

TO: MCV SNMETS Members

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National Council of Representative Delegate

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RE: SNM Annual Meeting report

Greetings from Kansas City. The SNM Annual Meeting in New Orleans is now complete and there are exciting things to be shared with you. Let me begin by welcoming our very own Mark Wallenmeyer as the newly installed SNMETS President. Congratulations! Cheers to Peggy Squires who was elected as a Member-At-Large to the NCOR. We also bid farewell to David Perry who has been the Speaker for the NCOR for the past four year. Dave did an excellent job in this position. He may have left the SNMETS, but is the new Executive Director for the NMTCB. Way to go Dave! We now have a technologist advocate and someone who really understands our needs.

Speaking of our needs, the NMTCB has introduced VOICE credit sharing. SNMETS members, once you are signed up, are provided direct to the NMTCB credit reporting. This will provide for timely and accurate reporting of all credit received. E-mail notification has been sent to all SNMETS members. If you have not enrolled, please go on line and provide the SNMETS with your NMTCB certificate number as well as permission to share this information. It's a great service and simple to use.

The long awaited **Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate** curriculum was approved by the SNM and SNMETS Boards. There will be three schools offering this program possibly as early as Spring 2009. Martha Pickett deserves a big round of applause for her efforts to make this dream a reality for our profession.

Both Boards also approved the baccalaureate curriculum. Look for more information coming to our Chapter meeting to better understand what this means to you as an individual. (No, you don't have to go back to school to keep your certification.)

Through the generous support of members and corporations the Education and Research Foundation was able to provide funding that sponsored 50 new travel scholarships totaling more than \$75,000. These travel awards were given to 25 technologists and 25 students so that they could attend the annual meeting. Several other scholarships are available. Check the SNM home page under "Grants, Awards, and Scholarships" to see if you qualify and then apply.

In keeping with his focus on mentoring, Mark Wallenmeyer announced that the SNMETS will be sponsoring the "2008 Leadership Academy". This academy will be held October 24-26. If you are interested in honing your leadership skills and perhaps moving into a leadership role in the SNMETS, applications are available at the SNM website. The deadline for application is August 1, 2008.

The NCOR, SNMETS Executive Board and the SNMT BOD voted to support SNM membership in the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging. The Alliance was formed to reduce pediatric radiation exposure through education and dose reduction.

When the SNMETS reorganized several years ago, the NCOR went from being a decision making body to an advisory body. Grassroots issues are discussed and our recommendations are handed over to the Executive Board for consideration. This process is not perfect. It was discussed and voted that it is time that this process be reviewed and recommendations made as to how the system could work better.

The next meeting of the NCOR will take place at the SNM Mid-Winter Meeting to be held in Clearwater, Florida. Look for details in your e-mail and snail mail.

A final note, don't forget to get registered for the **Missouri Valley Chapter Annual meeting to be held in Omaha, Nebraska on October 3-5, 2008**. Please see the MVC web site for the program, registration and accommodation information. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Respectfully submitted,

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