

# A Message from the SNMTS President

Earlier this year, SNMTS sent out a call for volunteers for the committee appointment process. We received 26 new volunteers! The overwhelming interest and excitement that this new group of leaders bring to SNMTS is refreshing, and I would like to personally thank all of them for volunteering to be a part of their professional organization that is working to meet the needs of its members. They include: Tina M. Bauman, MS, CNMT, RT(N), Central Chapter; Maria Corsi, MHS, CNMT, RT(N), New England Chapter; Marcia J. Cousino, BS, CNMT, NCT, MBA, Central Chapter; Shelley DeReu, RT(N), Central Chapter; Julie Elliott, BS, CNMT, PET, RT(CT), BA, AS, AA, Mid-Eastern Chapter; Teresa Ellmer-Buckley, CNMT, Mid-Eastern Chapter; Colleen Glynn, CNMT, Southeastern Chapter; Valerie Green-Kalayeh, MS-HAdmin, BS, RT(N), Pacific Southwest Chapter; Raymond Johnson, CNMT, Pacific Southwest Chapter; Bryan Kerr, AS, CNMT, PET, NCT, RT(N)(CT), Central Chapter; Vicki LaRue BS, CNMT, RT(N), Pacific Northwest Chapter; Laurie Mixon, Mid-Eastern Chapter; Abraham Morris, Mid-Eastern Chapter; Adam Opanowski, CNMT, RT (N) (ARRT), Greater New York Chapter; Margi Patel, CNMT, Greater New York Chapter; Kenneth M. Repking, BS, CNMT, Central Chapter; Daniel W. Sellers, RT, (N)(CT)(MR), Northern California Chapter; Julie Smith, BS, RT (N), Southeastern Chapter; Shirlee Templeton, CNMT, RSO, Pacific Northwest Chapter; Michael Teters, MS, DABR, CNMT, Greater New York Chapter; Eugene Volz, BS, RT(N), Northern California Chapter; Arlette G. Walker, BS, CNMT, Southwestern Chapter; Michele (Missy) Wanner, CNMT, Pacific Northwest Chapter; Doug Warner, BS, CNMT, Missouri Valley; Denise White, BS, CNMT, Southeastern Chapter; and Dusty York, MAEd, RT(N), CNMT, PET, Southeastern Chapter.

With the help of these new leaders and with the expertise and dedication of our current volunteers and leaders, SNMTS will enter year 2 of its strategic plan. Over the next year, we will be focusing on our relationship with chapters and local groups, because they are the voice of the organization. We will be asking for your feedback regarding what we, as an organization, can do to better serve you. The SNMTS leadership will also be developing new ways to keep the lines of communication open between leadership and members, with the hope of creating a more collegial organization that allows for collaboration among members around the country and the world.

In addition to our focus on membership, we will be revitalizing the State Health Policy Liaisons program and asking for members in each state to help move much-needed regulations through their state legislators. We will also be working to establish research opportunities for technologists and working hand-in-hand with SNM's Clinical Trials Network to ensure nuclear medicine technologists are properly educated and at the forefront of the implementation of clinical trials. To keep our members up to date on their educational needs, we will be creating new Web-based sessions on nuclear cardiac technology, PET/CT, and MR imaging. Also, because SNMTS supports the move to the baccalaureate degree as entry level by 2015, we will continue our efforts to transition all educational programs to the new curriculum guide.

Students are the future—and we want them to be a part of SNMTS's future! Over the next year, we will implement the New Professionals Committee, which will provide a forum for those new to the profession, a gateway for new technologists into SNMTS activities and leadership, and a community for this group to share ideas and concerns and build relationships. We will also continue to build the Leadership Academy, now in its fourth year. We will work with chapters to begin establishing their own Leadership Academy structures to build new leaders at the chapter level. We will work with program directors to identify the specific needs students may have as they graduate and enter the field and make the transition as easy as possible.

Finally, we will continue our efforts to be recognized as the leader in molecular imaging and therapy and to be dedicated to the advancement of the profession through adoption of emerging technologies. We can't do this without you! I encourage you to contact the leadership or your chapter representative with any ideas or concerns you have. We are eager to hear from you and hope that you are excited about our upcoming plans.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as president. I am hopeful that this next year will be exciting and successful.

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