ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Council Mission: The Academic Council is dedicated to the scientific interchange of ideas among SNMMI members who have an interest in training and education of undergraduates and graduates in Nuclear Medicine (which includes general Nuclear Medicine, Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine, PET/CT imaging and Molecular Imaging). The overall mission of the Academic Council is to:

(a) promote medical education, research and patient care related to Nuclear Medicine,
(b) provide to membership expertise in the training and education of undergraduates and graduates in Nuclear Medicine, including in mentoring and leadership,
(c) provide a forum for members for discussion of issues and problems of mutual interest and concern within the Nuclear Medicine community, as well as an informal exchange of ideas and programs,
(d) provide outreach to other professionals and organizations,
(e) nurture new membership into the society,
(f) serve as a resource to Young Professionals in career development, and
(g) serve as a resource to SNMMI leadership.

The Academic Council is an advocate for Nuclear Medicine education and training to organized Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, as well as providing an avenue of communication for Program Directors and Coordinators to accrediting bodies, certification boards, other specialty societies, and government agencies.

Within the Council there is a subgroup of Program Directors/Associate Program Directors of Nuclear Medicine residency programs (the Nuclear Medicine Program Directors Association, NMPDA). The Academic Council is an advocate for Nuclear Medicine education and training to organized Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, as well as providing an avenue of communication for Program Directors and Coordinators to the ACGME, ABNM, other societies, and government agencies.

Council Mission and SNMMI’s Strategic Plan: The work of the Academic Council applies to the following goals and objectives in SNMMI’s Strategic Plan:

Goal C: There is an appropriate number of qualified professionals working in the field of nuclear medicine.

- Objective 1: Increase the supply of physicians qualified to practice nuclear medicine.
- Objective 4: Increase awareness of NM/MI as an appealing and rewarding field for students interested in STEM careers (all professions—physicians, technologists, scientists).

Goal F: SNMMI has the organizational strength and sustainability to lead the field in a dynamic healthcare landscape.

Objective 1: Strengthen membership numbers.
  d. Ensure enthusiasm.
  iii. Create a sense of community and networking opportunities among our members.
**Academic Council President:** Erica Cohen-Major, DO, MPH, FACNM

**Date of Last meeting:** October 2, 2020

**Date of Next meeting:**
Board of Directors Meeting – Spring 2020

**Update on Council Programs:**

- 2021 SNMMI Virtual MWM Meeting CE session:
  - COVID and Academics (in collaboration with GCNMC)

**Action Items in Progress/Pending:**

- Preparation for 2021 SNMMI Annual Meeting
- Preparation for 2021 NMRC
- Development of scholarship to promote health services research education
- Selection of 2021-2023 AC Intern
- 2021 Tom Miller Memorial Award Lectureship Recipient: Paige Bennet, MD
- 2021 AC Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Twyla Bartel, DO, MBA, FACNM
- Publication of Winter 2020 AC Newsletter
- Collaboration with AC Intern Domnique Newallo, MD and ACR Image Wisely campaign to create software that was used to create the Image Wisely Radiation Safety Cases

**Action Items Completed:** See programs above

**Recommendations/Questions for the Board of Directors:** N/A

**Other Comments:** N/A