

## Advanced Associate Council Goals

### Goal 1: (100% Completed)

Hold a stakeholder meeting to discuss support for NMAA programs involving technologists current NMAA program directors, private practice nuclear medicine physicians, interested technologists, cardiologists, oncologists, a representative from the JRCNMT, a representative from the NMTCB, a representative from the licensure side and representative from the NMTCB Program a Directors. The purpose of this meeting is to further explore how develop new NMAA training programs. The path to programmatic accreditation on the graduate needs to be addressed as well as how to assist exiting NM technologist Program Directors to consider developing NMAA training programs. This meeting will require support from SNMMI.

#### **SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal D: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.
- Goal E: Support and enhance the professional workforce and environment.

**Current Progress:** The participants by category have been developed and sent to staff. Meeting to be held prior to SNNMI Annual Meeting. Awaiting staff action on location (Chicago or St Louis preferred). Ready to contact potential participants as soon as staff selects location. Agenda under development. 1st Q 2015 The meeting has been held and a white paper from the meeting in preparation reflecting the recommendations of the stakeholders. As of 4th Q 2015 White paper has been sent out to stakeholders for final edits. All Edits have been completed, waiting on SNMMI BOD approval for publishing. (Updated: 05/02/2016)

**Next Steps:** Publish white paper in JNMT March 2016 Missed March deadline due to new edits. Goal is to publish by fall 2016 (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 2: (60% Completed)

Send a survey to SNMMI members to evaluate the NMAA job market and how NMAAs could be utilized to best support practice. This survey will require support from SNMMI.

#### **SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal E: Support and enhance the professional workforce and environment.

**Current Progress:** As of 4th Q 2015 NMAA survey was sent to NMAAs. Program committee is developing SNMMI Tech and physician surveys currently. Results being tabulated from NMAA survey (Updated: 05/02/2016)

**Next Steps:** Send out finalized Survey to SNMMI and SNMMI-TS members prior to Annual meeting Wtg on program committee to finalize physician and tech surveys (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 3: (30% Completed)

Continue to work on and update the NMAA scope of practice as the field develops. The original Scope of Practice was instituted before practicing NMAAs were reality. Now, with more NMAAs entering the job market, the scope may be altered to more accurately reflect how NMAAs are deployed.

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- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
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**Current Progress:** Deferred until after the stakeholder meeting. 12/2015 we have received info from NMAA survey to incorporate into this task After several discussions, consensus is to wait until more NMAAs have entered the field. (Updated: 05/02/2016)

**Next Steps:** Data from survey will be used to support a portion of this report. The results of the stakeholder meeting will play heavily into this activity. 12/2015 working with UAMS and NMTCB with NMAA survey results Consensus with UAMS that SOP update should wait until more NMAAs have entered the field (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 4: (100% Completed)

Continue awareness campaigns for the NMAA to achieve support and membership from physicians, NMAAs, and nuclear medicine technologists. These campaigns may include educational activities, participation in the roadshows, and the job survey.

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- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal D: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.

**Current Progress:** Deferred. Newsletter completed. Awaiting publication. as of 1/2016 we have published 2 more AAC newsletters, Q/A published in SNMMI uptake, NMTCB newsletter featuring NMAA graduate essay "Who, What, Why of the the NMAA. Flyers sent out to 3 chapter meetings and 1 regional meeting as well as previous 2 annual meetings of the SNMMI. Open policy for any AAC member to request flyers for nuclear medicine related meetings. Publish White Paper from Stakeholders in 3/2016. 2015 roadshow inclusion. Free trial memberships voted on and recently passed for students and preceptors. (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** Deferred until major activities listed above are completed. Continue periodic newsletters 12/2015 continue advocacy on all levels. (Updated: 01/08/2016)

### Goal 5: (50% Completed)

Investigate funding opportunities for council operation

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**Current Progress:** 2016 Business plan Additional support was requested for the professional survey (\$10,000) from the SNMMI. In addition to the usual support provided by SNMMI headquarters, the AAC requests support for the proposed survey. (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** waiting on approval of funds. waiting on approval for funds (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 6: (50% Completed)

Work with the SNMMI/SNMMITS Government Relations committees to ensure proper legislative language in states where students are accepted to any program

**SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

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- Goal E: Support and enhance the professional workforce and environment.

**Current Progress:** 2015 Missouri bill failed, however new bill for 2016 introduced into HR. Current effort in Jefferson city with MoSRT and MVC SNMMI (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** If we are successful in Missouri then we will forward the legislative language to government relations for creation of model legislation. Help re-introduce bill in Missouri, Extend olive branch to ASRT and gain access to RA medicare reimbursement bill. Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act of 2016 was introduced on Feb. 25 by Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) as H.R. 4614 and a Senate companion bill will soon be introduced by Sen. John Boozman (R-AR). (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 7: (0% Completed)

Advocate for scholarships of the NMAA students.

**SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal E: Support and enhance the professional workforce and environment.

**Current Progress:** Not enough students (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** Need to increase student enrollment! Currently working on increasing student enrollment... (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 8: (60% Completed)

Develop a speaker's bureau for NMAA/advanced practice issues and make that list available through the website.

**SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal D: Advance and promote quality, value and safety of Molecular Imaging and Nuclear Medicine.

**Current Progress:** Program committee has been task with this and is in the process of collecting names. The AAC sponsored two sessions at the 2015 Annual Meeting: o The NMAA and the Application of the Mid-Level Provider Services in the Detection of Pathological Processes with Functional Imaging o Metabolic Imaging AAC talk at MWM tech session about NMAA AAC sponsored Session at 2016 Annual Meeting on both physician and technologist tracks has been approved. (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** Underway. Currently being constructed by program committee (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 9: (60% Completed)

Establish an annotated directory of supporters, resources, and needs.

#### **SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal E: Support and enhance the professional workforce and environment.

**Current Progress:** Currently updating website. Will add the Speakers Bureau, selected talks, and Forms (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** Underway Have added New NMAA survey results. Working on FAQs page. Adding proposed legislative bills that include NMAA language. (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 10: (50% Completed)

Develop resources for continued financial, academic, and professional support

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**Current Progress:** Have entered preliminary discussions with potential interests in new NMAA program (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** Working as intermediary between UAMS and interested party . Provided a joint presentation with UAMS and Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences on March 30th that included 4 NMT programs. (Updated: 05/02/2016)

### Goal 11: (100% Completed)

Continue to develop the council website to make information regarding NMAAs widely available on the internet. A member of the council will work closely with SNMMI staff to review and improve the content of the website.

#### **SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal A: Advance the development and approval of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal B: Facilitate and support the availability and clinical utilization of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.
- Goal E: Support and enhance the professional workforce and environment.

**Current Progress:** the web site has recently been updated with current information. The web site has more information than it did previously. We need staff support to complete this and other goals. We had significant staff turnover. As 4th Quarter 2015, We have held calls and enhanced the website. We are adding a FAQs page and new resources for NMAAs (Updated: 01/08/2016)

**Next Steps:** keep site current (Updated: 12/30/2014)

## **Goal 12:** (10% Completed)

Work with NMTCB to develop criteria for defining standards programs must meet for interns to be eligible to sit for the NMAA exam.

### **SNMMI Strategic Plan Goals that relates to this goal:**

- Goal A: Advance the development and approval of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging technologies.

**Current Progress:** Recently defined task force. (Updated: 05/02/2016)

**Next Steps:** Hold task force meeting and create rough draft of standards. (Updated: 05/02/2016)