PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The meeting in Arlington was well attended with over 330 registered physicians, technologists, pharmacists, and students. The location near Six Flags over Texas was attractive to many who came with their families. The Vendors Hall was filled each day with attendees interested in the latest items available to make imaging more sensitive, reporting more efficient, and record keeping and storage easier.

Speakers came from inside the Southwest Chapter as well as from other areas. Norman Bolus, National President of the Technologists Section, was available to discuss personal and professional issues all week.

The upcoming Annual Meeting of the SNMMI will be held in Anaheim, California. The hotels and convention center are within a mile of Disneyland. Again, a fine chance for families to come and be entertained! Make your reservations now for June 22-25.

It is a well-kept secret that there are several grants awarded to students and technologists who intend to go to the Annual Meeting which are out of reach due to cost constraints. It is

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- Welcome back Deborah Havens after a lengthy but successful battle against cancer. Deborah was presented the Distinguished Member Award (first of its kind) at the meeting in Arlington. She will be at the Fall Seminar in Shreveport, working as usual.
- The Annual Meeting of the SNMMI is just around the corner. Several officers will be working the meeting: Melissa Andrews is on the Program Committee, Julie Koehn is our HOD and NCOR representative, and Joel Culver is Southwest Chapter President and attending Chapter Committee meetings. We will report findings in the upcoming newsletter.
- A recent survey was conducted and the results discussed in a conference of the Leadership. The survey was separated into students, non-members, and members. The results are:
  1. More females than males overall in the 5-state Chapter.
  2. The majority completing the survey were 50 years old or over.
  3. The majority wanted more online education and single-day seminars.

Thanks to all who participated. We will be working to satisfy requests in the near future. Please review the published results in the next newsletter, and respond when the next survey comes out.

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If you have any news, please submit it to:
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also not well known that many of these grants are left unawarded. As a member of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging you are entitled to apply for these grants. Please go online and take advantage of the opportunity. The ARRT also has similar grants available. Check the details out, apply, and wait for the returns. It is a chance you may be surprised to find!

As a member, you are also eligible to hold an office in the Technologists Section Board of Directors. When the Nominating Committee contacts you please be open to the opportunity: the responsibilities are minimal, the rewards are great. Committee members will begin the search soon, but please don’t wait for them to reach you if you are willing to hold office. Email the Chair of the Committee, Lucky Pantarotto, at lucrearce@msn.com for information about becoming an officer. You will be in good company.

Technologists Section members attending the Board of Directors Meeting at the Spring Meeting, Arlington.

L-R Paul English, President-Elect, Master Sgt. Jose Miranda, Nominating Committee, Jose Meza, Program Committee

Deborah Havens (left) receives Distinguished Service Award from President Lucky Pantarotto.

Texas Live! from an aerial view. Part of the entertainment nearby.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 22-25, 2019  SMMI Annual Meeting
Anaheim, CA

Sept. 28, 2019  SWC-SNMMI-TS Fall Seminar, Shreveport

Jan 23-25, 2020  SNMMI Mid-Winter Meeting, Tampa FL

April 3-5, 2020  SWC-SNMMI Annual Meeting, San Antonio