SNMMI-TS Executive Board

Saturday, January 24, 2015
8:00am – Noon
Grand Hyatt Hotel San Antonio, TX
San Antonio, TX
Room: Lone Star (2nd Floor)
SNMMI-TS Executive Board Meeting  
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Agenda

1. **Welcome and Call to Order**, April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS  
   (8:00 – 8:10am)  
   a. Quorum Call, Elizabeth Hackett RT(N)(CT), PET, FSNMMI-TS  
   b. Commencement Actions  
      i. **ACTION**: Approval of Agenda, April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS  
      ii. **ACTION**: Approval of Standing Rules, April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS  
      iii. **ACTION**: Approval of December 8, 2014 Conference Call Minutes, Elizabeth Hackett RT(N)(CT), PET, FSNMMI-TS  
   c. Review of Confidentiality Policy, April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS

2. **Agenda Topics**  
   (8:10 – 11:00am)  
   a. Report from NCOR, Leo Nalivaika, CNMT, RT(N), MBA, FNSMMI-TS  
   b. Finance Committee Report, Kathy Krisak, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS  
      i. FY2014 Finals and FY2015 Year-to-Date Actuals  
   c. Program Committee, Ellie Mantel, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS  
      i. 2022 SNMMI Annual Meeting Site Selection, Ellie Mantel, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS  
         1. Presentation of 2022 Sites  
         2. **ACTION**: Narrow down 2022 sites to two cities  
   d. Transition Task Force, Cybil Nielsen, MBA, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS  
      i. **ACTION**: Approve the creation of two $10,000 grants annually to assist associate degree programs in transitioning to baccalaureate programs.  
      ii. **ACTION**: Approve the expense associated with holding a facilitated roundtable meeting with associate degree and certificate programs at the 2015 Annual Meeting.  
   e. Joint Commission Update, Lynne T. Roy, MBA, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS  
      i. Response Letter to Joint Commission  
      ii. Grandfathering Language  
   f. Publications Committee, Danny Basso, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS  
      i. **ACTION**: Approve New Uptake Board Members  
   g. Professional Development and Education Fund, Jessica Williams, CNMT, RT(N)  
      i. 5K Hot Trot Update  
   h. SNMMI-TS Quality Initiative Update, April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS

3. **Reports from the Leadership**  
   (11:00 – 11:30am)  
   a. SNMMI-TS President’s Report, April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS  
   b. SNMMI Leadership Report, Peter Herscovitch, MD, FACP, FRCPC  
   c. Chief Executive Officer Report, Virginia Pappas, CAE  
   d. Technologist Section Administrator Report, Nikki Wenzel-Lamb, MBA
4. Committee Reports  
   a. Advocacy Committee  
   b. Awards Committee  
   c. Bylaws Committee  
   d. Continuing Education Committee  
   e. Educators Committee  
      1. Educators Forum Task Force  
      2. Transition Task Force  
   f. Finance Committee  
   g. International Committee  
   h. Membership Committee  
      1. Student Membership Task Force  
   i. New Professionals Task Force  
   j. Nominating Committee  
   k. Nuclear Medicine Week Task Force  
   l. Professional Development and Education Fund (PDEF)  
   m. Professional Development Task Force  
   n. Program Committee  
      1. General Program Chair  
   o. Publications Committee  
   p. Quality Committee  
   q. Scope of Practice Task Force  
   r. Technologist Advisory Board (TAB)  

5. Informational Reports  
   a. Clinical Trials Network  
   b. PET Center of Excellence  
   c. Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation  

6. New Business  

7. Adjournment
Welcome and Call to Order
RESOLUTION FORM
SNMMI-TS Executive Board
January 24, 2015

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Meeting Agenda

SUBMITTED BY: April Mann, MBA, CNMT, RT(N), NCT, FSNNMI-TS
President

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Resolved, that the meeting agenda for the January 24, 2015 Executive Board Meeting be adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

BACKGROUND: Robert's Rules of Order (10th Edition) provide that it is customary to adopt an agenda for each session in organizations that meet less than quarterly. An Agenda requires a two-thirds vote (or unanimous consent) in order to be changed.

Does a similar policy exist in the policy manual? YES NO
If yes, please include a copy of the existing policy as background.

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Will this resolution initiate a procedure manual change? YES NO

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RESOLUTION FORM
SNMMI-TS Executive Board
January 24, 2015

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Executive Board Standing Rules

SUBMITTED BY: April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS
President

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Resolved, that the standing rules of the Executive Board be adopted for this meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

BACKGROUND: 30 minutes maximum of discussion of an item unless the Executive Board votes to extend; acceptance of Robert’s Rules of Order 10th Edition; no one speaks twice until all who wish have spoken once

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RESOLUTION FORM  
Executive Board  
January 24, 2015

ACTION ITEM: Approval of December 8, 2014 SNMMI-TS Executive Board Conference Call Minutes

SUBMITTED BY: Elizabeth Hackett, RT(N)(CT), PET, FSNMMI-TS  
SNMMI-TS Secretary

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Resolved, that the minutes from the December 8, 2014 Executive Board Conference Call minutes be adopted.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

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Members in Attendance: Danny Basso, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS; Dori Browning, BS, CNMT, NCT; Elizabeth Hackett, RT(N)(CT), PET; Scott Holbrook, BS, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS; Kathy Krisak, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS; April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS; Leo Nalivaika, CNMT, RT(N), MBA, FSNMMI-TS; Michele Panichi-Egberts, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS; Lynne Roy, MBA, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS; Aaron Scott, CNMT, NMAA, FSNMMI-TS; Anthony Sicignano, BS, CNMT, RT(N); Jessica Williams, CNMT, RT(N)

Staff in Attendance: Nikki Wenzel-Lamb, MBA

Members Not in Attendance: Michael Kroeger, MIS, NMAA, PET, NCT; Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, MHA, CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS; Ellie Mantel, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS;

1. Welcome and Call to Order
   April Mann, MBA, CNMT, NCT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS, SNMMI-TS President called the conference call to order at 4:02pm (ET).

2. Establishment of Quorum
   Elizabeth Hackett, RT(N)(CT), FSNMMI-TS, SNMMI-TS Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. Quality Initiative
   Ms. Mann informed the Executive Board about the Quality Initiative Campaign. The SNMMI-TS leadership met with several companies during the RSNA meeting last week to announce the new Quality Campaign. The multi-year campaign seeks to ensure technologists are prepared for any the many challenges they may face in the clinical setting, the Technologist Section is launching a multi-year Quality Campaign Initiative. As part of the Quality Campaign Initiative the Section will strive to identify what information/data already exists and what all information/data should be created. We will also look to identify what are our opportunities for improvement and what individuals/group we need to reach with our message. It is intent and objective of the SNMMI-TS leadership to demonstrate and provide quality through: Education and Training, Advocacy, Awareness, Outreach and Collaboration. These efforts will not only be useful in demonstrating the high quality and safety of nuclear medicine procedures but will also arm today's practicing technologists with the tools required to provide a high quality patient experience.

4. ARRT/FSNMMI-TS Chapter Grant
   Ms. Mann reminded the Executive Board members that the board previously approved the concept of creating the chapter grant. The ARRT/FSNMMI Grant serves to support nuclear medicine technologists wishing to pursue additional educational opportunities in an effort to advance their professional career. Thirteen, $500 awards, will be offered to each of the SNMMI Chapters. If not used by a chapter, the monies will be made available to other chapters. The ARRT/FSNMMI Grant is funded by the American Registry for Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). The award amount may go towards continuing education, ARRT certification exams, or degree seeking education. SNMMI-TS Grants & Awards Committee recommends the approval to agree to accept this funding as per the attached proposal.

   A motion was made to approve the ARRT/FSNMMI-TS Chapter Grant application process.

   It was moved and voted to approve the ARRT/FSNMMI-TS Chapter Grant application process.

5. Transition Task Force Meeting
   The SNMMI-TS hosted a meeting with the JRCNMT and NMTCB stakeholders in November to discuss the transition of nuclear medicine programs from associate degree to baccalaureate degree. Ms. Mann noted that through the discussion at the meeting, it was evident that more information was needed.
The landscape of entry level education has changed significantly over the past ten years and the goal of transitioning programs may not be realistic. The SNMMI-TS will be launching an education focused survey to better understand what is being taught and the gaps from the associate to the baccalaureate degree. In addition, the SNMMI-TS are hopeful to get additional information on career pathways from the survey.

6. RSNA Meeting Update
Ms. Mann informed the board that the Leadership had several important meetings during the RSNA meeting (ASRT, ARRT and NMTCB). The focus of these meetings was around credentialing for CT. Both the ASRT and ARRT were very receptive to supporting the SNMMI-TS position on CT credentialing – individuals that are practicing stand-alone CT should have an advanced level certification in CT. The SNMMI-TS will be hosting a stakeholders meeting sometime in March to bring all groups together to come to a consensus on this issue.

7. Joint Commission Meeting Report
Ms. Mann also noted that the SNMMI-TS Leadership and Advocacy Committee chair met with the Joint Commission last week. The SNMMI-TS reiterated their position that in order to perform stand-alone CT individuals should receive advanced certification in CT. It was noted that there is a pathway for nuclear medicine technologist who are currently practicing in the field to become certified. The major discussion was focused on the states that do not have certification at all. In general, the SNMMI-TS recommended that there be a cut-off (grandfathering) of those individuals and then individuals who came after that time period must be certified.

Lynne Roy reported that they understood that if you have advanced certification in CT then you should be allowed to operate CT. The Joint Commission also indicated the need to separate stand-alone CT vs. diagnostic CT. They also noted that the intent of #21 was not to include SPECT.

Several ideas that were discussed were:

a. If an individual passes the CT exam, then they have some type of didactic competency. The SNMMI-TS could create some kind of test, that is similar to the CT exam, but that would check for competency. The individual would not receive certification but would be deemed competent if they passed the exam.

b. The SNMMI-TS needs to provide information on how people can prepare and sit for the advanced exam (education, direction, etc.).

8. Adjournment
The SNMMI-TS Executive Board conference call adjourned at 5:08pm.
CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

As leaders and volunteers of the SNMTS we are often asked to deal with sensitive information about volunteers, staff, other organizations, and industry. We are often privy to confidential information critical to the well being on the organization. Confidentiality is important to our organization’s credibility and reputation. Therefore, it is in our best interest to adopt a confidentiality policy.

It is understood that leaders and volunteers of the SNMTS will not disclose, divulge, duplicate, publish, or make accessible confidential information to any persons other than those who have a legitimate need to know and whom the SNMTS has authorized disclosure.

Leaders and volunteers are expected to hold in confidence materials, manuals, or policies that represent works in progress or drafts. The expectation is that when decisions or documents are finalized they will be publicly disclosed or published.

Leaders and volunteers must exercise good judgment and care at all times to avoid unauthorized or improper disclosure of confidential information. Conversations in public should be limited to matters that do not pertain to information of a sensitive or confidential nature.

When decisions are made, even if not unanimous, the expectation is that when discussing relevant details with outside organizations the guiding principal shall be that the information shared/imparted/conveyed will be with the best interest of the organization in mind.

These policies are not intended to prevent disclosure where disclosure is required by law. Rather, these policies are intended as a template for ethically handling information of a confidential or sensitive nature.
Committee Reports and Items for Discussion
Finance Committee
Program Committee
ACTION ITEM: 2022 Annual Meeting Location – Narrow Down to Two Cities

SUBMITTED BY: Alan Packard, PhD

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: To approve Phoenix and Vancouver (vs. San Diego) as the final two cities to be considered for the 2022 Annual Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: See provided material.

BACKGROUND: See provided material.

SUPPORT MATERIAL: See provided material.

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| June 11-15 102 high/70 low – Do not discount them due to this as we’ve been to New Orleans and Miami in recent years where the humidity level makes the temperature feel even worse than Phoenix. $100,000 rental | Sheraton Phoenix Downtown offering 900 rooms @ $209 confirmed Overflow hotels ranging from $149-$219 confirmed | **PROS:**
|                                  |          | ◈ City will provide $25,000 food and beverage credit towards Welcome Reception ◈ Lowest convention center rental ◈ Least expensive HQ and overflow hotel costs ◈ Best airline lift **CONS:**
|                                  |          | ◈ Perception of heat in June ◈ Might not be as strong an international draw as San Diego or Vancouver **COMMENTS:**
|                                  |          | ◈ Requires 10 hotels within 5 blocks of the convention center ◈ 4 miles or 10 minutes to airport or $20.00 cab ride from airport one-way ◈ 1100 flights daily to 100 destinations including 506 non-stop flights and 21 international flights. ◈ 16,900 residents live downtown ◈ Complimentary internet in public spaces ◈ 60 non-chain restaurants within walking distance ◈ HQ hotel block sufficient |
| **San Diego**                   |         |                    |
| June 25-29, 2022 71 high/61 low $161,085 rental | Hilton Bayfront offering 800 rooms @ $276 in 2016 terms ($320 in 2022 terms) Overflow hotels ranging from $199-$280 in 2014-2016 terms | **PROS:**
|                                  |          | ◈ Attractive international destination ◈ Ample meeting space **CONS:**
<p>|                                  |          | ◈ Meeting dates getting very late in the month ◈ Highest hotel rates |</p>
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| Vancouver    | June 11-15, 2022 | Fairmont Waterfront offering 200 rooms @ $269 in 2016 terms. Pan Pacific offering 300 rooms @ $269 in 2016 terms ($311 in 2021 terms)  
Overflow hotels ranging from $199-$279 Canadian  
PROS:  
◊ City will donate up to $125,000 to contribute to center rental, internet and Welcome Reception after conclusion of the meeting with a minimum pickup of 80%. This is NOT tied to any hotel rebates – simply a city incentive to earn repeat business.  
◊ 2nd highest abstract record in 2013 with strong international draw  
◊ Attractive international destination  
CONS:  
◊ Small HQ hotel blocks  
◊ Expensive hotel rates  
◊ Spread out in two buildings over 6 floors  
◊ Exhibit hall in “basement”  
◊ Hotels were very difficult to deal with in 2013  
◊ Flights very expensive (at least in 2013)  
COMMENTS:  
◊ Requires up to 17 hotels in block within 1-8 blocks away  
◊ 10 miles OR 25 minutes from airport/$35 cab ride from airport one-way  
◊ 29 international flights per day (excluding U.S.). 78 U.S. flights per day. 244 domestic flights per day.  
◊ 200 restaurants within vicinity of convention center  
◊ 600,000 residents live downtown  
◊ World Congress on Nuclear Medicine & Biology is considering Vancouver for its 2022 September meeting. |
IMPORTANT DATES:
Father’s Day – June 19, 2022
ASCO 2022 dates – June 3-7

FUTURE HQ RATES:
2015 Baltimore HQ rate - $229
2016 San Diego HQ rate - $279
2017 Denver HQ rate - $261
2018 Philadelphia HQ rate - $261
2019 Anaheim HQ rate - $229
2020 Austin HQ rate - $259
2021 Washington, DC HQ rate - $292
Transition Task Force
RESOLUTION FORM
SNMMI-TS Executive Board/National Council of Representatives

ACTION ITEM: Approve the creation of two $10,000 grants annually to assist associate degree programs in transitioning to baccalaureate programs

SUBMITTED BY: Cybil Nielsen, Chair, Transition Task Force

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Resolved that the SNMMI Technologist Section will support the awarding of two grants in the amount of $10,000 each to assist and encourage associate degree programs, designed for nuclear medicine technologists, to transition to baccalaureate programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: $20,000 annually for three years beginning in 2015

BACKGROUND: The Transition Task Force has been tasked by the Educators Committee with promoting and facilitating the transition of nuclear medicine technologist education to baccalaureate level education.

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RESOLUTION FORM
SNMMI-TS Executive Board/National Council of Representatives

ACTION ITEM: Approve the expense associated with holding a facilitated roundtable meeting with associate degree and certificate programs at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

SUBMITTED BY: Cybil Nielsen, Chair, Transition Task Force

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Resolved to conduct a facilitate roundtable discussion for program directors of associate degree and certificate programs about how to transition to baccalaureate programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: $5,000 for a facilitator, A/V, and refreshments

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Response to Joint Commission
Publications Committee
SNMMI-TS RESOLUTION FORM
SNMMI-TS Executive Board Meeting

ACTION ITEM: Uptake Editorial Board Members

SUBMITTED BY: SNMMI-TS Publications Committee

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:
Resolved that the remainder of the 2-year term for which David Perry was appointed on the Uptake Editorial Board be filled by Mary Beth Farrell:

Dave Perry June 2014 – December 2014
Mary Beth Farrell January 2015 – June 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND:
The Uptake Editorial Board comprises six members with 2-year terms, three of which expire each year, plus the SNMMI-TS Publications Committee chair, for a total of seven members.

David Perry resigned his position in October 2014. According to the SNMMI-TS Procedure Manual:
a. In the event that an Editorial Board position becomes vacant during the first 18 months of the term, the remainder of the Editorial Board will meet as soon as possible (preferably by conference call) and identify potential candidates to fill the remainder of the term. Items 2a through 2e will be completed and an endorsed candidate will be submitted to the Executive Board within 30 days of notice of the vacancy. The successful candidate, approved by the Executive Board, will serve the remainder of the vacant term and then must complete the full approval process again to continue into a new term.

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Professional Development and Education Fund
The Professional Development and Education Fund Committee invites you to exercise your body before you exercise your brain for a great cause. Sign up for the Inaugural “Hot Trot 5K” run/walk, taking place during the SNMMI 2015 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD.

Your participation supports quality programs, scholarships and initiatives for SNMMI nuclear medicine technologists!

Entry Fee: $25

This race is open to all levels. There will be prizes for top finishers. Fee includes an event shirt, and all participants will receive a medal once they cross the finish line.

Learn more and register to run!  www.snmmi.org/hottrot5K
FAQ’s

- Where do I park?
  - There is ample parking in the area around the start. We are partnering with Parking Panda to get you the best rates and closest spots! Go to www.parkingpanda.com to find out more.

- Is there a bag check?
  - No, there will not be a bag check at this race. Please keep that in mind when preparing for the race.

- Is this race timed?
  - Yes, we are utilizing a chip timing system.

- What is the difference between individual registration and team?
  - A team consists of 3-25 people and the largest team to register will have those bragging rights forever (they also may win a special gift).

- What pace must I keep?
  - Whether running or walking you must keep at least a 20min/mile pace (meaning you must finish within one hour). If you cannot keep that pace, you will be asked to move onto the sidewalk so that the roads can be reopened.

- Can I run with my dog?
  - We ask that you not bring your pet to run with as we do not have emergency facilities for animals on site. We do make exceptions for service animals but you must keep the <20 min/mile pace. Please notify nucleargamer11@gmail.com ahead of time if you are participating with a service animal.

- Can I run with my stroller?
  - Yes, we ask that you keep to the back of the starting line so as not to impede the other runners and you must keep the <20min/mile pace.

- Can I walk?
  - Absolutely! But you must keep the <20min/mile pace and we ask that you line up at the back of the starting line so as not to impede the runners.

- Will there be a water stop?
  - Yes, one during the race and one immediately after.

- Where are the bathrooms?
  - There are bathrooms at the finish line.

- Can I transfer my bib?
  - We ask that you not, but are willing to make possible exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

- Are there prizes?
  - Yes, there will be prizes for top 3 males and top 3 females.

- What do I need to pick up my bib?
  - The confirmation email or photo id.
• Where do I pick up my bib? Is there race day pickup?
  o Friday June 5, 2015 at the Baltimore Convention Center (times tbd)
  o Saturday June 6, 2015 at the starting line (times tbd)
• Can someone pick up my bib for me?
  o Yes. Just give them your confirmation email
• When will the results be posted
  o Later in the day and they will be posted on Active.com
• Will there be swag?
  o You bet there will, at the very least you will get a tech t-shirt and a finishers medal. Who doesn’t love a medal?
• Can kids race?
  o Yes! As long as a legal guardian signs their waver.
• Can I join a team after I have already registered?
  o Yes, just send an email stating your name, the teams name you want to be on, and the captains name to nucleargamer11@gmail.com
• Can I get a refund?
  o Unless you purchased the refund insurance from Active.com, we are unable to furnish you with a refund. The money does go to charity, so if you are unable to join us, and someone isn’t able to take your bib, at least it’s not a total loss
• Don’t see your question?
  o Email nucleargamer11@gmail.com and we will respond to you as soon as we can.
SNMMI-TS Quality Initiative

Overview

As the healthcare environment continues to change and morph into a quality system focused on evidence-based outcomes, the nuclear medicine community continues to face external pressures, including scrutiny of patient radiation exposure, continued perception of overutilization of testing, decreasing reimbursement and fewer technologist jobs as a result of the nation’s economy. These changes in healthcare, coupled with additional external pressures, will play a significant role in molding the future of the modality. In order to remain successful in this ever-changing healthcare environment, the Technologist Section of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI-TS) will need to focus on (1) raising awareness within the healthcare community regarding the value and benefits nuclear medicine procedures provide in patient care and treatment, and (2) ensuring technologists have the appropriate training, competence and credentials to perform these procedures in the new hybrid multimodality environment. It is also imperative that the SNMMI-TS collaborate and build relationships with all stakeholders within the community to ensure widespread acceptance and credibility.

With the creation of SNMMI’s new Quality Department and Quality and Evidence Committee, SNMMI Inc. is more focused on quality measures than ever before. Quality systems focused on evidence-based patient outcomes and satisfaction are being used by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for reimbursement and education, from competency to recertification. Additionally, several states have mandated reporting of specific measures, and many other quality initiatives are being used by private payers as an efficient way to cut costs and drive down reimbursement. While the strong emphasis on quality is relatively new to most healthcare professionals, almost 12 years ago the Institute of Medicine (IOM) published the six elements every healthcare system should encompass in order to achieve high-quality patient care:

- **Safe:** avoiding injuries to patients from the care that is intended to help them.
- **Effective:** providing services based on scientific knowledge to all who could benefit, and refraining from providing services to those not likely to benefit.
- **Patient-centered:** providing care that is respectful of and responsive to individual patient preferences, needs, and values, and ensuring that patient values guide all clinical decisions.
- **Timely:** reducing waits and sometimes harmful delays for both those who receive and those who give care.
- **Efficient:** avoiding waste, including waste of equipment, supplies, ideas, and energy.


One of the most important areas within the healthcare field is the understanding and implementation of the transition to evidence-based outcomes and quality measures to drive high-level performance. The technologist of today must be able to demonstrate appropriate patient assessment skills, practice appropriate safety procedures with regard to staff and patients, and provide necessary patient education and instruction. In addition, the technologist must demonstrate the ability to evaluate images through performance of technical analysis, demonstrated anatomy and overall image quality. Technologists must also be able to triage and understand the disease processes being evaluated and how nuclear medicine diagnostic exams may drive care and treatment.
To address these areas of focus and ensure technologists are prepared for the many challenges they will face in the clinical setting, the Technologist Section is launching a multi-year Quality Initiative. The initiative will enhance quality through education and training; it will also raise awareness of that quality outside the profession through advocacy, leadership, public relations, outreach and collaboration. These efforts will be useful not only in arming today’s practicing technologists with the tools required to provide a high-quality patient experience but also in demonstrating the high quality and safety of nuclear medicine procedures.

**Quality Survey—Identifying the Landscape of Nuclear Medicine Technology**

To launch the campaign, the SNMMI-TS will strive to identify what information and data already exist, what information and data need to be created, and what opportunities exist for improvement. To accomplish this goal, the SNMMI-TS will develop and implement a survey that will help us understand what today’s technologists perceive is the meaning of “quality” care, whether they have a thorough understanding of their role in providing quality care, whether they believe they have received appropriate education prior to being hired as a technologist, whether they have been adequately trained on any additional techniques or equipment since starting their job and what they believe the future of the field looks like with respect to quality measures and outcome-based medicine.

**Education and Training**

A key component to the Quality Initiative will be development of key educational materials for technologists to ensure they are not only maintaining their knowledge base but also continuing to enhance their awareness of changes and advancements within the field. Specific initiatives include the following:

- **Work with the certifying boards (the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board [NMTCB] and the American Registry for Radiologic Technologists [ARRT]) to develop an online assessment exam to aid in the development of directed learning programs.** The exam will assist technologists in identifying gaps in their knowledge. Following the completion of the self-assessment exam, technologists will be required to illustrate their efforts to fill the knowledge gaps by participating in educational programs. Success will be measured by a self-assessment following program completion.

- **Work with the certifying boards to change the continuing education requirements for maintenance of certification.** Currently 24 credits are needed every two years to maintain nuclear medicine technologist certification. SNMMI-TS proposes requiring at least eight of those credits to be earned through face-to-face courses in order to increase the quality of learning.

- **Develop a committee to review the existing nuclear medicine entry level curriculum.** The SNMMI-TS proposes that a baccalaureate degree be required for nuclear medicine technologists entering the profession by the end of the next decade. Some programs will need assistance in transitioning to meet the new requirements. The SNMMI-TS plans to convene all stakeholders (JRCNMT, NCMT, ASRT, ARRT, etc.) to discuss progress to date and to determine a path forward to achieving this goal.

- **Work with the Technologist Advisory Board to identify new and relevant areas of expertise for which educational programming should be developed.** The Technologist Advisory Board (TAB) has identified growing need for additional education focal areas and new, innovative methods for delivering this education to technologists. TAB members identified the need to develop education over the next year on the following topics in order to fill critical educational gaps: (1) computed tomography (CT), (2) targeted radionuclide therapy, (3) magnetic resonance (MR) imaging, (4) neurodegenerative and neuropsychiatric disease imaging, (5) cardiovascular disease imaging and (6) advances in oncologic imaging. Educational offerings developed on these topics will include the entire...
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The SNMMI-TS offers a spectrum of expertise, from entry level to advanced. The offerings can be completed separately or in sequence, face-to-face or online. Options for delivery of educational offerings will include “blackboard”-type modules for online education as well as one face-to-face workshop on CT to coincide with the NMTCB CT exam. These important initiatives will help to ensure our members are prepared for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists continuing qualification requirements (CQR) deadline of 2021 and the new Nuclear Medicine Technologist Certification Board CT exam. They will also help guide members through the changing marketplace and help them meet the growing need to be multi-credentialed while ensuring educational pathways for career advancement.

- **Create a CT Workshop** to assist nuclear medicine technologists in gaining a greater level of knowledge of CT through informative lectures and a comprehensive mock exam.

- **Host a Training and Credentialing Pathway Summit.** With continued development of new types of hybrid imaging, we must identify and develop ways to overcome the obstacles that nuclear medicine technologists face in obtaining proper training and credentialing. These efforts will ensure technologists are better prepared for imaging in the future and will outline various career paths available within the field today.

- **Develop MR educational sessions.** The Joint SNMMI-TS and Section of Magnetic Resonance Technologist (SMRT) Task Force agreed that MR (and PET/MR) education should be treated as “advanced level” education. While some baccalaureate programs include some MR education, individuals wishing to pursue MR and/or PET/MR will need additional education and training. The SNMMI-TS would like to host a specific MR track during the Annual Meeting to meet this need.

- **Offer seed funding for at least one master’s-level program per year for the next five years.** In order to provide technologists with career growth opportunities, additional master’s-level programs must be developed. As new programs become available, there will be a need to ensure standardization, quality, monitoring and evaluation. To this end, the SNMMI-TS will need to engage two stakeholder organizations; the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) and the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB).

- **Create additional dose optimization educational materials.** While SNMMI has a large body of knowledge in dose optimization that is continually growing and developing, there is still room for growth. SNMMI created the Dose Optimization Website (www.snmmi.org/dose), which includes journal articles, educational offerings and other resources as well as media-related information and links to useful websites. The SNMMI-TS would like to develop additional technologist materials to populate the website, including (but not limited to) podcasts, webinars, fact sheets and FAQs. (*These educational offerings would be free to all members.*)

**Advocacy**

The SNMMI-TS will improve the regulatory environment for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals by achieving state licensure in all 50 states, strengthening state regulatory infrastructure, improving advocacy tools, and ensuring appropriate reimbursement for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging procedures.

- **The Technologist Advocacy Group (TAG Team) is made up of dedicated members in each state who are involved at the local level. Their duties are to identify changes in state laws/regulations concerning the practice of nuclear medicine, address any concerns or questions submitted by SNMMI-TS members from their state, and learn about all other news or policy changes that might affect SNMMI’s technologists. As part of the State TAG program, the SNMMI-TS will be developing State Hill Days. These focused efforts will enhance the legislative focus on a state-
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by-state basis. This program will be developed in conjunction with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT).

- Practice components presented in the Scope of Practice and Performance Standards document provide a basis for establishing the areas of knowledge and performance for the nuclear medicine technologist. The spectrum of responsibilities for a nuclear medicine technologist varies widely across the United States. It is essential that state regulatory agencies and federal legislators be made aware of these standards and work to ensure laws and regulations are put in place to ensure these standards are upheld. Through the Quality Initiative, the SNMMI-TS will meet with various federal and state legislators in an effort to educate and provide focused feedback on new laws.

Awareness, Outreach and Collaboration

To achieve full understanding of evidence-based patient outcomes and patient satisfaction, it is crucial that internal and external audiences alike appreciate the value nuclear medicine can provide in overall patient care. SNMMI-TS will create a multi-faceted outreach program that utilizes a variety of tools and methods to reach the imaging community, patients and consumer groups, and regulators and legislators. Our outreach plan is designed to increase knowledge within the community and among external audiences through the following tactics:

- Offer leadership and outreach presentations at the chapter meetings
- Utilize social networks and other communication channels to communicate activities and accomplishments
- Include focused articles in Uptake
- Develop articles for JNM and JNMT to promote participation in quality initiatives
- Create a Quality Initiative flyer and poster and distribute them to program directors, hospitals, and others to increase awareness
- Focus the nuclear medicine and molecular imaging week theme on quality (including posters, promotional material, media kit, etc.)
- Create a “Pledge to Quality”
- Create “Ask why I care about Quality!” buttons that technologists can wear to raise patient awareness.
- Create a tool kit for technologists to utilize with patients to determine whether the appropriate standard of quality was met.
- Create a communication plan for hospital administrators and other stakeholders
- Focus the SNMMI Annual Meeting technologist plenary session on quality
- Host a joint session on quality with ASNC—all-day focus on quality (examples of cases that were not handled well, patients examples from beginning to end, other examples).
- Educate and prepare patient advocacy groups to be powerful allies in advancing the value of quality.

To meet these goals, the SNMMI-TS will enhance existing relationships and develop new partnerships with relevant societies and patient organizations. We will engage/designate member ambassadors for these groups to pursue opportunities including joint educational symposia, webinars on key topics of interest, podcasts on key issues, educational materials and joint sessions. Existing print and web content will be inventoried and enhanced for each audience. Educational programs, evidence, reference materials and other tools will be packaged via our online portal for maximum utility by technologists, patients and other healthcare professionals.
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SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting

This year, the 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting, scheduled for January 22-25, 2015, in San Antonio, TX is tracking ahead of last year but did not meet budget projections for physicians/scientists. Pre-registration closed with 249 registrants compared to a budget of 263 (down 14 individuals). Physician, scientist, industry member meeting attendance was down 25 attendees (126 compared to 151 budget). Revenue ended below budget with $81,765 compared to a budget of $86,370. Technologists’ registrants were up 6 pre-registrants; 89 compared to a budget of 83. Pre-registration revenue was up overall $2,130 compared to budget. The highest increase in registration was for non-member technologists; 36 compared to a budget of 19.

As of January 15 on-site registrations, individuals registering after the December cut-off date, were at 69 on-site registrants’ to-date, compared to a budget of 139. Revenue is at $25,980 compared to a budget of $49,965, for on-site registration. Total revenue to-date for the Mid-Winter Meeting is $107,745 compared to a budget of $136,335. The revenue totals include both on-site and pre-registration revenue amounts. The Technologist have not met their on-site registration budget, at the time of this report. The SNMMI-TS receives $80 per paid technologist registrant attending the meeting.

Mid-Winter Meeting exhibit sales closed with 27 tabletop booths, compared to a budget of 25. This has generated $48,600 in revenue or $3,600 above budget. We were not able to secure any sponsorship funding this year other than two user meetings bringing in $500 in sponsorship revenue. Compared to a budget of $9,750, sponsorship or $9,250 below budget. However, there is an additional $850 in exhibitor badge revenue which closes the gap to $8,400 below budget.

Membership – Recruitment and Retention

The 2015 membership renewal cycle began in September 2014. Full members for FY2015 are at 2,818 members; with 2,711 retained members and 107 new members. SNMMI has budgeted to obtain 259 new members in FY2015; to-date 41% has joined. In addition, international membership is tracking slightly down in FY2015 with 740 international full member’s to-date, compared to 811 international members the same time last year. Other membership categories are also tracking similar to last year. Associate members are at 106 compared to 134 this time last year. Affiliate members are at 62 compared to 80 this time last year and Scientific Laboratory Professionals are at 23 compared to 11 last year.
To help support retention efforts, SNMMI once again contracted with *Inalink*, a member relations specialty company to reach out to full and technologist members. The campaign has just started and will conclude at the end of January.

At the end of 2014, SNMMI had 1,257 free trial residents. As of January 13, there were 816 free trial residents. Similar to the SNMMI-TS, the SNMMI implemented a graduation transition program that allows residents who are participating in the free trial program, to upgrade to the transition level the first year after the free trial program. The dues payment in this category is ½ the total price of membership. So far this year, 33 residents have upgraded to the transition rate compared to 29 this same time last year.

For the past four years, SNMMI has provided members the option of “opting-out” of receiving the printed copy of the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine*, *Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology and Uptake*. With many individuals choosing to opt-out, SNMMI changed to an “opt-in” option, whereby members have to “opt-in” to receive the print copy of the journals. As of January 13, 2015, 2,251 members had opted in to receive the JNM compared to a budget of 4,584; or 2,333 below budget. This will result in a cost savings to SNMMI assuming the additional members budgeted do not opt-in.

Free journal SAM access is now available for SNMMI members. Take advantage of this new membership benefit to help meet your Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part II Self Assessment program requirements.

**SNMMI Annual Meeting**

Registration and housing for the 62nd *SNMMI Annual Meeting* to be held June 6-10, 2015 in Baltimore, MD opened in October. To-date, 68 individuals have registered for the meeting; 51 physician/scientist/industry and 17 technologists. This is tracking slightly below this same time last year; down 21 registrants from 2014. This is the second year that SNMMI will have a three tiered registration rate; early bird, pre-registration and on-site registration.

The *abstract submission* deadline was January 12. This year yielded 2,091 abstract submissions, compared to 2267 submissions in 2014. The number of abstracts submitted this year, marks the second lowest ever submitted for an SNMMI Annual Meeting (*based on 2007-2015 data*). Within the physician/scientist/pharmacist program, the track yielding the highest total was Oncology-Clinical Diagnosis (410); cardiovascular track continues to have the lowest counts (168). The Molecular Targeting Probes track experienced a steep decrease (approximately 18%) from last year with 321 submissions (compared to 391 in 2014 and 394 in 2013). Among categories within physician/scientist/pharmacist program, Data Analysis & Management (140) continues to have the highest count; Several categories in the General Clinical Specialties track yielded the lowest count: Renal/Hypertension (7); Outcomes/Comparative Effectiveness (20); Infectious Disease/Hematology (14); Pediatrics (20). US submissions declined in 2015—with 824 submissions.
Below are some statistics to consider:

- In 2010, the Annual Meeting was in Salt Lake City (the lowest number of abstracts submissions--1916)
- In 2011, the Annual Meeting was in San Antonio (the third lowest number of abstract submissions—2150)
- In 2015, the submissions are down by 9% (from 2014-2015-the second lowest number of abstract submissions—2091)
  - The biggest decline is with US submissions—down 10% from last year
    - Possibly due to the number of competing US meetings this year
  - Molecular Targeting Probes submissions were down 18% (pre-triage) this year—no other track experience such a great decline. The other tracks are pretty aligned with where they were in previous years.
- Over the last 3 years there’s actually been a steady decline of abstract submissions

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**Exhibit sales** at the Annual Meeting are currently at $1,321,285 representing 122 companies compared to 133 companies this same time last year. To date, 365 full-priced (10’x10’’) booths have been sold (81% of budget) along with 8 discounted booths. Last year there were 402 full-priced booths and 11 discounted booths sold at this same time. The 2015 budget for exhibit sales is $1,639,665 representing 452 full-priced booths and 15 discounted booths. The cost of an exhibit booth at the Annual Meeting increased this year to $3,450 per 10x10. The exhibit hall is currently 81% sold out, compared to 84% at this same time last year.

In 2013, there were a total of 57 fewer booths due to 11 companies decreasing the size of their booth equaling $188,100 in lost revenue. In 2014, all but 2 of those companies continued with their smaller booths and another 6 companies joined them. This year in 2015, another 6 companies have decreased the size of their booths equaling in $124,200 in lost revenue.

**Sponsorships sales** at the Annual Meeting to date total $72,600 (meetings workbook, hanging banners, floor stickers, internet kiosks, escalator runner, key cards, registration confirmation banner, and registration mailer insert) compared to $79,500 this same time last year. Sponsorship expense to date totals $39,290. The current net profit is $33,310. The 2015 budget for sponsorship profit is $80,000 ($152,500 budgeted in revenue and $72,500 budgeted in expenses).

SNMMI will once again be selling the *Virtual Meeting* for the 2015 Annual Meeting. We will increase the number of sessions captured to 100 compared to 70 last year. In addition, for the first time, we will offer smaller packages of 15 sessions each approximately three months after the meeting. The packages will be Cardiovascular, General Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, PET/CT, and one specifically for Technologists. In total, we will capture approximately 150 hours of programming. Participants who purchase the full Virtual Meeting will have access to sessions online within 24 hours after the live sessions conclude.
Education

Credit review for Midwinter Meeting sessions were completed in December. Participants can achieve a maximum of 35 hours via 45 accredited sessions. Total amount of CE hours organized for ACCME, ACPE, CAMPEP & VOICE: 85.25. In addition, the ABNM approved 25 sessions to offer SAM credit. Participants can achieve a maximum of 33 credits.

Credit approval for all Journal articles extended to 3 years. Fifty-two articles are now available for VOICE; 31 for AMA/CME and ACPE. A package of 12 articles will be submitted to CAMPEP for approval of enduring content for physicists, SNMMI’s first attempt for approval.

In 2014, approximately 315 Joint sponsor applications (non-profit/chapter and commercial) were submitted, reviewed, approved and processed. Approximately 30 additional joint sponsor applications have been submitted for 2015.

Social Network and SNMMI Website

SNMMI’s social networking continues to grow with over 8,320 people “liking” SNMMI on Facebook, compared to 5,725 at this time last year and 1,439 twitter followers; compared to 1,156 last year. The most increase, by far, is with Facebook. SNMMI currently has 8,503 people who are part of the SNMMI’s community; compared to only 6,735 at this time same last year. The discussion on both LinkedIn and Facebook has continued to increase, and SNMMI often uses these social networking outlets to market membership and educational offerings.

The new SNMMI website debuted, through a soft launch in December 2013. This was a very exciting time for SNMMI staff and leadership as the new website has many features that will make navigating the site much easier than in the past. The new audience pages serve as a sophisticated reference tool for individuals new to the site and frequent visitors to keep up to-date on important items. The site is now more fluid and allows for staff to easily change and update pages. The site has been live now for a little over a year. Over the past three months, SNMMI Staff has conducted an intensive review of the website ensuring the pages are updated and old pages have been removed. While the majority of out-date pages have been identified and either updated or removed, this process will continue as new pages are created and others are “sunset.” In addition, SNMMI now has a new “news” feature up almost every day. This is an effort to keep people coming to the website on a daily basis. Each day a new “hot topic” of things going on within the organization is highlighted. Specific items include; FDA meeting, NCI Workshop, Industry Forum, etc. We have heard many comments from our members and volunteers, and urge everyone to take time to review the site and provide any feedback to webfeedback@snmmi.org.

The SNMMI has also been working with CE City to develop a new Learning Management System to support all education products and programs including MOC Part II and IV, Joint Sponsorship programs and applications and online lectures. The first two phases of the new system was launched last year.
SNMMI once again held the "12 Deals for the Holidays" promotion, beginning on November 28 (Black Friday) through December 21. As in past years, a single product was discounted at a time, each for 2 days to help push an immediate action (purchase) on the part of the recipient. Contrary to past years, this year's campaign results suffered from a lack of promotion, due heavier than expected email promotion for a number of meeting related deadlines, including the Mid-Winter Meeting, AACR-SNMMI Joint Conference, and 3rd Theranostics World Congress. This lack of promotion resulted in a 26.6% dip in revenue for the campaign vs. 2013. The campaign is expected to rebound in 2015 as promotional efforts should level off to previous year's levels. Bright spots for this year's campaign included the Nuclear Medicine Review Course sale, which help the course achieve its FY2014-15 revenue goal. Additionally, the campaign included a new cross-promotional offer of $50 off a regular Annual Meeting registration. 9 individuals took advantage of this promotional code, resulting in $3,749 in Annual Meeting registration revenue.

Book sales for FY2015 are at 88% sold, or $4,480 compared to a budget of $5,071. Online cases and LLSAP modules are at 58% respectively as of January 13, 2015 or $20,135 compared to a budget of $34,900.

Development and Awards

A new award was approved by the SNMMI Board of Directors this past year. The Hyman-Ghesani Award will award $4,000.00 to one recipient annually to someone studying nuclear medicine who is either a fellow or in his or her third year of residency or is a radiology fellow or in the third year or fourth year of his or her radiology residency. The award will include a fellowship experience to support nuclear medicine focused programs and initiatives. The awardee will participate in a 10-14 day international visit with an international host institution and the awardee will work with the faculty/residents and the technologists of the international host institution to share imaging protocols; best practices and radiation safety concepts in nuclear medicine; attend multidisciplinary conferences with the clinical colleagues and show pertinent cases, and deliver presentations at the evening educational sessions. The funding came from the late Morton Hyman prior to his passing in November 2014 in honor of the work by former professional colleague and SNMMI Board of Director, Munir Ghesani, MD. The applications will open in late 2015 for this award that spans from mid-2016 into 2017.

The Development Department continues to focus its efforts on securing FY 2015 funding. Meetings have been held and continue to be scheduled to ask for support. Several meetings took place during RSNA in Chicago. The top corporate prospects – tier 1 companies – are solicited in person. The leadership are participating in these meetings which includes a presentation of the SNMMI strategic goals for FY 2015 and highlights of progress on goals made in FY 2014. A corporate packet has been created and is being distributed to all prospects Tier 2 and Tier 3 companies will receive a phone call solicitation following the mailing of these materials.
This year the corporate outreach includes a prospect list for support to the **Technologist Section Quality Initiative and Campaign.** The SNMMI-TS leadership has been participating in meetings in which this initiative has been unveiled and a dialogue about the focus and direction of this effort with our key corporate partners is encouraged. The company prospects are Astellas, Biodex, Bracco, Capintec, Cardinal Healthcare, Eckert & Ziegler, Fluropharma, IBA, Lantheus, Lilly and Mallinckrodt.

**Outreach Efforts**

The *Outreach Committee*, led by Henry VanBrocklin, PhD and Andrei Iagaru, MD, previously consisted of the committee Co-Chairs and the chairs of the 5 working groups – neurology, cardiology, oncology, targeted radionuclide therapy (TRT), and patient advocacy. After careful consideration, the committee decided to change the structure of the committee in order to ensure a more efficient outreach effort. The committee decided to continue with the current format of the neurology, TRT and patient advocacy working groups. The oncology and cardiology groups were dissolved, as the tasks ahead were too numerous to allow for focused work with the resources available. It was also agreed that the committee structure needed to allow for input from the various expert groups throughout SNMMI. The newly restructured committee held a conference call meeting on December 18th, 2014 to orient the members to the purpose of the committee and their role in the implementation of the outreach program. The committee members were tasked with identifying topic areas that require outreach with the groups they represent and be prepared to present their ideas at the in-person on January 24th, 2015 at the SNMMI MWM in San Antonio, to discuss new topic areas for the 2015 outreach plan, aligning with the SNMMI strategic goals.

For more details regarding SNMMI’s Outreach efforts and Patient Education, please review the SNMMI President’s Report.

**SNMMI Staff and Shelter House**

SNMMI staff members mobilized to support the local community by partnering with *Shelter House*, a community-based, non-profit organization serving homeless families in Fairfax County, Va. The organization provides “crisis intervention, temporary, transitional, and permanent housing, training, counseling, and programs to support self-sufficiency.” Fairfax County is home to the second largest population of homeless in this region. Shelter House provides emergency shelter and supportive housing for homeless families, giving them the help they need to break the cycle. In addition, Shelter House operates Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only 24-hour domestic violence shelter.

SNMMI staff first began working with Shelter House in 2013, designating the organization as the beneficiary of the staff’s holiday giving campaign. On June 24, SNMMI received the 2014 Creating New Beginnings Awards for its donations and efforts to support Shelter House. Representative Gerry Connolly (D-VA) recognized both Shelter House and SNMMI and entered their names into the Congressional Record of the 113th Congress.
In 2014, staff have renewed their involvement, this time with a focus on Artemis House, the organization’s shelter for victims of domestic abuse. In October and November, staff collected money as well as several rooms full of much-needed goods—from bedding to toys and DVDs. In addition, the society is lining up staff to help with physical improvements to the shelter, and Artemis House will be the beneficiary of this year’s holiday fundraising campaign.
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Committee Reports
Committee Charges for 2014-2015:

Enhance Marketing
- Increase visibility at chapter and local organization meetings.
  - Increase visibility to all nuclear medicine technologists through sources other than meetings. Add a visible area on chapter and local organization web sites or email benefits to all certified NMTs.

Optimize Advocacy
- Reorganize SNMMI-TS culture to be the repository of legislative and advocacy information on nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.
  - Improve communication to and the understanding of SNMMI-TS members on advocacy issues at the state and national levels.
  - Communicate what SNMMI-TS does for its members regarding advocacy issues at the state and national levels. Communicate victories on the technologist Web site.
  - Get more SNMMI-TS members involved in advocacy initiatives by improving communication at the grassroots level and creating a regularly updated advocacy section on the Web site.
  - Provide resources to assist NMT state societies with researching and obtaining state licensure to practice nuclear medicine and CT.
  - Compile a listing of state regulations and contact persons.
  - Include a direct link to SNMMI-TS Web site on other organization’s Web sites. (Allow reciprocal effort.)
  - Provide a periodic “summit” meeting at which SNMMI-TS leadership and state officials can discuss relevant issues.
  - Work with states to establish uniform standards for approval of continuing education (preferable to blanket acceptance of VOICE-approved CE credits).
    - Identify which states do not accept VOICE credits.
  - Set up crediting sharing with state licensing agencies.

- Promote the NMAA and ensure that its role is recognized in all states.
  - Work with state licensing agencies to ensure that the NMAA will be able to work in the states.
    - Work with specific states in which an NMAA program has been created to ensure that the NMAA will be able to work in that state.
  - Work with key stakeholders to get approval and recognition of the NMAA position.

Improve Resource Management
- Increase development of revenue-producing programs.
  - Increase the availability of Web conferencing (for the annual meeting or other paid events).
  - Offer some or all of the annual meeting program online live for remote attendance.
Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

- State CARE bills have been introduced in several states and are being monitored by the committee and the TAG Team. Kentucky successfully passed licensure legislation last year. The Advocacy Committee continues to monitor legislation as it is introduced. NJ passed bill S566, which concerns radiologic technology licensure and creates a pathway for nuclear medicine technologists, who are not x-ray techs, to perform the CT portion of hybrid imaging.
- On May 7, 2014, CMS released the Final Rule for Part II Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction. This new rule finalized the previously proposed change of removing the term “direct” from the current requirement at § 482.53(b)(1). CMS stated: *We received several comments on our proposed change to § 482.53, primarily from professional organizations, hospitals and hospital systems, and individual nuclear medicine technologists. All commenters were supportive of the proposed change with no commenters opposed. In accordance with the comments discussed above, we are finalizing the changes to § 482.53(b)(1) as proposed.*
- The TAG Team was created to replace the SHPL program. Currently 49 states, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have TAG representatives. These members will monitor state legislation, answer any NMT questions for their state, and handle any other tasks that may be necessary.
  - The TAG Team has added Rena Kinney (ME) and Phyllis Tesluk (KS).
- The Committee worked with The Joint Committee and submitted several comment letters regarding the proposed changes to diagnostic imaging services
- Sara Vandehey, from Oregon, was selected as the Technologist recipient of the Robert Henkin Fellowship and is currently working on Technologist licensure issues in Washington.
- SNMMI had 12 technologists come to the 2013 Capitol Hill Day, including seven TAG members.
- SNMMI continues to work with The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), and uses their approved Part Z as potential draft legislation.
- Congress passed H.R. 3204, The Drug Quality and Security Act, which deals with compounding issues, and President Obama signed it into law on November 27, 2013. The Committee continues to monitor the new law and it’s possibly unintended effects on technologists.
- SNMMITS has recently attended the OAS conference.
- SNMMITS continues to participate with the NRC in developing new language and tools for authorized users to use in patients treated with I-131.
- SNMMITS continues to work with The Joint Commission (TJC) regarding their Proposed Standards for Diagnostic Imaging Services. SNMMITS representatives have had several calls and meetings with TJC and has submitted several comments letters. SNMMITS will continue to work with TJC and monitor any final standards they release.
Committee Charges:

- Evaluate competitive applications and select recipients of ERF-funded grants and awards for physicians, scientists and students. Put forth to the Board of Directors a resolution to accept the proposed recipients.
- Develop criteria, award processes, and related materials for new SNMMI grants and awards.
- Conduct an annual review of current ERF funded grants and awards that are non-donor designated to determine their usefulness in meeting needs of the molecular imaging/nuclear medicine community and in advancing the Society’s strategic goals.
- Recommend to the SNMMI Executive Committee and Board of Directors, grant and award fundraising priorities.
- Report on the grants and awards program to the SNMMI Board of Directors and House of Delegates.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

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- The Board of Directors approved the recommendation by Grants & Awards Committee to create the Hyman-Ghesani Award. The funding for this award came from Morton Hyman in recognition of the work of Munir Ghesani, MD. The award will entail providing project support for a host institution to be approved by the SNMMI Grants & Awards Committee. The award will also entail a 10-14 day experience at an international host institution. This will be an annual award in the amount of $4,000 given to an individual studying nuclear medicine who is either a fellow or in his/her third year of residency. The total amount donated for this award is $30,000 and will be dispersed each year until all funds are used. The Grants and Awards Committee approved the first awardee to work under the direction of Dr. Ghesani, and Dr. Ghesani will identify the international institution to work with during the first year of the award. He is suggesting East Africa as the international destination due to the lack of formal nuclear medicine training being offered in that region. The initial award application will begin in fall 2015 and awarded in spring 2016. SNMMI learned of the passing in November 2015 of Mr. Hyman and based on the counsel of Dr. Ghesani will be making a memorial to the Sabin Foundation.

- The Board of Directors approved the recommendation by Grants & Awards Committee to create the Masahiro Iio, MD Award. This award is in recognition of Dr. Masahiro Iio one of the first fellows under Dr. Henry Wagner (deceased). Dr. Iio was the person who first invited Dr. Wagner to Japan, fostering Dr. Wagner’s lifelong connection that that country. This will be a travel award offered to two individuals per year for $750.00 each for travel expenses to the SNMMI Annual Meetings. The award will be given to the top two abstracts by individuals from Japan. The total amount donated for this travel award is $16,182.11 and will be dispersed yearly until all funds are used. The initial award application will begin in fall 2015 and be awarded in spring 2016.

Technologist Section Grants and Awards

- The Technologist Section Grants and Awards Committee recommended and received approval by the Executive Board for a new grant to be funded by the American Registry for Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). This grant will be in the amount of $500 each with 13 (one per SNMMI chapter) but if no applications are received from a chapter, multiple awards per chapter are possible. The award serves to support nuclear medicine technologists wishing to pursue additional educational opportunities in an effort to advance their professional career. Additional education opportunities include, but are not limited to; continuing education...
courses (live or online), ARRT certification exams (application fees), degree seeking education (associate, bachelors or masters) etc. Winners will be asked to attend the SNMMI-TS Plenary Session and Awards Ceremony and will be presented with a certificate and photo with the president. (ARRT leadership will also be invited to attend and present the certificate to the award winner at this time.) The award is anticipated to be announced at the 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting and applications beginning at the start of February 2015.

**FY 2014 ERF-Funded SNMMI/SNMMI-TS Grants and Awards Report**

- The Development Department is preparing the FY 2014 ERF-Funded SNMMI/SNMMI-TS Grants and Awards Report to be submitted to the leadership of the Educational and Research Foundation (ERF) for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging.

### Currently in Process Are the Following Grants and Awards

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2015 CMIIT Laboratory Professionals Awards  Feb 26, 2015  $1,000 + complimentary 2015 SNMMI Annual Meeting Registration

Please note that application deadlines listed are subject to change per the discretion of the SNMMI and SNMMI-TS Grants & Awards Committees.

FY 2014 SNMMI/SNMMI-TS Grants and Awards Recipients

Funded by the Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging

**ERF-SNMMI Robert E. Henkin Government Relations Fellowship ($1,000 plus expenses)**
The Robert E. Henkin Fellowship is designed to provide young professionals in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging direct personal exposure to government relations activities of the SNMMI as well as the state and federal legislative and regulatory process.
- **Jason Wachsmann**, MD, UT Southwestern Medical Center
- **Sara Vandehey**, CNMT, RT(N)(CT), Compass Oncology

**ERF-SNMMI Ursula Mary Kocemba-Slosky, PhD, Professional Relations Fellowship ($1,000 plus expenses)**
This fellowship is designed to provide young professionals in nuclear medicine and molecular imaging direct personal exposure to professional and public relations activities of the SNMMI as they relate to other medical societies and other professional organizations.
- **Alexandru Bageac**, MD, MBA

**ERF-SNMMI Nuclear Medicine Physics Residency Training Grant ($75,000 over two years)**
The grant was created to encourage the training of nuclear medicine physicists within established or new medical physics residency training programs, specifically to increase the number of medical physics residents training in nuclear medicine physics and ultimately seeking board certification.
- University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Department of Radiology
  **David W. Jordan**, PhD, DABR, DABSNM, DABMP, Program Director

**ERF-SNMMI Mitzi & William Blahd, MD, Pilot Research Grant ($25,000 over one year)**
The pilot research grant is designed to help a basic or clinical scientist in the early stages of their career conduct research that may lead to further funding.
- **Venkatesh Murthy**, MD, PhD, FACC, University of Michigan
  *Molecular Imaging of Inflammation in Cardiac Sarcoidosis*

**ERF-SNMMI Annual Meeting Travel Awards ($1,000)**
SNMMI Travel Awards help support registration, travel, and accommodations towards the attendance of students and postdoctoral or clinical trainees who will be presenting abstracts at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, in June. 25 of the Travel Awards are funded by Education and Research Foundation for Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging.
- Kanhaiyalal Agrawal
- Guillaume Amouroux
- Rubel Chakravarty
- Feng Chen
- Hongyoon Choi
- In Kook Chun
- Gemma Dias
- Joyita Dutta
- Shadi Esfahani
- Seunggyun Ha
- Hao Hong
ERF-SNMMI Technologist Section Travel & Student Travel Awards

Including 2014 Technologist Section Travel to World Federation (WFNMB)

* 3 ERF-funded Awards

** SNMMI-funded Awards

SNMMI-TS Travel & Student Travel Awards help to support registration, travel, and accommodations towards the attendance of nuclear medicine technologists and NMT students who will be presenting abstracts at the SNMMI Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, in June.

Technologists
- Shelley Acuff
- Yong Ho Do
- Aaron Ferguson
- Harsh Gandhi
- Bryan Kerr
- Jung Sun Kim
- Lejla Sarajlic
- Alan Stuckey

Student Technologists
- Hamzah Ahmed
- Ashley Crawford
- Emily Daugherty
- Theresa Elrod
- Elizabeth Garay
- Ann Havrilla
- Linnea Higgins
- Katherine Hill
- Jamie Laskero
- Ashley Lehman
- Areti Marko
- Brooke Matzke
- Katie Murphy
- Paige Nilles
- Cole Passe
- Mariah Root
- Nicholas Schertz
- Kayla Spindler
- Alexander Sprtel
- Kyle Steckbauer
ERF-SNMMI Paul Cole Technologist Scholarship ($1,000)
The Paul Cole Scholarship is named in memory of Paul Cole, CNMT, who served as President of the SNMMI Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS) in 1986 and who was known as a champion of education for technologists.

Baccalaureate Degree
-Nicole Klaus
-Linh Luong
-Jocelyn Monnin
-Mohamed Musse
-Amarachi Odu
-Stefania Palacio-Taba
-Ashlee Patterson
-Scott Sawyer
-Duy Tran
-Athas Tsongalis

Associate Degree
Monica Lynch
Rich Ruesch

Certificate
-Ann Ellering
-Megan Euverman
-Allison Woodwick

ERF-SNMMI Technologist Section Bradley-Alavi Student Fellowships ($3,000 over 3 months)
These fellowships are designed to stimulate students’ interest in molecular imaging/nuclear medicine by supporting their full-time participation in clinical and basic research activities for three months or less.

- Nathan Maassel, University of Maryland Medical Center/School of Medicine
- Hassan Mohy-ud-Din, Johns Hopkins University
- Will Takakura, MGH/HST A. A. Martinos, Center for Biomedical Imaging

ERF-SNMMI CMIIT Scientific Laboratory Professional Award ($1,000)
This award is designed to recognize innovative/novel and high-impact tools, techniques, and practices in molecular imaging developed by non-PhD laboratory professionals.

- Jan de Swart, Erasmus Medical Center, The Netherlands
- Elaine Jagoda, MS, National Cancer Institute
- Shalini Jaiswal, MS, CNMT, ARRT, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
- Valerie Ann Longo, BS, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

2015 ERF-SNMMI-Technologist Section Graduate School Program Grant
This grant will support new graduate education programs for technologists, or graduate education programs adding new tracks.

- Georgia Regents University, Augusta, Georgia
- Regis College, Boston, Massachusetts
**ERF-SNMMI CMIIT Young Investigator Award**
- Brian Matthew Zeglis, YIA CMIIT 1st
- Paul Ellison, YIA CMIIT 2nd
- Christina Lewis, YIA CMIIT 3rd
- Agata Szeffler
- Feng Chen
- Nynke van den Berg
- Marcus Rood

**ERF-SNMMI Arthur Weis Award in Radiation Dosimetry and Safety**
- Jean-François Montégiani

**ERF-SNMMI Loevinger-Berman Award**
- S. James Adelstein, MD, PhD

**ERF-SNMMI Michael J. Welch PhD Award**
- Michael R. Kilbourn, MD, PhD

**ERF-SNMMI Michael J. Welch PhD, RPSC Postdoctoral Travel Grant**
- Steven Liang

**ERF-SNMMI Molecular Imaging Grant for Junior Academic Faculty**
- Ming-Kai Chen, MD, PhD

**ERF-SNMMI Technologist Section Bachelor's Degree Completion Scholarship**
- Rebecca A. Holstein
- Larissa Toderas

**ERF-SNMMI SNMMI Predoctoral Molecular Imaging Scholar Program**
- Justin Klein

**ERF-SNMMI Postdoctoral Molecular Imaging Scholar Program**
- Bernadette Marquez, PhD

**ERF-SNMMI Best Abstract Winners**
- Michael Everding
- Lance Burrell
- Patrick Wojtylak
ERF-SNMMI Alavi-Mandell Publication Award ($150)
The Alavi-Mandell award was started in 1999 – 2000. It is funded through the ERF (Education and Research Foundation). The award was established by Abass Alavi and Gerald Mandell to honor their fathers, who valued education immensely. Unfortunately, they did not have the opportunity to reach their potential to become physician scientists. The award is given to individuals who were trainees/students at the time the work was carried out and made a major contribution to the completion of the project. Also, the individual is the first author of the paper published in the *JNM*. The award is accompanied by a monetary reward of $150, which is provided by the established fund.

-G. Gebhart
-Kayvan R. Keshari
-Brian Matthew Zeglis
-Sietske Gaykema

ERF-SNMMI Journal of Nuclear Medicine Best Paper Award ($1,200)
-Sietske Gaykema
-Kayvan R. Keshari
-Brian Matthew Zeglis

ERF-SNMMI Technologist Section Susan C. Weiss Clinical Advancement Scholarship ($500)
-Jill Langenback

ERF-SNMMI Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology Best Paper Award ($450)
Each year, the editor and the editorial staff of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology select the best 3 papers spontaneously submitted by a nuclear medicine technologist and published during the previous year. The criteria used for selection include originality and importance of the subject matter, scientific content, and quality of writing. The JNMT Editor’s Choice Awards are presented during the SNMMI-TS Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting. Each award consists of $450 and a plaque. (Funding for this award comes from the Education and Research Foundation.)

-J. Long
-A. Suzuki
-E. Wallsten

ERF-SNMMI Outstanding Technologist and Educator Awards ($750)
-Leonas A. Nalivaika
-Kathleen Krisak
ERF-SNMMI Young Investigator Awards ($200 - $1,000)

Young Investigators present abstracts during the Council’s Young Investigator Sessions in the areas of Radiopharmaceuticals; Brain Imaging; Computer and Instrumentation; Cardiovascular; Nuclear Oncology; Pediatric Imaging; and Correlative Imaging. The following individuals were recognized for the quality of the abstract with a Young Investigator Award.

- Laura Sasportas, YIA NOC 1st
- Matthias Eiber, YIA NOC 2nd
- Harshad Kulkarni, YIA NOC 3rd
- Carmen Vigil, YIA NOC 3rd
- Dustin Wooten, YIA BIC 1st
- Matthias Brendel, YIA BIC 2nd
- Phillip Hsu, YIA BIC 3rd
- Reza Golestani, YIA CVC Basic 1st
- Xingyu Nie, YIA CVC Basic 2nd
- Johana Silvola, YIA CVC Basic 3rd
- Nishant Shah, YIA CVC Clinical 1st
- Ibrahim Danad, YIA CVC Clinical 2nd
- Mischa Rijnierse, YIA CVC Clinical 3rd
- Guillem Pratx, YIA CalC 1st
- Dustin Osborne, YIA CalC 2nd
- Kuangyu Shi, YIA CalC 3rd
- Mary Germino, YIA CalC Honorable Mention
- Chuan Huang, YIA CalC Honorable Mention
- Will Hutchcroft, YIA CalC Honorable Mention
- Auranuch Lorsakul, YIA CalC Honorable Mention
- Steven Liang, YIA RPSC 1st
- Hua Yang, YIA RPSC 2nd
- Thomas Graham, YIA RPSC 3rd
- Feng Chen, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Pedram Heidari, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Reinier Hernandez, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Nelly Joseph-Mathurin, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Dianne Lee, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Ahmed Tawakol, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Eline Verwer, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Yusuke Yagi, YIA RPSC Travel Grant
- Yunan Yang, YIA RPSC Travel Grant

Funded by the Professional Development and Education Fund of the SNMMI-TS
Mickey Williams Minority Scholarship ($2,500)
These scholarships support two minority students pursuing a two- or four-year degree in nuclear medicine. This scholarship honors the memory of Mickey Williams, a past SNMMI-TS president who immigrated to the United States from Jamaica.

- **Mohamed Musse**, University of Findlay
- **Duy Tran**, Thomas Jefferson University

Funded by Nihon Medi-Physics, LTD

**SNMMI Wagner-Torizuka Fellowship ($48,000 over two years)**
The SNMMI Wagner-Torizuka Fellowship, sponsored by Nihon Medi-Physics Co., LTD, is a one or two-year fellowship in the United States and Canada for Japanese physicians in the early stages of their careers. The purpose of the program is to provide experience and training in nuclear medicine/molecular imaging modalities in the areas of cardiology, neurology, and oncology. The program is expected to advance Fellows' research and clinical expertise, as well as facilitate professional development, and to equip them to make significant contributions to the field of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging in Japan.

The Fellows completing their research in the 2012/2014 program are:

- **Takashi Kato, MD**; Brigham & Women’s Hospital / Dr. Marcelo Di Carli
- **Shigetoshi Takaya, MD, PhD**; A.A. Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging, Mass General Hospital / Dr. Steven Stufflebeam
- **Satoshi Takeuchi, MD, PhD**; Univ. of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center / Dr. Homer Macapinlac

The Fellows who are mid-way through their research for the 2013/2015 program are:

- **Kenji Hirata, MD, PhD**; UCLA – David Geffen School of Medicine / Dr. Henry Huang
- **Masamichi Ikawa, MD, PhD**; Molecular Imaging Branch, NIH / Dr. Robert Innis
- **Ryogo Minamimoto, MD**; Stanford School of Medicine / Dr. Sam Gambhir

The newly awarded 2014/2016 Wagner-Torizuka recipients were notified in March and are beginning now through summer. The recipients are:

- **Ishiyama Mitsutomi, MD**; University of Washington, Radiology / Dr. Satoshi Minoshima
- **Masayoshi Nakano, MD**; Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Neurology, Radiology /Dr. Dean F. Wong
- **Kensuke Tateishi, MD**; Massachusetts General Hospital, Oncology, Neurology, Radiology /Dr. Daniel Cahill

**Henry N. Wagner Jr., MD, Best Paper Award**
For over 30 years, Dr. Wagner presented the Highlights lecture at the SNM Annual Meeting. This tradition has continued with the SNMMI Highlights Symposium. The newly created Henry N. Wagner, Jr., MD, Best Highlights Session Paper Award recognizes outstanding science and identifies the top paper in one of the following categories: cardiology, general nuclear medicine, neuroscience, and oncology in conjunction with the SNMMI Highlights Symposium. The award will be selected using Dr. Wagner's long-standing criteria: is it true? Is it new? Is it well-designed? And is it meaningful?

This award includes a $2,000 prize and a plaque, and is funded by the family of Dr. Wagner.

- **Flavia Niccolini, MD**
  "Brain phosphodiesterase 10A (PDE-10A) density in early premanifest HD gene carriers"
Committee on Bylaws
SNMMI-TS Executive Board
January 23-24, 2015

Committee Charges for 2014-2015:
1. Recommend to the SNMMI-TS National Council of Representatives (NCOR) any changes to the SNMMI-TS Bylaws as necessary.
2. Update SNMMI-TS Policy manual as needed.
3. Work with SNMMI-TS Nominating Committee to ensure all policies are followed for the NCOR and National Elections.
4. Review SNMMI-TS Policy Manual to determine what (if any) resolutions need to be reviewed and make recommendations to the NCOR and EB on next steps (update resolution, sunset, etc.)

Current Working Objectives/Goals:
1. Work with Nominating Committee to ensure election procedures are followed.
2. Review bylaws to ensure consistency with current SNMMI-TS structure.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:
1. SNMMI-TS Bylaws
   a. The committee will be proposing a bylaws amendment to further clarify whether a “paying” student can vote in the national elections. The bylaws currently state that a “free-trial” student may not vote, but does not specify voting privileges for paying students. (This resolution will be proposed via a conference call to the NCOR.)
   b. The committee will also be initiating a complete review of the bylaws to determine if any additional changes need to be made.
2. Procedure Manual
   a. The Committee is also working with the Nominating Committee to develop two new policies:
      i. Filling a Nominating Committee Vacancy
      ii. Nominating Committee Resignations to Run for Office
3. Policy Manual – the Bylaws Committee updated the policy manual to include all resolutions approved by the Executive Board and National Council since the technologist section creation. The Bylaws Committee will also be developing a plan for keeping the policy manual updated and current.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2014-2015:
None at this time.
Committee Charges for 2013-2014:

The SNMMITS CE Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all continuing education activities relating to SNMMITS' VOICE Credit System that are sponsored, jointly-sponsored or co-sponsored by the SNMMITS for continuing education credit for nuclear medicine technologists. In addition, the committee suggests program, policy or procedural changes, as needed, to ensure activities remain in compliance with the accreditation criterion as updates and changes occur. The committee conducts periodic evaluation of educational activities (focus groups, interviews, questionnaires, etc.) to gather needs assessment and evaluation data.

The Committee’s responsibilities meet the following SNMMITS goals:

- **Goal B: Enhance Marketing**
  - (Work with marketing to) develop general educational materials outlining cost, risk and benefit of NM including hybrid imaging
  - In conjunction with SNMMI, develop educational resources for referring physicians on the value of NM and MI.
  - Leadership to enhance relationships with members of the Alliance (AQMIRT) and health physicists to develop an educational piece for the public with emphasis on hybrid studies – including safety, risk versus benefit, etc.

- **Goal D: Advance Education**
  - Create an educational program for hybrid imaging.
  - Create a video library that chapters and local organizations can use for their presentations at their meetings.
    - Market this new member benefit to chapters and local organizations.

- **Goal F: Optimize Advocacy**
  - Work with Advocacy Committee and State TAG’s to establish uniform standards for approval of continuing education in the various states.
  - Identify which states to not accept VOICE Credits
  - Set up credit sharing with state licensing agencies.

- **Goal G: Improve Resource Management**
  - In conjunction with the Publications Committee explore e-book options

**Current Working Objectives/Goals (please reference Strategic Plan):**

The TS-CE Committee continually reviews joint-sponsored and SNMMITS-sponsored programs for accreditation compliance. Reviews of current enduring materials (Basic Science on-line modules) are undergoing with the intent to keep as many sessions that have relevant content accredited and available for member access. The committee plans to review the new LMS once available for viewing to ensure compliance.
Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date (FY 2013-2014):

1. The Society launched a new Joint Provider application process during the summer and orientation sessions have been held with chapter personnel, commercial providers, as well as reviewers.
2. Approximately 315 meetings with VOICE credit were reviewed and accredited. This includes commercial joint sponsored, non-profit joint sponsored, and SNMMI sponsored webinars or enduring materials programs were reviewed and accredited.
3. The 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting sessions were reviewed and accredited.
4. The 2014 Roadshow program offered 6 programs which received various levels of sponsorship. The theme was "Broadening the Professional Horizons of Nuclear Medicine Technologists." The 2014 Roadshows were held in Little Rock (AR), Rochester (NY), Hershey (PA), Boise (ID), Hagerstown (MD), and Burlington (VT).
5. NCT Online Review Workshop for Technologists – This online workshop is designed to prepare technologists for the NMTCB's NCT Exam and offers 14 hours of continuing education credit.
6. PET Online Review Workshop for Technologists - Following the NMTCB's content outline, this online workshop offers a comprehensive review of both PET and PET/CT. This course offers 14 hours of continuing education credit.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2013-2014:

1. Planning for the 2015 Roadshows began in October; the call for proposals was sent and 4 applications have been approved. Two sites remain pending.
2. The CE Committee is organizing and planning the 'Quarterly Webinar Series', a member benefit for Technologists. The first program is scheduled for January 28 entitled: SNMMI-TS 2015: The Quest for Quality in the New Era of Healthcare. Subsequent webinars are being scheduled for April, July and September.
Committee Charges:

- Monitor and comment on federal and state compounding legislation in coordination with the Committee on Radiopharmaceuticals.

- Develop SNMMI/TS official statements re. compounding policies for approval by the SNMMI Board of Directors.

- Create educational programs for compounding professionals who prepare radiopharmaceuticals (both for immediate use and bulk batch preparations).

- Develop white paper describing the standing of properly trained and credentialed nuclear medicine technologists as compounding professionals.

Current Working Objectives/Goals (please reference Strategic Plan):

- Review of FDA regulations

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

1. Review of FDA regulations

The Task Force focused the majority of its work on developing recommendations to the FDA on compounding. As follow up to the September meeting with FDA on compounding, Task Force representatives worked with CORAR, NANP, and other medical societies to more specifically define radiopharmaceutical compounding and preparation. The document also provided a detailed description of minor deviation. The groups all signed the new document, which was sent to FDA in late November. All groups were successfully able to achieve consensus on these items but due to the variance in the other areas of concern - interstate delivery, bulk drug substances, valid prescription order, licensed nuclear pharmacy and other areas, each group/medical society will address these items separately.
Committee Charges for 2014 - 2015:

- Provide informational financial reports to the Executive Board regarding assets in the SNMMI Capital Fund (the Fund), actual and budgeted revenue and expense, and the overall financial affairs of the SNMMI-TS.

- Make recommendations regarding fiscal policy, strategy, and expenditures for the succeeding year.

- Submit the proposed budget for the following year to the Executive Board for approval.

- Identify and prioritize activities for better utilization of human resources, including leadership and staff.

Current Working Objectives/Goals:

- The Finance Committee is working to optimize the financial position of the SNMMI-TS and to ensure its short-term and long-term financial stability. The financial stability goals are achieved via review of the proposed budget for the following year and, after its approval, review the progress toward meeting the budget.

- Evaluate any recommendations from the SNMMI/SNMMI-TS Management Fee Task Force (MFTF).

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

- For FY14, the SNMMI-TS achieved an operating surplus of approximately $13,600 compared to a budget of $9,278. For FY14, revenue and expense were less than budget by approximately $40,500 and $44,900, respectively.

- As of September 30, 2014, the total fair market value of the Fund was $5,614,230. Since September 30, 2013, the value of the Fund increased $584,400 or 11.4%, net of fees of $27,317. Included in the increase was a board-approved transfer of $200,000 from operating cash. The increase in the fund since September 30, 2013 net of the transfer and fees is 7.6%. At September 30, 2014, the Fund is allocated to the Society and the SNMMI-TS in the amounts of $4,473,643 and $1,140,587, respectively.

- Through September 30, 2014, the Fund’s performance has largely mirrored the performance of the benchmarks set forth in the SNMMI Investment Policy Statement. Performance over the three, five and ten year periods has been within the benchmarks whereas performance within the past twelve months has been slightly below the benchmarks.

- As of December 31, 2014, the fair market value of the Fund was $5,674,811. Since September 30, 2014, the Fund’s value increased $60,581 or 1.08% net of fees of approximately $6,500. The SNMMI-TS portion of the Fund at December 31, 2014 is $1,152,894.

- The SNMMI-TS Finance Committee approved the FY15 budget at its September 2014 meeting.

- During FY15, the MFTF will meet to review the methodology used to determine the fee.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2014 - 2015:

- Provide support to the SNMMI-TS representatives on the MFTF.

- Review current fiscal policies and determine if there should be any revisions.

- Provide support to any SNMMI-TS leadership group considering activities or proposals that may result in a financial impact to the operating budget.

- Evaluate any SNMMI resolutions that may have a financial impact on the SNMMI-TS operating budget.
SNMMI-TS Executive Board  
January 2015  
Membership Committee Report

SNMMI-TS Membership Committee Charges for 2014-2015

1. Strategic Review of Membership
   - Identify trends of membership and work to manipulate them into membership growth
   - Determine what the future of the TS membership looks like (what type of individuals are currently members, what types of individuals are not members)?
   - Identify key programs and/or benefits to attract new members?
   - Develop/Revise Annual Membership Recruitment and Retention Plan
     Establish and implement goals of membership recruitment and retention plan.
   - Determine and respond to members’ needs
   - Assist with Member Outreach Efforts (member-get-a-member, etc.)
   - Review dues discount programs.
     - Joining discounts: Are they feasible: i.e. joining as an entire department.
   - Review SNMMI-TS member benefits
   - Provide a strategic overview/report of SNMMI-TS membership, yearly, to include:
     - Track retention rates and improve overall statistical gathering to use toward marketing.
     - Determine why members leave, why they do not purchase certain educational materials, etc.
     - Focus marketing initiatives specifically to members and nonmembers based on their unique needs.

2. Enhance Marketing
   - Increase the perceived value of the SNMMI-TS fellow credential status. Recognize and promote SNMMI-TS fellows publicly for their dedication and expertise within the profession.
   - Improve communication between national and chapter leadership and membership.
     - Work with local organizations (not necessarily affiliated with the SNMMI), gain access to tabletops, make presentations at meetings, etc

Additional Goals for 2014-2015:

New Membership Benefits
The Membership Committee discussed the creation/development of several new benefits for members. The following ideas are being explored by staff for feasibility. Staff will report back to the committee on the next conference call.

1. Free webinar – CE (quarterly) - on relevant topic (stay relevant and current)
2. Free CE to non-members with purchase of membership.
3. Other discounts (discount from target or other companies)
4. Market affinity program better
5. Market deeper discount between member and non-member prices
6. LLSAP Modules – Review older modules for valuable information without CE.
Progress on Goals To-Date:
During the last committee conference call, November 19th the start of a strategic discussion too place to evaluate what our membership currently looks like and we do we want our membership to look like 5 years from now. Things for the committee to consider:

- Do our membership categories still make sense? Are there other options?
- Who are we currently attracting as members?
- What is the current break down of our membership:
  - How many are just doing PET
  - Cardiac
  - General
- Are we meeting the needs of our members and are we communicating the benefits of being a member?
- What other groups should we think about as potential members?
  - RTs practicing nuclear medicine?
  - RTs that are associated with ASRT?
  - RTs with PET certification?
- Do we have benefits in place to meet the needs of the practicing Tech today?
- Do we have benefits for CT to attract those individuals to be a member?
- Nonmembers: How can we get them to become members?

Free In-training Students
The committee will be making a recommendation to extend the free in-training program from 2-years to the length of their training program.

Fellow Applications
Three Fellow applications were received and reviewed by the committee. A resolution will be submitted to the SNMMI-TS National Council of Representatives.

Emeritus Applications
This following emeritus applications were approved by the committee and the SNMMI-TS National Council of Representatives:

1. Diane M. Pieknik, BS, CNMT, RT(N)
2. Oscar A. Fernandez, CNMT
3. Cathy K. Robinson, CNMT
4. Nancy L. Maxwell, CNMT
5. Jody L. Garrard-Williams, CNMT
6. Joan Mackey, RT(N)(R)
7. Garry Settimi, CNMT, RT(N)
8. Warner L. Wish, CNMT
9. John Capozzi, CNMT
10. Margaret M. Payton, CNMT
11. Edward Wilhelm, BS, CNMT
Committee Charges for 2014-2015:

Goal A: Increase Membership

International

- Assist International committee and Membership committee with international recruitment of new students and current professionals.
  - Consider and develop project with EANM Technologist Committee to promote SNMMI-TS new student recruitment and involvement across committees
  - Disperse promotional materials and recruitment forms to Australian and Canadian programs
  - Work with International committee to edit the website to include information for all international members

Domestic

- Review and adjust transition process for free students to become transition status members
  - Is there a need for Mentors?

- Along with Professional Development, develop a collaborative project
  - Contact students once they become free-trial student and be their contact throughout 2 year program?

- Non-member Program Directors- create communication process and mentorship to convert students and programs to SNMMI supporting ones
  - Suggested assignment/curricular evidence information
  - Update awards/scholarship opportunities

Goal B: Enhance Marketing

- Make use of new forms of marketing opportunities that are frequently utilized by the younger professional.
  - Determine opportunities to reach students using Facebook, twitter, blogs, etc.
  - Professional Development

Additional Goals for 2014-2015

- Create “pep-talk” for students to assist program directors on explaining where the profession has been and where it is going.
  - Incorporate international relations and research opportunities
  - Highlight professionals who have stepped out of “clinical” practice- website/online media

- Work with the New Professionals Task Force

- Identify areas needing further attention based on feedback from Student Focus Groups

- Continue to provide input into the topics for the Program Director/Student E-blast.
Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

1. **Graduation Transition** - SNMMI-TS budgeted for 211 free trial students to convert to the new graduation transition membership category. As of December 2014, 168 (79%) have elected to take advantage of the new graduation transition dues structure.

2. **Free Trial Program** - As of December 2014, we have 1,044 free trials students. The Task Force made a total effort to contact the list of possible programs with students and communicated with some not all. Most were already in the process of adding their students, while others did not respond. A second attempt to contact the programs and faculty is pending.

3. **Student Welcome Packet** – Revisions were proposed from the Task Force and will be incorporated into a new 2015 packet. The Task Force is also working with staff to develop a student section on the Technologist audience page on snmmi.org.

4. **International Survey** - a survey has been created to disperse to international partners to gather information and contacts of student programs and means to connect with international students beyond Australia, Canada and current members. The Task Force is working with the staff to coordinate a contact list to send it to.

5. **PDFT collaborative efforts** - The Task Force have had multiple conversations with the Professional Development Task Force concerning marketing materials and possible collaboration with student engagement. Ongoing discussion and possible plans are pending.
New Professionals Task Force  
SNMMI-TS Executive Board and National Council of Representatives  
January 23-24, 2015

Goal Area: Professional Development  
Goal: Nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals will look to the section for guidance in their professional development.

Objectives:
- (H) Identify alternative career pathways for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals.
- Strategies:
- (L) Create cooperative learning opportunities and internships with industry, academia and professional organizations.
- (M) Enhance value of online and in person networking.
- (H) Increase educational programs (face-to-face and online) in (CT, MR and other emerging technologies).

Additional Charges for 2014-2015:
- Present and address items which will improve the value of the SNMMI to the new technologist.
- Continuing New Professionals Newsletter
- Assess success of New Professionals Reception and Begin Planning for 2014 reception
- Identify new professionals who are not members of the SNMMI-TS and determine why they have chosen not to join.
- Develop new professionals section of the website that includes sample resumes, interview questions, skills that are useful in the work place.
- Develop webinars on management and professional skills (not specific to nuclear medicine techniques).

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:
1. **How to Make Yourself Valuable to Your Facility**
   Understanding how to make yourself valuable to your facility is a really important topic for new professionals as they try to identify their niche within their work environment. A small task force has been formed to identify different ways to provide support and message to new professionals. The first task force conference call was held in early September. The task force agreed that articles, webinars and CE sessions were appropriate venues to educate new professionals on this topic.

2. **New Professionals Website**
   The New Professionals website is available for viewing. Committee members suggested adding a “helpful hints” area that would include items like: Keep your resume updated. If you are given a new task, be sure to add it to your resume immediately. In addition, committee members volunteered to send in their resume for posting on the website. SNMMI staff will remove all individual markings (name, etc.) prior to posting.

Additional Goals/Objectives for 2014-2015:
The Working Group would also like to develop webinars on management and professional skills. The Task Force members identified the following topic areas:
1. Management and professional skills.
2. Emergency payment and preparedness.
3. Teaching the millennium generation.
Committee Charges for 2014-2015:
- The Nominating Committee will conduct the annual election process for the SNMMI-TS.
- The Nominating Committee will oversee the online voting process for the current year election and will oversee a complete transition to online-only voting for future years.
- The Nominating Committee will review the Election Handbook and provide suggestions to the Bylaws Committee.

Current Objectives/Goals:
The following positions are to be elected during the National election this year:
- NCOR Elections (January 2015)
  - Speaker-Elect
- National Elections (April 2015)
  - President-Elect
  - Secretary
  - Finance Committee (3-year)
  - Delegate-at-Large (2 positions)
- NCOR Elections (April 2015)
  - Specialty Area Industry
  - Specialty Area Manager
- NCOR Elections (on-site)
  - Member-at-Large (2 positions)
  - Nominating Committee

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:
The Election Handbook has been updated for the 2015 elections.

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Additional Goals/Objectives for 2014-2015:
The Nominating Committee will also be working with the Bylaws Committee to develop two new policies: (1) Policy for Nominating Committees and not being allowed to resign from the committee to run for office and (2) Policy if there is a Nominating Committee vacancy.
Committee Charges for 2014-2015

- Develop Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Week Theme and Enhance Marketing Efforts
  - Enhance the promotion and visibility of Nuclear Medicine Week.
  - Work with the SNMMI Marketing Team to help determine what products should be offered for purchase.
  - Create/Recommend daily “educational/informational content” to coincide with NMW (for example: free webinar on cardiology, free podcast, discount on book items, etc.)

- Improve Resource Management
  - Assist in the development of materials promoting nuclear medicine and molecular imaging to increase general awareness for both medical staff and patients
  - Explore alternatives for increasing awareness beyond our core audience
  - Have NCOR delegates provide input from chapters as to what the chapters would like to see offered.

Current Objectives/Goals *(please reference Strategic Plan)*:

- Final FY2013-14 product revenue: $26,354.75 (84% to goal of $31,500)
  - Sales up 10% vs. FY2012-13
- Staff is creating a marketing plan to promote NM&MI Week for 2015.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

- Recommendations from task-force for “increased awareness” to be implemented include:
  - distribution of free posters to facilities to help increase awareness
  - distribution of flyers to radiopharmaceutical companies (lists for IBA, Cardinal, GE have been volunteered thus far)
  - provide chapters with flyers/posters to promote at local meetings
- Staff/Task Force finalizing poster design for print, and set to begin identifying promotional products
  - Potential products include:
    - Portable chargers – charger sticks
    - Koozies
    - Badge holders (attractive ones)
    - Science/periodic table related t-shirts
    - Bumper Sticker

Key Goals/Objectives for 2014-2015
Heighten Positive Awareness of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging
Professional Development and Education Fund (PDEF)  
Executive Committee  
Chair: Jessica Williams, CNMT, RT(N)  
Staff Liaison: Mary L. McMahon, CFRE  
2015 Mid-Winter Meeting Report  

Committee Charge  
The Professional Development and Education Fund (PDEF) was created in 2001 by the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Technologist Section (SNMMI-TS). Its goal is to support the advancement of molecular and nuclear medicine technologists through professional development that promotes clinical excellence and optimal patient outcomes.  

FY2015 Goals and Objectives  
The Professional Development and Education Fund (PDEF) Committee continues its charge to raise funds to benefit the SNMMI Technologist Section including funding the PDEF Professional Development Scholarship (one annual award of $5,000) and the Mickey Williams Minority Scholarship (two awards in the amount of $2,500 each.) The PDEF’s strategy is to secure charitable monies through a 5K run walk – the Hot Trot 5K – which will engage society members and the general public in this fundraising event which will take place 7:30 am on Saturday, June 6, 2015 during the SNMMI Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. Support will come from the net proceeds from event registrations and also from individual and corporate philanthropic supporters. The PDEF Committee has created a corporate prospect list of over 100 companies and is coordinating its solicitation outreach with the SNMMI-TS leadership. The committee is also promoting member support of the Hot Trot 5K through the SNMMI website, the PDEF webpage, e-communication channels and flyers and announcements at various chapter events/programs.  

Corporate support pledged and secured for Hot Trot 5K includes;  
UltraSPECT $5,000 (pledged)  
Nuclear Diagnostic Products Inc. $750  
Daxor Corporation $100
Committee Charges for 2014-2015:

Nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals will look to the section for guidance in their professional development.

Objectives:

1. Identify alternative career pathways for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging professionals.
   a. Strategy - Develop career pathways diagram and identify appropriate educational or experiential opportunities.

2. Create cooperative learning opportunities and internships with industry, academia and professional organizations.

3. Enhance value of online and in person networking.
   a. Strategy - Invite recent graduates to join Young Professionals Facebook page.
   b. Strategy - Create a mentor registry.
   c. Strategy - First-timers mixer in the evening at the Annual Meeting.

4. Increase educational programs (face-to-face and online) in (CT, MR and other emerging technologies).
   a. Strategy - Repeating full day (annual meeting) non-categorical track for x-ray physics, CT instrumentation and computed tomography (CT) radiation safety.
   b. Strategy - Offer magnetic resonance (MR) sessions at annual meeting

Other Charges (Not Included in Strategic Plan)

1. The SNMMI-TS Leadership Academy will be held January 21-23, 2015 in San Antonio, TX, This year, the SNMMI-TS accepted 3 students into the academy in addition to the 10 general attendees.

2. Create specific leadership sessions and activities that would be available during the annual and mid-winter meetings.

3. Create a team of leadership academy alumni and past SNMMI-TS leadership (committee members/chairs) can serve as a reference to individuals within looking to advance their career (career advice, etc.)

4. Identify ways to get students involved in the leadership development process early in their career.

5. The Task Force will create an online forum like “Coding Corner” to connect mentors to members.

6. Rosters and area specific objectives will be identified for each of the Focus Groups listed below:
   a) Alternative Career Pathways
   b) Mentor Program
   c) Student Involvement
   d) International Involvement
Committee Charges:

1. Sustain JNMT’s high-quality content and support the activities of the JNMT editor for continuous journal development.
2. Support Uptake’s Editorial Board and the continuous high quality of the section’s newsletter.
3. Preserve the section’s active and proactive book program.
4. Ensure the committee’s goals and objectives continuously support the overall TS strategic plan.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

JNMT

- **JNMT statistics:** JNMT is in good health.
  - Submissions for FY2014 were down about 10% from last fiscal year. Of those, 61% of all submissions were accepted.
  - Turnaround from submission to print remained about the same at 6.7 months; turnaround from submission to online publication was just over 4 months.
  - Page count for the last 4 issues is 376.
- **Opt in:** As of FY2015, members must opt in to receive JNMT. As of 12/17/14, 1,496 members had opted in.
- **Financial health:** Subscriptions revenue (including royalties) for FY2014 was slightly down (about $3K) from last fiscal year, and that is reflected in the FY2015 budget. As a whole, JNMT revenue was $116,575 (about $7K lower than last FY), and JNMT net revenue was $34,492, which was $5,009 below budget.
  - Interestingly, although the net revenue is down from the past several years, it’s in line with 5 years ago.

Uptake

- **Uptake** is doing very well on the editorial side. There have been some changes in the past few months to the editorial board, and the Executive Committee has a resolution to consider relating to this change.
- Members must opt in to receive the printed newsletter. As of 12/17, 836 members had opted in.

Books

- Book sales were excellent in FY2014. The total revenue for FY2014 exceeded budget by 22% ($27,556). Almost every book exceeded its budgeted number of sales, and the new Protocol book more than doubled its budgeted sales. Net book sales revenue was $116,695, exceeding budget by almost 30%.
- The **Basic Science of Nuclear Medicine: Bare Bone Essentials** (Kai Lee) should be at press by the MWM.
- The **NCT Study Guide** revision is almost final.
• The PET Study Guide, 2nd edition (Paul Christian, Nancy Swanston), manuscript was submitted and is now in review.

• Four additional books are in development:
  – The Imaging Atlas (Mantel, Farrell, Basso, Thomas, Williams), a companion book to the Protocol book, is in development. It is slightly behind schedule, but it should publish in spring or summer 2015.
  – A Brain Imaging Primer (author group led Liz Hackett) is in development, with manuscript due January 2015.
  – An Instrumentation primer (Frances Keech) also is in development.

• The committee is also considering revision of additional books.
Center Reports
The Center for Molecular Imaging Innovation and Translation (CMIIT) is pleased to provide the following report for CMIIT’s 2014-2015 Goals:

Goal 1: Optical Imaging Task Force
SNMMI Strategic Plan Goal A, B, and E: 30%

Current Progress: Eva Sevick, PhD, has recently agreed to chair the newly created CMIIT Optical Imaging Task Force. This task force will help identify, promote and facilitate collaboration and education in the translation of optical technologies used in molecular imaging and nuclear medicine. Dr. Sevick is currently working to organize a co-sponsored session with the Optical Society of America (OSA) on optical imaging that will be presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Sevick also reported that the OSA has set up Incubator Meetings that will be held in Washington, DC for fall 2015. The OSA and the CMIIT Optical Imaging Task Force will work together to organize this meeting.

Next Steps: We will follow up with Dr. Sevick at the Mid-Winter CMIIT BOD Meeting and provide support in the organization of these meetings as needed. Potential CMIIT co-sponsored optical-related meetings will be identified for 2016.

Goal 2: Education
SNMMI Strategic Plan Goal E: 40%

Current Progress: Dr. Hyunsuk Shim, PhD has organized two Emerging Technology sessions, Accelerated Translation of Novel Tracers and Oncology Co-Clinical Imaging Research Resource for the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. In addition, Drs. Eszter Boros and Jan Grimm will organize a session, PET-MRI with non-FDG tracers. A Categorical Session on Molecular Imaging of Infection and Inflammation has been proposed for the Annual Meeting. Continuing Education proposals for the Annual Meeting include: Prostate Cancer and New Tracers, Neurodegenerative Diseases, MR Contrast Agents, Metabolic Imaging-Focus on Cardiovascular, Advancements in Optical Imaging, and New Strategies for Expanding the Use of PET Tracers. The AACR/SNMMI co-sponsored conference entitled, State-of-the-Art Molecular Imaging in Cancer Biology and Therapy, is scheduled for February 11-14, 2015 in San Diego, CA (www.imagecancer2015.org).

In 2014, the Value Proposition of Molecular Imaging Task Force chaired by Kim Kelly, Ph.D. was established. Members are composed of CMIIT members and representatives from industry. This task force will focus on publications, educational offerings, and meetings to assess the challenges facing molecular imaging as well as strategies to demonstrate the value of MI in clinical care and research. Discussions are underway between CMIIT members and members of WMIS to organize a Translational Workshop tentatively scheduled for late May, 2015.

A textbook Essentials of Molecular Imaging, co-authored by Henry VanBrocklin, Carolyn Anderson, Jonathan McConathy, Jeff Norenberg, and Todd Peterson, is in progress. The original goal was to submit by the end of 2014, but additional time will be needed for completion.

Next Steps: The CMIIT BOD will discuss the progress of these various educational activities during the next conference call at the Mid-Winter Meeting. Potential topics for next year’s mid-winter meeting and annual meeting will be identified. The status of the book and a revised timeline for completion will be reported at the Mid-Winter meeting.
Goal 3: Nanotechnology  
SNMMI Strategic Plan Goal E: 0%

Current Progress: We are still determining who would lead this initiative.

Next Steps: The CMIIT BOD will discuss potential leaders for this initiative from within the CMIIT or outside of CMIIT (if additional expertise is needed) at the Mid-Winter Meeting.

Goal 4: Translation and Advancement of Molecular Imaging Agents  
SNMMI Goal A, B, D, and E 50%

Current Progress: A conference call was held between CMIIT members and members of WMIS to organize a Translational Workshop tentatively scheduled for late May, 2015. In addition, the Translational Researcher Curriculum white paper was reviewed by the CMIIT Board of Directors. Feedback is being consolidated on the MI Translational Scientists Manuscript into one document.

Next Steps: The CMIIT BOD will discuss these topics at the Mid-Winter Meeting. The Translational Workshop will be finalized in the near future. Final approval of the revised Translational Research Curriculum white paper by the CMIIT BOD will be sought in winter 2015, and the white paper will then be submitted for SNMMI approval. After approval by the SNMMI, a manuscript for publication will be submitted.

Goal 5: Preclinical Imaging  
SNMMI Strategic Goal A, D, and E: 35%

Current Progress: The Preclinical Task Force has reviewed the modules as identified for the “Preclinical Imaging in Small Laboratory Animals” – PRIMA workshop hosted by Bernd Pichler, PhD. The Preclinical Task Force members have given consideration into agreeing to a Memorandum of Understanding with several other professional societies, including EANM and WMIS, regarding coordination to establish a common curriculum and the offering of courses based on this curriculum. This MOU is currently under revision to come to terms with which all of the Societies can agree.

It was suggested that both the Journal of Nuclear Medicine and the Molecular Imaging journal inform their submitters that preclinical research submitted to the journals should follow the criteria identified within the preclinical guidance document. The JNM editors have discussed this recommendation and will add the following language to the author guidelines: “For preclinical studies, the authors are encouraged to follow the “Guidance for Methods Descriptions Used in Preclinical Imaging Papers” published in Molecular Imaging Vol 12, No 7 (October 2013).”

Next Steps: The CMIIT BOD will discuss this during the next conference call at the Mid-Winter Meeting including a possible preclinical workshop associated with the 2015 SNMMI annual meeting.

Goal 6: Reinstitute the Industry Partners Circle  
SNMMI Strategic Goal A, B, C, D, and E: 10%

Current Progress: CMIIT is still discussing the possibility of having an Industry Partners Circle (IPC) in the spring of 2015. It may be possible to combine this with the Translational Workshop in late May 2015.

Next Steps: The CMIIT BOD will discuss this topic at the Mid-Winter Meeting and decide whether combining the IPC with the Translational Workshop in May 2015 versus a stand-alone meeting in Fall 2015 is preferable.
Goal 7: Increase CMIIT membership  
SNMMI Strategic Plan Goal E: 20%

Current Progress: Kooresh Shoghi, PhD, Chair of the CMIIT Membership Task Force gave a brief update on the Task Force conference call from November 12, 2014. The Task Force discussed a proposed new CMIIT award that is intended to highlight those investigators who have been successful in translating their innovation into the clinic. Dr. Shoghi is in the process of completing the SNMMI template for the award that will be reviewed by the Task Force. The CMIIT Membership Task Force also discussed improvements to the CMIIT website and Dr. McConathy mentioned the recent conference call with Mike Haka, PhD, Chair of the CMIIT Website Task Force and his thoughts on providing more of an interactive website for both CMIIT and RPSC members.

The CMIIT Membership Task Force also discussed the importance of outreach efforts to other Councils and Centers. There was a suggestion to have CMIIT Board members sit on the other Council and Center Board of Directors (BOD) as non-voting, ex-officio members. Dr. Herscovitch made the comment that it is better to have members of the other Council’s and Center’s BOD sit on the CMIIT Board as non-voting, ex-officio members. Todd Peterson reminded everyone that both the RPSC President and CVC President are currently ex-officio members of the CMIIT BOD and that the CMIIT Operating Procedures state that the President of CMIIT can appoint up to four council representatives to sit on the CMIIT BOD. Suggestions were made to have representatives from the Brain Imaging Council, the Nuclear Oncology Council and the Young Professional Council as ex-officio, non-voting members of the CMIIT BOD.

Next Steps: The current CMIIT BOD will decide which Councils to add to the CMIIT BOD as non-voting members at the Mid-Winter Meeting. The proposal for a CMIIT award will be reviewed by the CMIIT BOD with a goal of submitting to the SNMMI prior to the 2015 annual meeting.

2014-2015 CMIIT Leadership

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Prem Soman, MD, PhD (Ex Officio)
SNMMI CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK

Committee Report
SNMMI Board of Directors
January 2015

Highlights:

- The Clinical Trials Network (CTN) continues to work on 7 different investigational agents being used in trials or in drug development projects.
- Three papers based on the results of the CTN chest phantom program and scanner validations were submitted for publication 4Q2014
  - Quantitative PET/CT scanner performance characterization by John Sunderland (lead author) was published in JNM - January 2015
  - The CTN chest phantom program experience by Paul Christian (lead author) was accepted with revisions for future JNM publication
  - Comparison of three PET phantoms for spatial resolution by Lance Burrell (lead author) was submitted to JNM as a brief communication
- Efforts by the Gallium Users Group to facilitate approval of Ga-68 labelled somatostatin receptor agents in the US have resulted in increased use of these agents in investigational studies. There are currently 12 active sites with an IND and 5 additional sites pending IND approval. A number of these groups used the Ga68-DOTA-XXX template documents developed by the Gallium Users Group and available on the CTN website in their applications to the FDA.
- The Orphan Drug Designation for DOTATOC initially granted to SNMMI in October 2013 has been successfully transferred to the University of Iowa Department of Radiology PET Center. They will pursue an NDA for DOTATOC.
- This past November, Bonnie Clarke presented a talk titled “Clinical Trials Network: Facilitating Multicenter Trials” at the Japanese SNM Annual Meeting in Osaka, Japan and presented to industry executives in Yokohama on the topic “Keys to Success in Using PET in Clinical Trials”.

CTN completed 2014 having successfully met a number of its goals:

- The Gallium Users Group, formed in 2012 to advance the use and approval of Gallium-labelled somatostatin receptor-targeted imaging agents in the US, finalized revisions to its IND application document templates, which are available on the CTN website. These documents include harmonized release criteria, a template Investigation New Drug application (IND), imaging protocol/manual, case report forms (CRFs) and collated information on how to develop a cost recovery program.
- Scheduled CTN database revisions were completed as planned, and the Database Reporting Tool (DaRT) rolled out its upgraded version that links directly to the new CTN Database. Both tools have enhanced search functions and reporting capabilities, and the database has the ability to perform a more detailed analysis of the collected data, including scanner validation results.
- Members of the SPECT Committee are concentrating efforts to develop parameters and guidelines for data collection and analysis for validating cardiac SPECT phantoms. A list of SOPs for the Committee was drafted, with priority assigned to personnel training and image review.
The Site Education Committee developed two new “100” level courses designed for Technologists, but with relevance for other imaging personnel:

- #118 CT Basics for PET/CT in Clinical Trials: to be presented at 2015 MWM and as a CTN webinar in June 2015
- #120 Dynamic PET Imaging for Technologists: CTN webinar on February 19, 2015

CTN published the January 2015 Pathways issue, which will be available at the 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting. Key articles include “PET in Prostate Cancer: Focus on C-11 Choline” and “C-11 Choline Pathway to NDA Approval.”

The Scanner Validation Committee completed initial testing of a new chest phantom that contains the same number and lesion sizes as the NEMA NU-2 phantom. Minor modifications are being discussed, with the final version anticipated for use in 2Q2015. Active studies will continue to use the current CTN phantom until those studies are completed. New projects requiring scanner validations will use the updated model once available.

Looking forward to 2015, CTN anticipates a very busy year. A number of projects from last year are being carried over, and additional projects are already planned or on the horizon. These include:

- CTN plans to apply for a PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) grant to collect and analyze change in patient management data collected from the sites studying 68Ga-labelled somatostatin receptors.
- Dr. John Sunderland (Chair, Database Committee) and Dr. James Mountz (Chair, Site Qualification and Monitoring Committee) are preparing a grant for submission to the NIH in response to a request for academic/industry partnerships on to accelerate the translation of clinical in vivo imaging systems and/or methods that are designed to solve a targeted cancer problem. The role of CTN in this project will be defined as the application progresses.
- Additional papers are planned based upon the results of the CTN chest phantom scanner validations. An abstract on phantom failure occurrences is being submitted for presentation at the SNMMI 2015 annual meeting, and a paper on CT dosimetry is planned for submission to a peer-reviewed journal in 2Q2015.
- The SNMMI and Johns Hopkins University are co-sponsoring the 3rd Theranostics World Congress on Ga-68 and PRRT being held in Baltimore, Maryland on March 12-14, 2015. Abstract submission closed December 10, with 97 of the submitted 102 abstracts accepted for oral or poster presentations. CTN staff will play a very active role onsite during the meeting.
- The Radiopharmaceutical Manufacturers Committee plans to conduct both on-site and desktop audits of the PET production sites manufacturing FLT for the ongoing BMS study that cross-references the SNMMI-held FLT IND.
- CTN continues to provide support for the 5-year NIH R01 grant on harmonizing PET reconstructions for cancer clinical trials. Staff assists academic centers with phantom scanning, oversees image upload and management in the Keosys Imagys server and provides general administrative report. Investigators will submit for the grant’s fourth year of funding.
- As part of its ongoing collaboration with EANM/EARL, CTN hopes to finalize harmonizing specific areas of these two scanner validation programs in an effort to standardize PET imaging on a more global front.

CTN continues to investigate ways to collaborate with other groups and industry partners on projects that benefit the entire molecular imaging community. Funding will be sought to support expansion of its Educational Program to include higher level, scientific offerings developed by experts in the field, and efforts to improve standardization and the quality of PET imaging in clinical research will remain a key activity for the CTN Phantom Program and Scanner Validation Committee.
The PET Center of Excellence has been working diligently on several important initiatives over the past six months. These areas of focus included education, new tracers, PET/MR and quality. Below is a brief description on each of these areas:

a. **Education**

   The PET CoE is collaborating with the Correlative Imaging Council to provide MRI case reviews at the Midwinter and Annual Meetings. The current agreement is for PET CoE to organize the MR case review session at the MWM and CIC to organize the MR case review session at the AM. Dr. Thomas Hope from UCSF will be presenting 30 MRI cases (brain and body) at the 2015 MWM in San Antonio, organized by the PET CoE.

   Midwinter Meeting 2015 – The PET CoE co-sponsored a CE session (along with the Clinical Trials Network) entitled “Coverage with Evidence Development and Life After NOPR.” This session will be offered on Thursday, January 22, 2015 from 8:30am – 5:00pm.

   Annual Meeting 2015 - The PET CoE is offering the following sessions:
   1. One Categorical Session entitled “PET/MRI has Arrived… But Where Do We Go From Here?” This categorical, organized by Drs. Andrei Iagaru and Ryan Niederkohr, will be jointly sponsored by the PET CoE and ISMRM.
   2. Three CE Sessions:
      a. Outcome Prediction With PET: Present and Future (organized by Drs. Hossein Jadvar and Katherine Zukotysnki)
      b. Response Assessment with PET (organized by Drs. Erik Mittra and Hubert Vesselle)
      c. PET CoE Peter E. Valk, MD Memorial Lectureship and Award (organized by Dr. Hossein Jadvar)

b. **PET/MR Credentialing Statement**

   The SNMMI and ACR formed a joint task force co-chaired by Hossein Jadvar, MD, PhD, MPH, MBA (from SNMMI) and Rathan Subramaniam, MD, PhD, MPH (from ACR). The Task Force completed their initial reports and the final document was reviewed by the SNMMI Board of Directors during their Spring 2014 meeting. After several edits by both the ACR and SNMMI, the Task Force now has a newly revised document that is shorter. This will be forwarded to the ACR for their Board of Directors to approve, and then it will be forwarded to the SNMMI Board of Directors for final approval at the 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting. Upon approval, the statement will be published in the Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM) and the Journal of American College of Radiology (JACR). The next body part the Task Force plans to cover is head and neck.

c. **Tracer Encyclopedia** (Chair: Bennett Greenspan, MD, FACNM, FACR)

   The task force has created a total of twelve (12) tracer guides. The most recent of these tracer guides (C-11 PIB, C-11 Choline, F-18 Flutemetamol, and C-11 Acetate) were recently approved by the PET CoE BOD. The task force intends to complete work on 4 new tracers in the next year, likely to include Rb-82, F-18 EF5 or FAZA, hypoxia agents and Ga-68 DOTATATE. It was also suggested that the task force members update the

d. **PET/MR Roadmap Task Force** (Co-chairs: Andrei Iagaru, MD and Ryan Niederkohr, MD)

   The task force continues to organize and present educational sessions at both midwinter and annual meetings (see above) and has forged a new collaborative relationship with International Society for
Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM) to establish long-term educational collaborations. The taskforce will also continue work to establish PET/MRI procedure and reimbursement guidelines with intent to develop content which may be posted on PET CoE and/or PET PROS website(s).

e. **Guidelines and Appropriate Use Criteria Task Force** (co-chaired by Ryan Niederkohr, MD and Katherine Zukotynski, MD) – Replaces the previous successfully completed Quality and Reporting Task Force (also co-chaired by Ryan Niederkohr, MD and Katherine Zukotynski, MD); the TF will work closely with the Guidelines Cmte and initial discussions have been completed [This TF contributes to Goal D of the SNMMI Strategic Plan]

f. **Treatment Response Using PET Task Force**
   This taskforce, previously co-chaired by John O. Prior, MD, PhD and Hubert J. Vesselle, MD, PhD (who have rotated off the PET CoE BOD), will be taken over by new co-chairs Katherine Zukotynski, MD and Erik Mittra, MD, PhD. The intent of this new taskforce is to summarize existing evidence-based response criteria data for various cancers and examine development of novel response criteria. Work may be published in JNM (with considering given to CME/SAM articles) and/or on PET CoE website. Drs. Helen Nadel and Delphine Chen have agreed to serve on this Task Force.

g. **PET COE Intern,** David M. Naeger, MD is finalizing a PQI / MOC Part IV project and continues work on updating and improving the PET CoE website.

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