

**Advanced Associate Council
Board of Directors and Business Meeting**
SNMMI 2018 Annual Meeting
Saturday June 23, 2018 Pennsylvania Convention Center

Minutes - Approved

Members in Attendance: Darko Pucar, MD, PhD; Krystle W. Glasgow, MIS, CNMT, NMAA; Jon Baldwin, MD; Linda Fielding, MD; Katie Neal, BS, MS

Members not in attendance: Vicki LaRue, MIS, NMAA; Richard D. Siska, Sr., NMAA, MIS, BSNM, NCT; Earl D. Love, JR, CNMT, ARRT(N); Cybil Nielsen, MBA, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS; Tricia Peters, BS, CNMT, PET, R(CT); Frederick Grant, MD

Guests in attendance: Norman Bolus, MSPH, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS; Mary Anne Owen, MHE, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS; Karen Owens; Isabel Brain (Rutgers University)

Staff in Attendance: K. Malaika Walton

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Darko Pucar, MD, PhD, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.
2. **Administrative Items**
 - a. Dr. Pucar noted that there were no minutes from the previous meetings, as the SNMMI Staff and members are compiling the information and will provide for full board approval in the coming months.
 - b. Krystle W. Glasgow, MIS, CNMT, NMAA reviewed the membership and finance reports, with no comments from the board members.
3. **Educational Activities**
 - a. Dr. Pucar noted the AAC was sponsoring one CE session at the Annual Meeting (CE31: Basic Anatomy and Imaging Parameters for CTMR in the Role of Fusion Imaging), with presentations by Linda Fielding, MD and himself.
 - b. The board discussed the call for proposals for the 2019 Mid-Winter meeting. The group agreed to submit two proposals:
 - One clinical oriented, possibly with “odd: cases for discussion
 - One to discuss the status of the NMAA.

4. Recognition of AAC Officers and Board Members

Dr. Pucar noted the incoming and outgoing board members in 2018:

Newly-elected:

Kristina Hoque, MS, MD, PhD, June 2018 – June 2020

Blaine Norton, MIS, RRA, RT(R), CNMT, NMAA, RSO, June 2018 – June 2020

Mary Anne Owen, MHE, RT(N), FSNMMITS, June 2018 – June 2020

Outgoing:

Linda Fielding, MD, - Board Member, June 2017 – June 2018

Cybil Nielsen, MBA, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS, - Board Member, June 2016 - 2018

J Earl D. Love, JR, CNMT, ARRT(N) – Board Member June 2017 – June 2018

5. New Business

- a. A guest attendee, Isabel Breen of Rutgers University, explained there is interest at Rutgers to introduce an NMAA program. The university is phasing out its Nuclear Medicine technologist program, with the last group ending in December, but would like to move to a masters program. The university already has a PA and RA program. Ms. Brain said she is in the organizational stage and expected to finalize her proposal for a master's program in January 2019.

Norman Bolus, MSPH, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS noted that at University of Alabama they have most of the pieces in place to launch an NMAA program, but were still seeking senior leadership support for the initiative.

The group noted that NMAA programs could be ideal for technologists / students excited about nuclear medicine who were also seeking an upward movement and advanced degrees. It could be similar to the PA model.

The group also discussed the need to determine what would be sufficient clinical training hours, particularly for individuals coming right out of a BS or MS program.

Finally, the group noted that prospective employers need to be identified for individuals completing an NMAA, so they could be employed in the role intended. It was suggested that a survey could be conducted on graduates of the NMAA program to determine how they are practicing.

- b. The group reviewed the materials in the agenda related to the SNMMI resident website, SNMMI Connect and Mentor Match.
- c. Jon Baldwin, MD noted that the SNMMI is in danger of losing its representation in the AMA due to the low percentage of SNMMI physician members who have joined the AMA. He encouraged those present to join the AMA if eligible, or to encourage their nuclear medicine physician colleagues to join the AMA.

6. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm