologic pathology will be covered. **Contact:** SNM meetings, meetinginfo@snm.org; (703) 708-9000, ext. 1229; fax (703) 709-9274.

Sept. 15–17: 47th Annual Southeastern Chapter Meeting, Coronado Springs Resort, Walt Disney World, Orlando, Fla. **Host:** SNM’s Southeastern Chapter (http://wwwsecsnm.org/meetings.htm). **Contact:** Vince Sodd at v.sodd@att.net or Deborah Gibbs at dgibbs@mail.mcg.edu.

Sept. 23–24: Technologist CT Workshop, Long Beach, Calif. **Host:** SNM (http://www.snm.org/lc). **Description:** CT physics and instrumentation, CT protocols (body, cardiac), CT contrast, cross-sectional anatomy, CT QC, patient preparation, artifacts and variants, pediatrics, radiation safety. **Contact:** SNM meetings, meetinginfo@snm.org; (703) 708-9000, ext. 1229; fax (703) 709-9274.

Sept. 23–24: Technologist PET/CT Workshop, Long Beach, Calif. **Host:** SNM (http://www.snm.org/lc). **Description:** PET physics and instrumentation, PET/CT protocols, PET radiopharmacy, PET/CT QA, PET/CT for cardiology/neurology, PET/CT artifacts and variants, site planning, radiation safety. **Contact:** SNM meetings, meetinginfo@snm.org; (703) 708-9000, ext. 1229; fax (703) 709-9274.

Oct. 5–8: 31st Annual Western Regional Meeting, Silver Legacy Hotel, Reno, Nev. **Host:** SNM Western Regional chapters. **Contact:** Sue Hogeboom, wrsnm@cs.com; (425) 893-8410; fax (425) 822-7902.