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President's Message

Tom R. Miller, M.D., Ph.D.

I have several important things to tell you about activities of our Chapter and the national SNM. The most important work of our Chapter is, of course, the annual meeting. The upcoming meeting will be a repeat of the very successful joint meeting with the Central Chapter held in St. Louis in 1992. Again this year the meeting will be in St. Louis, Friday evening through Sunday morning, September 22-24, 1995. A very interesting program has been planned by Mark Wittry and his Central Chapter counterpart.

Our Chapter has a new Executive Director, Robert Buntaine. Bob was employed for many years by Mallinckrodt Medical. He knows the field of nuclear medicine well and, among his other duties at Mallinckrodt, he organized their meetings. Thus, he is well qualified to carry out the duties of this important job in our Chapter.

One of my principal goals as your President is to insure that the Chapter is on a sound legal and financial footing. Last fall the Chapter became incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the state of Missouri, the Society of Nuclear Medicine, Missouri Valley Chapter. This provides an extra degree of legal protection and legitimacy for our Chapter. Our new Executive Director and I also believe that the financial activities of our Chapter should be professionally reviewed. To this end, we have engaged a well-known St. Louis accounting firm to review all aspects of our bookkeeping and financial organization. This work is being undertaken at modest cost because of the generous labors of a fine CPA at this firm at no charge to us.

Our Chapter continues to be financially healthy. Meeting registration fees will rise slightly for the St. Louis annual meeting,

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Technologist President's Message

Richard Sprague, CNMT

Hello. My name is Rich Sprague and I am the new President of the MVC-TS (1994-1995). Now that elections are over, I am pleased to announce the results: President-Elect—David Perry and Secretary-Treasurer—William Hubble. The immediate past-president and chairperson of the nominating committee is Janice Preslar and the National Council Delegate is Nanci Burchell. The other issue that we voted on during elections was the proposed bylaws changes. These changes were approved by an overwhelming margin.

The goals I have for my tenure in office are twofold. For current and future officers, I have a committee working on job descriptions for the various offices. This committee is also working on a timeline to make the running of the MVC-TS as smooth as possible. My other goal is to keep the lines of communication open between National Office, myself, and the various subchapters within the chapter.

I look forward to serving you in this upcoming year. If you have any questions or thoughts, feel free to contact me at (816) 691-1864.

matching those of the 1992 joint meeting. This small rise represents a compromise between our very low fee and the higher Central Chapter charges. This year there will be only a very nominal registration charge for students.

Two new members of the Chapter board were elected last summer; they are Jeffrey Dobkin, M.D., from the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, St. Louis, and Katherine Harrison, M.D., from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha.

The Iowa City meeting last fall was a great success. Special thanks go to Janice Preslar for her efforts well beyond the call of duty! Thanks also to the program committee, headed by Jordan Hankins. The competition for best abstract was won by Dr. Liza Gobar at Creighton University. She will receive partial support to attend the annual SNM meeting in Minneapolis.

Turning to national SNM activities, two of our members were nominated for office, myself for Secretary/Treasurer and Henry Royal for the House of Delegates. When ballots for voting members arrive next month, your support and your encouragement of colleagues to vote for our Chapter nominees is solicited. Only 20-25% of eligible members cast ballots, so every vote is important.

The Society is increasingly active in the health care policy area. Practice guidelines are being developed rapidly and a 1½ day meeting was held in conjunction with the Midwinter meeting on this topic. The move of the national office to Reston, Virginia, has gone well and is now complete. The Society's budget recorded a loss in the last two years and, despite a dues increase for 1995, the budget is projected to be only slightly in the black, with further losses projected subsequently. Thus, the Society will have to be increasingly circumspect in choosing its activities.



Annual Chapter Meeting

“Reshaping Nuclear Medicine for the 21st Century”

September 22-24, 1995

Regal Riverfront Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri



Mark your calendars and make your plans! The 1995 MVC Annual Meeting will be an outstanding event. Missouri Valley Chapter is inviting Central Chapter for a program you will always remember.

- Up to 2500 professional members will be invited from 12 states, a major part of midwest USA.
- Course designed for physicians, technologists, and scientists engaged in the clinical practice of Nuclear Medicine.
- Emphasis on current and newly introduced radionuclide techniques which are directly applicable to a hospital-based practice.
- Creative spouse tour - St. Louis Highlights - for family members not attending the didactic meetings.

Keep your calendar open, and watch for the registration form you will receive in mid-summer.

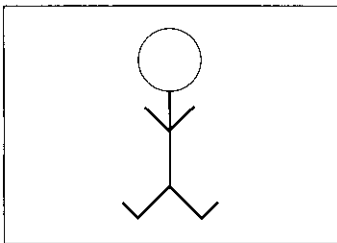
Traveling Talkers

Tom R. Miller, M.D., Ph.D.

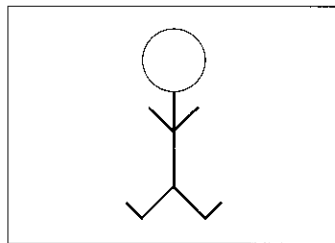
The Traveling Talkers is a new activity of our chapter where volunteer members of the chapter will be available to speak at sub-chapter meetings or as part of independently organized meetings at hospitals. It is hoped that a large number of volunteers will be available to speak on topics of their choosing. So far, only three people have indicated their willingness to participate in this program. **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** The

chapter will pay all travel expenses; all that is needed is some of your time to speak on a topic of your choosing. Please send me your name and a list of topics you would be willing to talk about. All technologists, scientists and physicians are encouraged to participate. Please contact me at: Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology, 510 S. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63110, phone: (314) 362-2807, fax: (314) 362-2806.

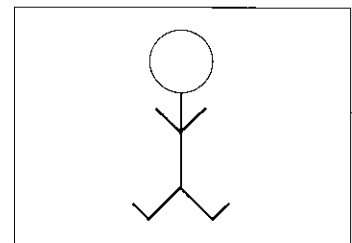
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