



Spring 2008

CCSNM 2008-09 Election Results

The 2008-09 slate of officers and new members to the Board of Governors for the Central Chapter was approved by the membership in an electronic ballot. Members of the Board of Governors serve three-year terms. The slate, as approved by the membership, includes:

President

Robert T. Anger, Jr., MS, MPH, FACR (completing second year as Secretary Treasurer, moving up from President-Elect)
Medical Nuclear Physicist/Radiation Safety Officer
Department of Radiology
Clarian Health (Methodist Hospital)
Indianapolis, Indiana

Vice President/Program Chair & President-Elect

Davide Bova, MD (In second year as Vice President/Program Chair, taking additional responsibility as President-Elect)
Assistant Professor, Stritch School of Medicine
Director, Diagnostic Radiology
Loyola University Medical Center
Maywood, Illinois

Secretary/Treasurer

Michael W. Wilson, MD (Currently a member of the Board of Governors)
Section of Nuclear Medicine
Department of Radiology
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics
Madison, Wisconsin

Immediate Past President

Gary L. Dillehay, MD, FACNP (Will continue as a member of the Board of Governors for two years)
Department of Radiology
Division of Nuclear Medicine

Northwestern Memorial Hospital
Chicago, Illinois

Board of Governors

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Staff Nuclear Medicine Physician
William Beaumont Hospitals
Royal Oak, Michigan
Medical Director, School of Nuclear Medicine Technology
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2008–09 CCTS Executive Council Named

The Technologist Section Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers for 2008–2009 was ratified by electronic ballot that closed on March 3rd. The slate will start their terms following the CCSNM Annual Spring Meeting to be held April 4-6, 2008 in Milwaukee. The officers with their job descriptions are listed below

President

Judith E. Kosegi, MS, CNMT
Program Director
Nuclear Medicine Technology Program
Indiana University
Indianapolis, Indiana

The President of the Technologist Section presides at meetings of the Executive Council, the Annual Business Meeting of the Section, any special meetings that may be called. The

President serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Central Chapter. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating committee. The President establishes special committees to function in areas of concern to the Section.

President Elect

Nancy A. McDonald, BS, CNMT

Program Director

School of Nuclear Medicine

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Chicago, Illinois

The President Elect succeeds the President upon the completion of the President's term of office and shall act for the President in the event of his/her temporary or permanent absence or disability. The President Elect functions as the primary delegate of the President in selected matters of the Section and serves as a member of the Board of Governors of the Central Chapter. The President-Elect chairs the Awards Committee and the Chapter Membership Committee and serves on the joint membership committee for the SNM and SNMTS.

Immediate Past President

Paul J. Reaume, BS, ARRT (R,N), CNMT, NCT

Staff Technologist

Detroit Medical Center

Detroit, Michigan

The Immediate Past President serves in an advisory capacity to the Section President and the Executive Council. The Immediate Past President also serves as the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee and the Nominating Committee. The Immediate Past President may recommend to the Executive Council the name of any individual to be considered for honorary membership in the Section.

Secretary/Historian

Aileen M. Carey, MSc, CNMT

Manager, Nuclear Medicine

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Chicago, Illinois

Aileen is starting her second year as Secretary. The Secretary/Historian shall hold office for two years in staggered terms with the treasurer. The Secretary/Historian is responsible for recording the minutes of meetings and maintenance of the Archives of the Section as they accumulate. The Secretary/Historian also signs legal corporate documents on behalf of the Section. The Secretary/Historian assumes the duties of the President or President-Elect in the event of their temporary absence.

Treasurer

James Timpe, MS, RT, (N)(MR)

Manager of Diagnostic Imaging
Advocate South Suburban Hospital
Hazel Crest, Illinois

The Treasurer shall hold office for two years. The Treasurer shall submit to the Executive Council an annual budget for ratification monitor income and expenses by the Chapter Office. The Treasurer chairs the Finance Committee.

National Council Delegate

Lyn M. Mehlberg, BS, CNMT, FSNMTS

Regional Quality Improvement Coordinator
St. Luke's Medical Center
Department of Imaging Services
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Lyn will be starting a second two-year term on the National Council or Representatives. The National Council Delegate shall hold office for two (2) years. The National Council Delegate must be a Past President of the Section and may not be the Immediate Past President of the Section. The National Council Delegate shall be the Section's representative to the National Council of the Technologist Section, SNM. The National Council is the primary policy-making component of the SNM Technologist Section.

Technologist Members of the Central Chapter Board of Governors

Mary Yeomans, CNMT

Nuclear Medicine Sales
Medi-Nuclear Corp.
Walled Lake, Michigan

Rebecca Sajdak, BA, CNMT

Computer Specialist
Loyola University Medical Center
Section on Nuclear Medicine
Maywood, Illinois

Mary and Rebecca are both in the middle of their three-year terms on the board of Governors. The Technologist Members of the Central Chapter Board of Governors shall hold office for three (3) years. Each Technologist Member shall represent the Section at the Board of Governors meetings and serve as Liaison between the Section and the Chapter. One member shall be appointed Policy and Procedure Chair by the Technologist Section President.

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Central Chapter Technologist President's Column

By Paul Reaume; BS, CNMT, ARRT (R,N)



Time to Spring into Action

We must now spring into action and support our own personal growth and to support the Central Chapter. The Central Chapter is having our annual Spring Meeting in Milwaukee, WI, on April 4-6, 2008 titled *Protecting Yourself from Liability in Medical Imaging: Providing Superior Patient Care, While Reducing Your Personal Risk*. This is an excellent opportunity to get your continuing education credits and to get information in an area that most of us know very little about. You could be the go-to person concerning this information for your site or institution.

With our ever changing and evolving healthcare delivery system, we will need to have this information now more than ever. Considering that attorneys are going after all individuals who have a connection with the case as a way to increase their chances of winning their case, then every patient becomes a potential liability to the hospital, imaging center, mobile unit, doctors and finally will trickle down to affect the technologists. The choice is yours. Learn how to protect yourself NOW—later maybe too late. See the [CCSNM.org web site](http://CCSNM.org) for registration and more information.

The Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section just completed the Mid Winter Meeting in Newport Beach, California. I am very proud to announce that several of your Central Chapter Board members were there giving and getting new ideas for your benefit and ours. New information that can out of the meeting was about the Leadership Academy and how the SNMTS will be using that experience to support future leaders. The current SNMTS executive leadership is developing ways to give us more value for our membership in the form of giveaway CE credits, programs that are ahead of the curve so we are informed and prepared as new information and technology becomes available; and there is a new community outreach program coming out in the next few weeks to share with students and people interested in knowing more about molecular imaging.

The national meeting this year will be in New Orleans! Come and experience the great excitement of the new molecular imaging technologies and learn from the leading doctors, physicists and technologists in their area of expertise. This major event will be June 14–17, 2008. See the [SNM.org web site](http://SNM.org) for more information and registration details. See you in New Orleans!

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Central Chapter to Honor Leaders with Named Lecture and Best Technologist Award

The Central Chapter and the Central Chapter Technologist Section have voted to honor Renae Henkin, former Chapter Executive Director, and Doctor D. Bruce Sodee, long time leader in the Chapter with named Awards and Lectures.

Starting at the 2008 Meeting in April, the Technologist's Best Technologist Abstract and Presentation at the Chapter's Annual Spring Meeting will be named The Renae Henkin Best Technologist Paper Award. This will be a three-year recognition, running through the CCSNM Annual Meeting in 2010. Renae served as the Chapter Executive Director for four years and brought the Chapter through some significant challenges. She passed away in late 2006 after a long battle with cancer.

For the past five years, ending this year, the Chapter has honored Mark Groch, PhD, member and vice president with the Mark Groch Memorial Lecture. Mark passed away in 2002 as a result of complications after repeat coronary artery bypass surgery. His own family history of coronary artery disease had been a primary motivation for his lifelong passion for the advancement of nuclear cardiology as a weapon in the battle against heart disease.

Starting in 2009 the Chapter will create the D. Bruce Sodee Memorial Lecture to run through 2011. Sodee, a former Chapter President passed away unexpectedly on May 12, 2007. Bruce was a graduate of the University of Michigan and the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. He completed his internship and residency at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where he specialized in nuclear medicine. Bruce moved to the Cleveland area in 1964, and continued practicing nuclear medicine throughout his career most recently in the department of Radiology, Division of Nuclear Medicine at the University Hospitals Case Medical Center. Doctor Sodee was a frequent lecturer, trainer, author and co-author of many publications as well as several textbooks on nuclear medicine technology.

The Chapter also honors James Quinn III, MD, one of the pioneers in Nuclear Medicine from the Central Chapter with a permanent named lecture. Jim was an active Nuclear Medicine physician at a pivotal time in the development of this specialty.

Perhaps Jim's greatest contribution to the field of Nuclear Medicine came with regard to his work on perfusion lung scanning. On November 23, 1963, Jim presented a paper at the Radiological Society of North America reporting on some of the first human perfusion lung scans.

The Chapter also honors **W. H. Beierwaltes, MD** with the **W. H. Beierwaltes Award** for the best paper by a resident or basic scientist trainee. William H. Beierwaltes, MD, a true pioneer in the field of nuclear medicine, died in 2005 at the age of 88. He attended the first training course for physicians on the medical use of radioactive iodine, held at the Oak

Ridge National Laboratory in 1946, soon after radioactive elements first became available for civilian medical use.

He founded one of the nation's first hospital programs for the use of radioactivity in medicine. At the University of Michigan, he opened a clinic for patients with hyperthyroid disease and thyroid cancer, using radioactive iodine to detect abnormal activity in the thyroid gland and locate tumors. He later pioneered the combined use of radioiodine and surgery for therapy of benign and malignant disease of the thyroid. He was also instrumental in developing several nuclear medicine agents still in use today.

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Central Chapter–SNM Annual Spring Meeting April 4–6 in Milwaukee

The Central Chapter-Society of Nuclear Medicine's 2008 Annual Spring Meeting, *"Protecting Yourself from Liability in Medical Imaging: Providing Superior Patient Care, While Reducing Your Personal Risk,"* will be held April 4-6, 2008 at the Intercontinental Hotel Milwaukee in Milwaukee, WI. The governance meetings will be held on April 3rd. Lyn Mehlberg, BS, CNMT, FSNMTS and Holly Rehberg, BS, CNMT from Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee are co-chairing the program.

This meeting is designed to provide participants a forum to understand the forces that are impacting the delivery of patient care; specifically how these forces impact medical imaging. A roster of noted speakers with expertise in a variety of medical-legal, regulatory, and compliance topics will share what every member of the imaging team should know and understand about these hot topics. The program will describe the current culture and share how these issues will impact nuclear medicine practitioners in the future. This interactive program is sure to provide physicians, technologists, pharmacists, scientists, nurses, managers, and administrators alike with insight into the standards, statues, and regulations that impact medical imaging.

Visit the Central Chapter web site at www.ccsnm.org to review or download a program/registration brochure or to register online.

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Highlights from the Feb. 15 SNMTS National Council Meeting and SNM Mid-Winter Meeting

By Lyn M. Mehlberg, BS, CNMT, FSNMTS; St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI; Central Chapter Technologist Section National Council Delegate

The SNMTS National Council of Representatives met in Newport Beach during the SNM's Mid-Winter Meeting held mid February. This report is taken from a synopsis that SNM Leadership Staff prepared to signify the significant amount of work reported at this meeting.



The SNMETS has approved a professional entry-level curriculum outlined as the educational foundation for individuals entering the field of nuclear medicine technology. The SNMETS Educator's Task Force has been increasing outreach efforts, creating presentations to use at chapter and local meetings to discuss the new curriculum and entry-level education.

The new Advanced Practice name will be "Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate."

The European Association of Nuclear Medicine technologists subgroup and the SNMETS will begin developing co-sponsored sessions for the 2008 Annual SNM and EANM Meetings.

Five new technologist award categories were approved to cover travel expenses for technologists' first-time oral presentations at the annual meeting, completion of a bachelor's degree, enrollment in an advanced practitioner program, student travel, and clinical advancement to gain the appropriate education in additional modalities (such as CT, MRI, etc.).

The committee appointments process is well under-way and most committee chairs have been chosen. Once set, SNMETS leadership will begin working with these committee chairs, the SNM and SNMETS leadership, Staff and the current strategic plan to set committee assignments for the 2008-2009 year.

The SNM technologist membership is steadily increasing; in February 2007 there were 7,687 technologists members, compared to February 2008, with 8,849 technologists members; a net increase of 1,162 members. It was suggested that Program Directors send contact information of graduating students to the SNM office for tracking. This information is usually gathered from Program Directors during the exit interview.

In addition, the Education & Research Foundation gave SNM \$430,000 towards existing SNM and SNMETS grants and awards as well as new Molecular Imaging grants and awards.

Dr. Peter Conti gave a brief report on the Molecular Imaging Campaign. Corporate gifts and pledges total \$4,181,000 as of February 4, 2008. Individual gifts and pledges total \$136,241 for a total of \$4,317,241 raised to date.

The Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board reported that as of February the NCT exam is available on demand. NMTCB will be discontinuing the Alternate Eligibility pathway for applicants not attending a qualifying educational program. Additionally, in 2009, NMTCB will change the membership renewal schedule to reflect the month you were born; this change will make ARRT's renewal cycle. Three new members will be joining the NMTCB board this year, Dr. James Patton, Mrs. Marcia Hess-Smith and Ms. Cybil Nielsen. Additionally, NMTCB introduced the new Executive Director, Dave Perry.

In September 2007 the Professional Development & Education Fund Executive Committee approved a new brochure highlighting PDEF sponsorship opportunities for the fiscal year.

Based on the SNMTS Committee on Scholarships, Grants and Awards application review, the PDEF awarded four 2007 PDEF Mickey Williams Minority Scholarships (\$5,000), three one-year awards and one two-year award.

The SNMTS Nominating Committee announced that the committee has been constructing a slate of candidates for the 2008-2009 Election. The committee had not approved the slate yet, and therefore it was not announced during the meeting. Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, MHS, CNMT, PET, RT(N) was elected as the new Vice-Speaker to the NCOR with a term beginning (2-15-08 and ending at the end of the NCOR meeting during the Annual Meeting).

The Advocacy Committee reported that before the CARE bill was voted on during last week, the American College of Cardiology (ACC) voiced concerns with the bill and it is now tabled. An increase in the advocacy budget for the 2008 fiscal year has led to 10 attendees being able to come to RT in DC in March.

The Committee on Education highlighted the Continuing Education Strategic Plan. One of the major focuses of the strategic plan is to build rapport between the SNMTS and the councils, which have been underutilized by the SNMTS for some time. Additionally, the plan outlines curriculum development for current and emerging technologies, including, MRI, PEM, Nuclear Cardiology, PET, CY and Hybrid modalities.

All chapters are experiencing increasing challenges in getting new leadership involved at the chapter level. There was an overwhelming consensus that students/young professionals need to be introduced into chapter leadership positions early in their career.

The Chapters voiced concern regarding the decreasing number of corporate supporters at chapter meetings. SNM is also feeling the decline in revenue from corporate support. During the Committee on Chapters Meeting at the 2008 Annual Meeting, Teri Pinkham, Director of Development, will be making a presentation on "How to Ask For Donations."

The National Council of Representatives recommended to the SNMTS Membership Committee that a task force be formed to review the chapter challenges discussed and to make a recommendation to the SNMTS NCOR at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Members of the Task Force shall consist of one member from the National Office and several members from the NCOR.

SNM Staff will work to ensure that all committees are up-to-date with reports and minutes, and posted the e-communities and committee web pages as quickly as possible.

The next National Council of Representatives meeting will be held during the 2008 Annual Meeting in New Orleans in June 2008.

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2008 Paul Cole Scholarship Winners Announced

The Education and Research Foundation of the SNM has awarded two \$1,000 Paul Cole Scholarships to technology students in the Central Chapter, funded by the Central Chapter's Technologist Section.

The 2008 scholarship winners are:

Mr. Joshy Kallarackal, College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois

Ms. Kristin Fox, University of Findlay, in Findlay, Ohio.

This is the third year the Technologist Section has provided \$2,000 in financial support for scholarships for students in the Central Chapter.

The 2007 scholarship winners were:

Dennis Flood, Mayo School of Health Sciences, Rochester, Minnesota

John Williams, Triton College, Chicago, Illinois.

The 2006 scholarship winners were:

Georgiena Stefanatos, Elmhurst College/Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Susie Zumbahlen, from the Central Chapter region, but a student at St. Louis University.

The Paul Cole Scholarship is named in memory of Paul Cole, CNMT, who served as President of the SNM Technologist Section (SNMTS) in 1986 and who was known as a champion of education for technologists. To be eligible for the Paul Cole Scholarship, candidates must:

Demonstrate financial need

Be enrolled or accepted in an institution accredited through the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT). The Award is open to students in associate, baccalaureate and certificate level programs.

Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale) or B average in a nuclear medicine technology core curriculum

The full list of Paul Cole Scholarship Winners follows. The Central Chapter is pleased that a total of 14 students from the Central Chapter received scholarships.

2008 Paul Cole Scholarship Winners: Associates

Mark Park, Gloucester County College, NM Tech. Program

Diane Dominiak, Wm. Beaumont Hospital School of Allied Health, NMT Program

Paul Brown, Jefferson Community & Technical College

Julie Dinkins, Wm. Beaumont Hospital School of Allied Health, NMT Program

Quynh Mai, Ferris State University, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

Lisa Lopez, Del Mar College, Nuclear Medicine Tech. Program

Brittanny Anderson, Ferris State University, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

Dawit Gemechu, Del Mar College, Nuclear Medicine Tech. Program

2008 Paul Cole Scholarship Winners: Certificate

Danijela Pavlovic, Mayo School of Health Sciences, Program in NMT

Kenneth Agboifo, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Schools of Medical Imaging

Jessica Cook, St. Vincent's Medical Center, NMT Program

Alina Truszkowska, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, School of Health Related Professions

Kellie Murphy, Central Maine Medical Center, School of Nuclear Medicine Technology

Dianna Dalziel, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Schools of Medical Imaging

***Joshy Kallarackal**, College of DuPage

2008 Paul Cole Scholarship Winners: Bachelors

Janice Payne, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Christina Wolfe, Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis

Amy Beam, Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Nuc. Med. Program

Glauber Cabral, University of Findlay, Nuclear Medicine Institute

McKenna Lauer, Indiana University School of Medicine

Jeffrey Kaldahl, Baptist College of Health Sciences, Nuclear Medicine Program

Ashley Nelms, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Stephanie Rice, St. Joseph's Hospital Nuclear Medicine Tech. Program

Brandy Hodges, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Alfred Mensah, Medical College of Georgia, NMT Program

Amy Kopisch, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Yuliya Yusim, University at Buffalo, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program

Alicia Williams, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

Melissa Genz, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Andrea Kubisiak, Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital

Kathryn Lawrence, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

***Kristen Fox**, University of Findlay, Nuclear Medicine Institute

*denotes Central Chapter recipient

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Technologist Section Continues Support for Outreach Initiative

The Central Chapter Technologist Section is continuing support for its urban outreach program designed to inform high-school students of the educational and job opportunities available in the health sciences, in general, and Nuclear Medicine, in particular.

The program is designed to have experts in the field give brief AV presentations to Junior and Senior high school students on their scheduled career days. Included is an overview of the various Nuclear Medicine job positions that exist in the US as well a brief description of the job responsibilities. In addition, a short video presentation includes Nuclear Medicine images to give the attendees a sense of some of the technical aspects of our field as well as the various diseases that it is possible to diagnose.

Many high school students in the U.S. have little opportunity to learn about the job market, especially in the basic sciences. High school “job fairs” and “career days” go a long way toward helping to solve this problem. Historically, members of the local scientific community have volunteered their time to make short, directed presentations in their area of expertise to these high school students, giving them insight into the exciting opportunities available to them after they graduate from high school or college.

Nuclear Medicine is very appealing to those people entering the work force who are technically inclined. Coupled with the scientific challenges presented in the field and the prestige of being a Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Nuclear Medicine offers one of the highest levels of remuneration among all scientific and medical technical positions.

If you are interested in participating in the CCTS Nuclear Medicine Student Outreach program and receive a packet of information including a PowerPoint presentation, the DVD and pens with the CCSNM web site address, please contact the CCSNM office

info@ccsnm.org or call 630-323-7028. Rebecca Sajdak, BA, CNMT of Loyola University Medical Center created and coordinates the Outreach program.

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2008 CCSNM Fall Educational Symposium to Feature “What’s “Nu” in Nuclear Medicine?”

The 2008 Fall Educational Symposium of the Central Chapter–Society of Nuclear Medicine will be held Oct. 25–26, 2008 at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, MI.

Rick V. Hay, MD, of the Van Andel Institute in Grand Rapids, will be the program chair for this meeting, with Chris Bopp, CNMT, and Troy Giambernardi, PhD serving as co-chairs. Doctor Hay reports his planning committee is developing a program around the working title of “*On the Horizon: What’s “Nu” in Nuclear Medicine?*” The program will appeal to both physicians and technologists.

Topics for consideration could include PET/MRI-SPECT/MRI; use of SPECT/CT in nuclear cardiology; fast cardiac image acquisition protocols; use of hand-held gamma probes; update on scintimammography; alpha-particle and Auger electron radiotherapy; and microdosimetry.

Watch the [CCSNM web site](#) for updated information and registration.

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CCSNM Mission Statement

Central Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is an organization dedicated to the promotion of continued education in the art and science of nuclear medicine. Through regular meetings and scientific sessions, members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and a portion of Ohio are provided the opportunity to not only review existing technology and methodologies, but also become familiar with newer techniques, equipment and radiopharmaceuticals and the evolving economic and regulatory issues. In this manner, the members are kept apprised of current changes in technology, its application and appropriate use, as well as the ‘business aspects’ of Nuclear Medicine.

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