A Preview of SNM’s 57th Annual Meeting

By Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, MHA, CNMT, PET, RT(N), FSNMTS, SNMTS Program Chair

Salt Lake City, Utah, the scene for the 2002 Winter Olympics, is also the venue for the SNM Annual Meeting, June 5–9, 2010. This is one meeting sure to impress and perhaps win a medal for being one of the best ever. No snow, but plenty of show. Come and experience educational lectures from well-known experts Peter S. Conti, MD, PhD, and Robert W. Atcher, PhD, MBA—and also learn about clinical trials from SNM’s Clinical Trials Network.

Attend the SNMTS plenary session starting at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 5. Meet a truly inspirational man who took tragedy and turned it into personal achievement. Mike Schlappi, a Paralympic gold medalist, will be there to inspire you with his story of being confined to a wheelchair with a shining scholarship-filled future. His tools of attitude and survival could aid you in your personal issues with the Tc-99m shortage, layoffs and job shortages. See Mike’s gold medals and take home his message of endurance.

Short on time? Come just for one day and sign up for a Saturday categorical, including one of four CE sessions that follow immediately. Have two days? Sign up for the weekend and enjoy a Saturday categorical, one of four Saturday evening CE sessions and take in the Sunday sessions. Annual Meeting attendees

Message From the SNMTS President

By Cybil J. Nielsen, MBA, CNMT

The 2010 SNM Annual Meeting, to be held June 5–9, in Salt Lake City, Utah, is shaping up to be a fun and exciting meeting. Here are some highlights: CT Learning for Technologists: From “Bunny Hills to Black Diamonds” (categorical course, SNMTS); “Are You Smarter Than a Technologist Student” (special session); and—of course—the Technologists’ Party on Tuesday night! If it’s your first Annual Meeting—no problem! Join us at the First Timers’ Brunch on Sunday, June 6, for an overview on how to navigate your way through the meeting.

As the 2009–2010 Board year comes to an end this June, I would like to personally thank the SNMTS Committee and Task Force Chairs, as well as the SNMTS Executive Board and National Council of Representatives.

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To call Miriam K. Miller an icon in the field of nuclear medicine technology may not be giving her enough credit. A better description would be the “Grandmother of Technologists.”

She officially retired in 1998 after working in the field of nuclear medicine for more than 35 years, but she doesn’t let a little thing like that slow her down.

Miller’s resume reads like a history of the profession. She graduated from Philadelphia General Hospital in 1950 as an X-ray technologist. In 1952, she went into the missionary community and then to Korea for four years—with the intention of working in X-ray.

In 1961, Miller returned from Korea and began working as a radiation therapist in Philadelphia. “Back in those days, there weren’t all the different areas of specialty,” she said. “You trained in radiology and did it all.”

By 1963, Miller had been invited to work at Hahnemann Hospital in nuclear medicine doing tests such as thyroid uptakes, liver scans and radioimmunoassay. She proudly notes that she took the very first American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam in nuclear medicine. “The ARRT started their new registrant numbers for nuclear medicine at 100,” she laughed. “My number is 103.”

Miller also took the very first exam offered by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB).

In 1981, she moved into the academic arena, when she founded the School of Nuclear Medicine Technology at Saint Joseph Hospital in Towson, Md. While there, she attended Towson University and obtained a master’s degree.

From that point on, Miller’s career focused on the educational aspects of nuclear medicine, and after teaching at several institutions, she settled at the George Washington University, where she taught until she retired in 1998.

Miller’s involvement with SNM began early in her career. In 1963, she became a member of SNM, and in 1972, she was a charter member of the Technologist Section. She was active not only on the national level, but served as president of the Greater New York Chapter in 1973, secretary of the Maryland Association in 1982 and secretary of the Mid-East Chapter in 1990.

In addition, she served on numerous committees on both the national and chapter levels over the years.

Not only was she active in SNMTS, she was also involved as an item writer for the NMTCB and then the director of the NMTCB from 1992 until 1999. She also served as a site evaluator for the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology for many years in the 1990s.

During her lifetime in the industry, Miriam Miller has been there and done that in every aspect of nuclear medicine. “As far as I know,” she said, “I’m probably the oldest living technologist in the SNMTS.”

She feels very lucky to have gotten into the field in its infancy and watch it grow. “It’s been a great life and by being active within the society and the field, I’ve been lucky to make an awful lot of good friends.”

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) is seeking applicants to serve on its Board of Directors. This is an excellent opportunity to become involved in one of the more challenging and important areas of your profession—establishing standards of professional competency.

Interested certified nuclear medicine technologists (CNMT) may request an application form, and may direct any questions to David Perry, Executive Director, at (800) 659-3953 or via email to board@nmtcb.org. Applications are also available on the NMTCB website at www.nmtcb.org under the tab, “Resources.”

Completed applications received by August 15, 2010, will be reviewed at the fall NMTCB Board meeting. The four-year term for the newly elected director will begin on Jan. 1, 2011.
CARE Bill

SNMTS agrees that the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (CARE) Act of 2009 (H.R. 3652) would greatly improve on the current lack of minimum federal standards required of personnel performing medical imaging and therapeutic procedures in the United States. The lack of minimum federal standards allows inadequately trained personnel to perform medical imaging and therapeutic procedures in the United States every day. Poor quality images can lead to misdiagnosis, additional testing, delays in treatment and anxiety to patients, costing the U.S. health care system millions of dollars each year.

SNMTS will continue to support the CARE bill under the condition that the Alliance for Quality Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (Alliance)—a coalition of 25 health care organizations dedicated to the provision of safe, high-quality medical imaging and radiation therapy—continues to work toward increasing the educational and credentialing standards set by accrediting organizations. As the CARE bill is currently written, only those who perform medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures in facilities not covered by the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) will be required to meet minimum federal education and credentialing standards in order to participate in federal health programs administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, including Medicare and Medicaid. This leaves a loophole for some nuclear medicine, CT and MR technologists to practice without proper training and credentialing if they are working in outpatient facilities and their accreditation standards do not require it.

It is vital that the Alliance, and more specifically, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and SNMTS, work together to ensure accrediting organizations, recognized under MIPPA, such as the Joint Commission, American College of Radiology (ACR) and the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC), make their standards at least as strict as what is required in the CARE bill.

Health Care Reform

On March 30, 2010, President Obama signed the final piece of health care reform legislation, the “Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act,” into law. This was the last step in the long health care reform process. The law’s effects on each individual will vary depending on your age, income, and whether you are uninsured, obtain insurance through your employer, purchase individual insurance or are eligible for Medicare or Medicaid. SNM is currently working on a summary that will detail how the legislation will affect nuclear medicine and molecular imaging. Please continue to check www.snm.org for more details.

The Technetium-99m Shortage

The Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) has announced that repairs being made to the National Research Universal (NRU) Reactor have been delayed even further, pushing back the expected restart date which had previously been set for mid-May. Once the reactor has been returned to service, the first medical isotopes will begin to be removed from the NRU for processing and distribution within 10 days.

The High Flux Reactor in Petten was taken out of service on Feb. 19, 2010. Although the first steps for repair are underway, the reactor is not planned to restart until the second half of August 2010.

The shutdowns continue to cause supply problems of Tc-99m in the United States as manufacturers try to do the best they can to ensure delivery of this very important product. Please check SNM’s Domestic Isotope Availability page at www.snm.org for more information.

May 27–30
Canadian Association of Radiation Medical Technologists Annual Meeting, Quebec City, Quebec
Host: CAMRT
Contact: Lise Hodgson, CAMRT Conference Coordinator, (800) 463-9729, ext. 235

June 5–9
SNM 57th Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah
Host: SNM
Contact: SNM Meetings Info, MeetingInfo@snm.org, (703) 708-9000, ext. 1229

June 7–11
Radiation Safety Officer Training for Laboratory Professionals, Boston, Mass.
Host: Harvard School of Public Health
Contact: Maida Omerovic, Contedu@hsph.harvard.edu, (617) 384-8692

June 28—July 2
Leading myocardial perfusion stress testing for technologists, nurses and medical staff, London,
United Kingdom
Host: Guys and St. Thomas NHS Foundation Trust
Contact: Rob Williams, rob.williams@gtt.nhs.uk, +44 207 1884 084

July 16–18
2010 PET Review and Mock Exam, St. Louis, Mo.
Host: SNM
Contact: SNM Meetings Info, MeetingInfo@snm.org, (703) 708-9000, ext. 1229

July 17–18
Viva Las Vegas - 2010, Las Vegas, Nev.
Host: Pacific Southwest Technologist Chapter
Contact: Susan Gavel, sgavel@socal.rr.com, (718) 676-4107

Sept. 30—Oct. 3
Central Chapter & Missouri Valley Chapter Conjoint Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.
Host: Central Chapter SNM & MVC SNM
Contact: Merle Hedland, mhedland@ccsnm.org

Oct. 21–24
35th Annual Western Regional SNM Meeting, Garden City, Calif.
Hosts: PSW, PSWT, PNW, NC
Contact: Susan Hogeboom, wrsnm@cs.com, (425) 893-8410

Oct. 22–24
Host: Greater New York and New England Chapters, SNM
Contact: Mitchell Stromer, mitt360@aol.com, (718) 405-8468

Oct. 28–31
Southeastern Chapter – SNM 2010 Annual Meeting, Durham, N.C.
Host: Southeastern Chapter, SNM
Contact: Merle Hedland, mhedland@secsnm.org, (630) 323-7214
The Leadership Academy

By LeRoy (Chip) Stecker, III, CNMT, SNMTS Professional Development Chair and SNMTS Secretary

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peaking on behalf of SNMTS leadership, we look forward to the 4th Annual SNMTS/IBA Leadership Academy scheduled for mid-October 2010, as we have been thrilled with the results to-date from this pioneering program. The first Leadership Academy, held in Berkley, Calif., in 2007, was the starting point for many of the leaders that are involved in SNMTS today.

Three years later, it is no surprise that the Leadership Academy has become the centerpiece of the SNMTS leadership development strategy. The Academy has actively worked to assemble a group of 15–20 technologists per year with demonstrated leadership abilities and engagement at the national and/or chapter level. The SNMTS Leadership Academy’s training has focused on setting a clear plan for increasing leadership abilities by developing the necessary skills and organizational expertise to enhance chapter performance and ultimately evolve to national leadership. The Leadership Academy is a venue where current and emerging leaders gain knowledge in fundamental leadership techniques from professionally recognized leadership groups as well as current SNMTS leadership.

With more than 38 graduates to-date, the success stories are numerous:

2007 Leadership Academy
1. Lauren Cabral (New England) – Member-at-Large (SNMTS Executive Board) and SNMTS Program Committee Co-Chair
2. Christina Cook (Central Chapter – Delegate-at-Large (SNMTS National Council)
3. Marcia Hess-Smith (Missouri Valley) – Member-at-Large (SNMTS Executive Board) and SNMTS Advocacy Committee Co-Chair
4. Seyed Mohammadi (Pittsburgh) – Emerging Technologies Specialty Area Representative (SNMTS National Council)
5. Laura Norman (Southeastern) – Chapter President, Delegate-at-Large (SNMTS National Council) and Local Organization Task Force Chair
6. Billy Wentling (Eastern Great Lakes) – Education Specialty Area Representative (SNMTS National Council)
7. Paul Reaume (Central) – Delegate-at-Large (SNMTS National Council) and past Professional Development Task Force Chair
8. Ellie Zimmer (Greater New York) – 2009 Program Committee Chair and Chapter President

2008 Leadership Academy
1. Angela Macci Bires (Pittsburgh) – PDTO Session Organizer and Professional Development Task Force member
2. Douglas Borsich (Pittsburgh) – Advocacy Committee member
3. Crystal Botkin (Missouri Valley) – Educators Committee Co-Chair
4. Elizabeth Hackett (Greater New York) – Professional Development and Young Professionals Committee
5. Sara Johnson (Pacific Southwest) – CE Committee Chair
6. Nancy McDonald (Southeastern) – Chapter President and 2010 Candidate for National Office
7. Rebecca Sajdak (Central) – Delegate-at-Large (SNMTS National Council)
8. Aaron Scott (Southeastern) – Chapter Immediate Past President and Member-at-Large (SNMTS Executive Board)
9. Anthony Sicignano (New England) – Chapter President and 2010 Candidate for National Office
10. LeRoy (Chip) Stecker (Southeastern) – SNMTS Secretary, and Chair, Professional Development Task Force
11. James Timpe (Central) – Professional Development and Education Fund (PDEF) SNMTS representative
12. David Urani (Central) – Finance Committee Chair (3-year term)

2009 Leadership Academy
1. Sherry A. Reuter (Pacific Southwest) – 2010 Candidate for National Office
3. Lisa M. Riehle (Central) – Student Membership Task Force Member
4. Cynae G. Derose (Central) – Chapter Leadership
6. Aileen M. Staffaroni (Central) – Nuclear Medicine Week Task Force Member
7. Laura A. Wall (Pittsburgh) – 2010 Candidate for National Office

Again this year, the Leadership Academy is supported by a generous donation from IBA Molecular. This unique partnership has allowed SNMTS to expand the Academy to include 15 bright SNMTS members to prepare for our leadership of tomorrow. In addition, Philips will also be contributing two attendee scholarships to help offset travel costs.

The application process is now underway for the 2010 Leadership Academy! If you have ever thought of getting involved to help guide our profession into the future, this is a wonderful way to start. Please visit the Leadership Academy website at http://interactive.snm.org/index.cfm?PageID=9486. The application deadline for the 2010 Leadership Academy was May 10, 2010. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the academy during the SNMTS Business Meeting, which will be held during SNM’s Annual Meeting, June 7, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or the academy, please contact Nikki Wenzel-Lamb, MBA, SNMTS Administrator, by telephone at 703-652-6766 or by e-mail at nwenzel@snm.org.

This is the first step in securing your position within the leadership of the SNMTS.
Greetings to all the student technologists out there. After a successful Mid-Winter Meeting, SNM is now turning its attention to the June 2010 Annual Meeting that is taking place in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah. This event is both one of the largest and most important meetings of the year for technologists, physicians, researchers and other health care professionals involved in nuclear medicine.

For those of us in the nuclear medicine community, this year has proven to be challenging on many fronts. Many of you have been affected by the ongoing worldwide isotope shortage that will continue into the foreseeable future. This shortage has forced departments in every hospital and outpatient clinic to reexamine the number of studies they are able to perform according to whether or not technetium-99m (Tc-99m) is available. In conjunction with the isotope shortage, there has also been a widespread decrease in the number of graduates procuring full-time nuclear medicine technologist jobs due to the economic downturn. However, as history has shown, things will turn around and these challenges will begin to pass.

With all of these factors in mind, I believe that the Annual Meeting can provide students with a number of benefits to help them stay ahead and advance their nuclear medicine careers. Some of you may view the Annual Meeting as just another conference technologists attend to earn continuing education credits. This meeting offers so much more than that. From the time you arrive, you are a part of one of the largest gatherings of nuclear medicine colleagues from all over the country and the world. As a student, this means you have invaluable opportunities to network with technologists, physicians, researchers and vendors. With the current shortage of jobs, networking is a great way to get connected with others and gain an advantage in your job search.

For those of you who fear that such a large meeting may be overwhelming to navigate, SNMTS leadership is here to help. SNMTS has a first-timers brunch designed to help those individuals plan their way through the meeting so they don’t miss any key programs. For example, the registry board review is a great review course that covers everything you may encounter when you are ready to take your boards. SNMTS leadership will also be available to answer any of your other questions and help make sure you get the most out of your first annual meeting.

Perhaps the greatest opportunity available to students is the SNMTS Student Travel Award. These awards are $1,000 travel grants that are given to students from around the country who submitted abstracts. This year, 19 students have been awarded these grants and will have the opportunity to present their topics at the Annual Meeting. This is not only a great experience, but also a chance to exhibit their hard work to other students and nuclear medicine technologists.

Overall, the Annual Meeting is the showcase event meant to meet new people, educate nuclear medicine technologists and advance the field of nuclear medicine. It is unlike any other meeting that you will attend. I encourage all students to check it out. I hope to see you there!
Changes to the VOICE Guidelines

The SNMTS Continuing Education Committee and Executive Board approved the following changes to the VOICE Guidelines in March. The following changes are effective April 1, 2010.

Self-Study Programs

Clarified the minimum number of post-test questions required for self-study activities. A post-test with a minimum of 10 questions for each continuing education hour is required for all self-study activities—audiotape, videotape/DVD, CD ROMs or Web programs.

Responsibilities of VOICE Activity Participants and SNMTS members attending CE courses approved by other RCEEMs and SNMTS Education Office

Clarified the requirement for submitting certificates for education credits awarded by other RCEEMs. All CE certificates submitted must include: the RCEEM sponsor contact information, including name, address, phone/fax and e-mail address. SNMTS will notify RCEEM sponsor of any discrepancies. SNMTS will maintain on file all submitted continuing education credits from other RCEEMs for a period of three years following the date of the activity.

Glossary of Terms

Added a definition of “ethical violation” to the VOICE Guidelines Glossary of Terms.

PET Review Workshop

A PET Review Workshop will be held July 16–18 in St. Louis at the Marriott St. Louis Union Station. This workshop is designed to assist nuclear medicine professionals develop the required level of understanding in PET and PET/CT in preparation for sitting for the NMTCB’s PET exam. The three-day program will include comprehensive lectures covering all topics in the NMTCB’s PET content outline and will conclude with a mock exam.

For more information, visit www.snm.org/education.

2008 Annual Meeting CE Credits

On July 1, SNM will close its 55th Annual Meeting evaluation website. If you attended the meeting and have not reviewed your VOICE transcript, please check to verify that you received CE credits for all sessions that were designated for technologist CE credits. If credits are missing from your transcript, you need to evaluate your sessions at www.snm.org/evaluation. You will need your Membership or Registration ID to access this page. If you are not a member of SNMTS, please e-mail the Education Department at education@snm.org or awallace@snm.org. After you have evaluated the session, your VOICE transcript will be automatically updated and you will be able to print your CE credit certificate. If the CE credits are not accurate on your certificate or if you have questions regarding the VOICE credits received, please e-mail the Education Department.

Call for Applicants:
Editor, Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology

The editorship of the journal is a five-year appointment that involves commitment to a very demanding yet immensely rewarding position.

Published quarterly, JNMT focuses on technology, quality assurance, radiation safety, and the clinical applications of nuclear medicine. Each issue features continuing education articles written by leading educators in nuclear medicine technology as well as news and updates on practice, licensure, and credentialing for nuclear medicine technologists. Practitioners from across the imaging sciences turn to JNMT for peer-reviewed information related to daily clinical practice.

Term: January 2012 – December 2016
Transition period begins: July 2011
Application Deadline: November 1, 2010

To request application materials or receive further information, please contact:

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have the opportunity to attend the late Saturday CE sessions and all of the great sessions through Wednesday.

One of Saturday’s categoricals includes an excellent session of lectures called “Bunny Hills to Black Diamonds,” which will take you on a journey through the basics of computed tomography. This is an excellent way to learn more about the latest introduction to nuclear medicine.

Another stand-out Saturday categorical hosts experts Neil Petry, RPh, from Duke University; Michele Beauvais, RPh, from Baylor; and Sally Schwartz, RPh, of Washington University in St. Louis discussing USP <797>. The “Earning the Gold Medal for Compliance” categorical also consists of clinical and nuclear medicine radiopharmaceuticals.

“Nuclear Cardiology with Olympic Standards” includes renowned speakers James Patton, PhD; Albert Sinusas, MD; Mary Beth Farrell, MS, CNMT, NCT, RT(N); Danny Basso, CNMT, NCT, FSNMTS; Jack Ziffer, MD; Robert Pagnanelli, BS, RT(R)(N), CNMT, NCT; and Salvador Borges-Neto, MD. If cardiology is your passion, this is where you need to be on Saturday for the categorical.

One of the hardest decisions for all Saturday evening attendees will be what to attend late Saturday afternoon. Four strong CE sessions will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and will host speakers such as Danny Basso discussing health care reform’s effect on nuclear medicine and Sharmila Dorbala, MD, from Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston lecturing on CT cardiac studies just for starters. Other 90-minute sessions will focus on therapy and radiation safety.

On Sunday, continuing education opportunities are numerous. The SNM plenary session is a must-attend, exciting opportunity that commences the opening of the SNM Annual Meeting on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. See the highlights of the meeting and feel the excitement and anticipation of the kickoff with a keynote speaker and host of leaders in our industry. Technologist scientific paper sessions start at 2:30 p.m. Come to hear what your fellow colleagues are doing in the field. SNMTS is hosting many CE sessions, such as ictal brain imaging, managing department finances, along with marketing and resource development by Val Cronin, CNMT, FSNMTS. A discussion on nuclear medicine therapy is attractive due to its content on liver lesion ablation and alpha particle therapy.

Coding expert and consultant Denise Merlino, MBA, CNMT, FSNMTS, CPC, will be speaking on Monday and she has information to share that you do not want to miss. Robert Pagnanelli from Duke University has created fantastic cardiology educational sessions for you to attend, including Saturday categoricals and individual CE sessions on each day that follows. For those who need radiation safety and therapy CEs, there will be plenty to choose from and fulfill your state licensure needs.

Are you smarter than a technologist student? Want to prove it? On Tuesday afternoon, come to the 90-minute session to find out. Brush up before the session by attending CE sessions like parts 3 and 4 of “Current Problems, Controversies and Techniques in Nuclear Medicine” or the “Therapy in Nuclear Medicine” session part 3. But if you know it all, sit in on a professional development session called the “Business of Health Care, Leadership and Conflict Managing” to tailor your personal work survival needs.

SNMTS will host the Technologist Party on Tuesday evening, June 8, at the Grand American Hotel. This year’s theme is the “Technologist Tailgate Party” and you’re strongly encouraged to wear that letter sweater you have stashed away in the closet. Wear your football jersey, cheerleader sweater, band jacket—anything from your alum. Expect to have fun!

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**Local Organization Task Force** – Laura Norman, CNMT, PET

**Student Membership Task Force** – Vesper Grantham, MEd, CNMT, RT(N)

**Nominating Committee** – Mark Wallenmeyer, MBA, CNMT, RT(N)

**Nuclear Medicine Week Task Force** – Kathy Hunt, MS, CNMT

**Professional Development Task Force** – LeRoy (Chip) Stecker, III, CNMT

**Program Committee** – Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, MHA, CNMT, PET, RT(N), FSNMTS

**Publications Committee** – Glen Heggie, RT(N), EdD, FCAMRT

These committee chairs, appointed last June, were asked to begin implementing the new strategic plan—and believe me, they wasted no time getting to work! The accomplishments of these chairs and their committees are extraordinary. In addition, the Executive Board and NCOR were able to set several new policies and participate in several important strategic discussions that will help foster the advancement of nuclear medicine technologists.

SNMTS has moved into a new position within the field and I am hopeful that with the continued support of these 12 committee chairs and the members of the Executive Board and NCOR, the future of SNMTS will be brighter than ever. Thank you all again for your dedication and hard work over the past year. You have made it a pleasure to serve you as president.

To that end, I would like to thank Kathy Hunt, MS, CNMT, SNMTS president-elect, for her continuous support and guidance over the past year. Her tireless efforts and thoughtful discussions were a wonderful addition to the SNMTS Leadership Team. I have no doubt that SNMTS will be in good hands when Kathy takes office this June. I would also like to thank Mark Wallenmeyer, MBA, CNMT, immediate past-president, for his mentoring and guidance as I assumed the role of the presidency.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the SNMTS members for their support of SNMTS. The past several years have daunted most organizations with a decrease in membership and programming set-backs. However, SNMTS continues to thrive, with new and innovative ideas and programs. I will look back fondly on my year as president and know that SNMTS is where it is today because of all of you.

Thank you again for letting me serve as your president; it has truly been an honor. ■
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