



President's Message

Jordan H. Hankins, M.D.

I am pleased to share with you the attendance figures from the recently completed Missouri Valley Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting held in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 22 through 24, 1995, which was this year a conjoint meeting with the Central Chapter. The total registrants were 317. Of these, approximately 65 percent were from the Missouri Valley Chapter. The final financial figures were also "in the black." The majority of the comments that I heard were very positive as to the content and the location of the meeting. A hearty thank you and congratulations to Dr. Mark Wittry who served as Program Chairman for this meeting.

Our new Chapter officers include President-Elect Henry D. Royal, M.D., to a two year term, Secretary/Treasurer Mickey T. Clarke, BA, CNMT, two year term, and Councilors Lisa S. Gobar, M.D., and Bennett S. Greenspan, M.D., both to three year terms. Our election results also included passage of all three proposed Bylaws changes which will result in a smoother operating chapter. Thanks to Dr. Tom Miller, immediate Past-President of the Chapter, for working on these.

The Chapter Nominating Committee presents a very strong slate of individuals which were submitted from our Chapter Council election for national SNM officers. These include James

Fletcher, M.D., for Vice President-Elect, and three individuals nominated to the position of Trustees-at-Large. These include Mark Madsen, Ph.D., Bennett Greenspan, M.D. and Tom Miller, M.D., Ph.D. These individuals are excellent representatives of our Chapter. Don't forget to support our candidates at the national level.

Our "Traveling Talkers" program is to begin in early 1996 with participation in a Sioux Falls, South Dakota, lecture series. This program includes our Chapter funding for travel and lodging expenses for a speaker anywhere within the Chapter for Nuclear Medicine related topics. A list of volunteer speakers is available by calling any Chapter officer. Additional volunteer speakers are also needed. Call any officer to volunteer your name and lecture topic.

The Chapter is also currently negotiating with a private company to initiate a computerized mailing list that would be maintained in an up-to-date fashion. The intent of this would be to maximize attendance at annual Chapter scientific meetings by including in the mailings the most interested groups of both members and non-members. I will keep you informed of our progress in this regard. My thanks to Dr. Jim Littlefield for his work on this project.

Next year's scientific meeting promises to have another excellent program led by Program Chairman Dr. Royal, and is to be held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri, on October 4, 5, and 6, 1996. Make your plans to be there!

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or new topics to be addressed. My E-mail address is: hankins@darth.crhsnet.edu. My phone number is 402-552-2777. I look forward to a productive year and hope to see each of you in Denver next June and in Columbia next October.

Technologist President's Message

David Perry, CNMT

Season's Greetings from St. Louis. My name is David Perry and, with the conclusion of a very successful joint meeting between the Missouri Valley Chapter and the Central Chapter, I am proud to take on the role of your new President of the MVC-TS. I am also pleased to announce the results of our recent election and introduce Philip Bruch of Omaha, Nebraska, as your President-Elect, and Mary Moline of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as your Secretary/Treasurer. Richard Sprague, the immediate Past-President, will be the Nominating Committee Chairperson and Janice Preslar is our National Council Delegate.

There are a number of items I would like to accomplish during my 1995-1996 term. I will continue Rich's work in developing written job descriptions of Chapter officers. I will also continue to work on developing some proposed Bylaws changes that we hope will improve continuity among the leadership of the MVC-TS and strengthen the Chapter. This work was started by the 1994-1995 officers and a motion was passed at the Annual Business Meeting to present

these changes to the membership.

Most importantly, however, I would like to develop ways of strengthening our Chapter. Work has already begun to create a network to help heighten member awareness of important issues at the local, state and Federal levels. I would also like to place extra emphasis this year on increasing the membership of the Technologist Section. As healthcare reform issues continue to affect our professional lives, timely communication and the strength of our professional association are two of the few tools available to help us help ourselves.

If you are interested in contacting me for more information, to join a committee or to raise issues important to you, I may be reached as follows:

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I look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Happy New Year!

National Council Delegate Report

Janice Preslar, CNMT

I am back!!!! I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I am Janice Preslar, the newly elected National Council Delegate for the Missouri Valley Chapter - Technologist Section.

For the next two years, I will keep you informed on what is happening at the national level. Your ideas are very important to me, so please stay in touch.

National News:

- **Ten dollar increase in dues.** (There has not been an increase in the technologist section in years. We are in the red with this year's budget. SORRY.)
- **National Nuclear Medicine Technologist Week.** (October 1-7...But this can be celebrated at any time - so go for the gold!)
- **Nominations for SNM-TS.** (Seven positions are open on the national level.)
- **Public Relations Award.** (Deadline for entries is January 31, 1996.)
- **Legislative Representative.** (David Perry, MVC-TS President.)
- **MVC-TS (SNM) Annual Meeting.** (October 4-6, 1996, in Columbia, MO.)
- **SNM Midwinter Meeting.** (Will be held with the ACNP in Puerto Rico.)

Talk to you later...

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