

## **nm/ LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

In the June issue of the *Journal* Dr. Bender summarized for you some proposed issues that were to be brought before our recent Annual Meeting. I would like to report to you on the meeting and on those issues.

Approximately 188 papers were presented in a Scientific Program remarkable for its breadth and sophistication. An important feature was a Technologists' Scientific Program of 16 papers. A well-attended Teaching Session was judged highly successful. The wealth of scientific and commercial exhibits helped establish this meeting as a highlight of the year in nuclear medicine.

### **BYLAWS**

The proposed bylaws submitted to you in May were approved, with slight amendments, by the membership at the business meeting. The chief departure from the bylaws as sent to you was that the name of the Society remained unchanged. The bylaws, as adopted, will be published in the near future.

The Bylaws Committee is to continue the task of revision and welcomes the comments and criticisms of individuals and Chapters. Such may be directed to the chairman, Dr. Joseph Ross, UCLA School of Medicine, The Center for Health Sciences, Los Angeles, Calif.

### **PHYSICIAN CERTIFICATION**

The Board of Trustees of the Society authorized a Special Committee on an American Board of Nuclear Medicine to negotiate with the American Boards of Internal Medicine, Pathology and Radiology in the hope that a preliminary application for an affiliate board may be submitted in the near future.

### **TECHNOLOGIST CERTIFICATION**

The "Essentials of an Acceptable School for Nuclear Medicine Technologists" was not received from the AMA in time for consideration by the Board of Trustees of the Society. It has been received since the meeting and is under study by the Executive Committee. This document may be an important and large step toward uniform training requirements and certification criteria.

Society officers who will serve you in the coming year are: Dr. William S. Maxfield, vice president; Dr. James J. Smith, secretary; Dr. Richard E. Peterson, treasurer; and Dr. Asa Seeds, historian. The president-elect is Dr. George V. Taplin, and Dr. Millard N. Croll is vice-president-elect. Program chairman for the New Orleans Meeting will be Dr. Wil B. Nelp, and John Hidalgo is responsible for local arrangements. Please call on us if we may serve you.

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