CCSNM Mission Statement
Central Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is an organization dedicated to the promotion of continued education in the art and science of nuclear medicine. Through regular meetings and scientific sessions, members from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and a portion of Ohio are provided the opportunity to not only review existing technology and methodologies, but also become familiar with newer techniques, equipment and radiopharmaceuticals and the evolving economic and regulatory issues. In this manner, the members are kept appraised of current changes in technology, its application and appropriate use, as well as the ‘business aspects’ of Nuclear Medicine.

Upcoming Meeting
2008 Fall Meeting: On the horizon: What’s “Nu” in Nuclear Medicine
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI to be held October 24-26, 2008

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Previous Meetings
2008 Spring Annual Meeting held April 4-6, 2008 at the Intercontinental Hotel Milwaukee, WI

Protecting Yourself From Liability in Medical Imaging: Providing Superior Patient Care While Reducing Your Personal Risk. Experts spoke on medical liability, regulations and compliance, patient safety, documentation and charting, ethics and practice standards, joint commission medication management standards, MRI gadolinium and NSF, iodinated contrast and Contrast Induced Nephropathy, <USP> 797, adjunctive meds in the imaging department, radiation dose considerations, OSHA regulations, research considerations, ACR and ICANL accreditation, developing safety strategies for managing medications and creating a patient-focused environment.

This meeting proved to be very successful, according to onsite, exhibitor, and pre-registration volumes, explosion in the number of submitted proffered papers, attendee and exhibitor feedback, and meeting evaluations. Attendees overwhelmingly indicated that the topics presented were applicable to their daily practice, timely and presented by some of the best speakers they have ever heard. Many noted that the speakers provided expertise from insightful perspectives, sharing invaluable tools and resources to provide better care to their patients and ensure compliance to various rules and regulations. Attendees also appreciated the opportunity to hear from Dr Sandy McEwan and Mark Wallenmeyer of the SNM and SNMTS leadership as well as chapter leadership on the future of the profession presented during the luncheon on Saturday. Chapter leadership realized a valuable point during this meeting: our attendees are tired of the same meeting format and topics and appreciated the change, proving that we should do a better job of asking our members what they need from the chapter, then provide it to them in the manner that they would like to have the material presented. Outgoing President SNMTS Paul Reaume created a task force to analyze our current meeting structure and processes and make recommendations to enhance the chapter’s efforts at meeting our mission through the promotion of continued education in the art and science of nuclear medicine.
Current Activities/Focus
♦ A Marketing Task Force is being created to analyze the current chapter meeting structure and processes and make recommendations for change in the way meetings are developed, managed, facilitated, and publicized.
♦ The CCTS is proud to provide funding for two additional scholarships through the Paul Cole Scholarship Program to be awarded to two Central Chapter technologist students.
♦ 14 Students hailing from the Central Chapter have been awarded a Paul Cole Scholarship.

Current Issues:
☐ Resolution Process Request to the SNMTS
  www. Conversations among the chapter leadership have resolved around previous actions of the governance and representative bodies of the SNM and difficulty in recalling or sharing these resolutions with our membership. Can the ongoing and past resolutions that have been passed by the NCOR and Executive Board be made available on the SNM website? Who reviews resolutions to ensure that the leadership understands previous recommendations and resolutions before moving on any item. Who reviews the resolutions to ensure outdated resolutions are sunset or readopted?

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