Committee Report
SNMTS Executive Board
June 4, 2010
Committee on Bylaws

Committee Charges for 2009-2010:
1. Maintain the Bylaws and Procedures of the SNMTS.
2. Review all proposed amendments to the Bylaws and report them to the Executive Board (EB), as well as the National Council.

Current Working Objectives/Goals:
1. Update SNM Procedure Manual to be consistent with current SNMTS Bylaws (as revised June 2007).
2. Present bylaws changes to the SNMTS membership, for vote, during the 2010-2011 National Elections.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:
Mission Statement
The mission statement was presented at the MWM to the NCOR and EB. They both voted to approve adding it to the Bylaws. Following the MWM, and after further review, the Bylaws committee determined that there is only an “objective” section, not a mission/vision statement listed in the Bylaws. There are several options moving forward; replace the objectives with the mission/vision, add a section for mission/vision, or do not include mission/vision in the bylaws.

The Committee decided to amend the bylaws to include the mission and vision statements. However, the election process had already begun, so this will be included for next year’s election (2011-2012).

Bylaws Amendment
During the 2010-2011 election, there was one Bylaws amendment presented. The amendment to the SNMTS Bylaws in Article III regarding the voting privileges of the Student Affiliate, Members-in-Training membership category would change the policy so that students were no longer allowed to vote in the National Election. The amendment passed and the updated bylaws will be available on the website after the Annual Meeting.

NCOR Speaker Eligibility
The Bylaws Committee presented, to the NCOR and EB, changes to the eligibility requirements for the Speaker position. The 2010 Bylaws Committee reviewed the recommendation made by the 2009 committee and agreed that the qualifications for speaker were too stringent and therefore made it difficult to find qualified people for the position. The committee also felt that the qualifications for other positions, such as president-elect, were less restricted than the Speaker position.

The NCOR and EB approved the new qualifications as follows; the individual must currently be serving on the NCOR and have served as a chapter officer or committee chair at the national level prior to running for the Speaker-Elect position.

SNMTS Policy and Procedure
The Committee has reviewed the Policy and Procedure Manual extensively and made many updates; both administrative and policy related. A resolution will be put forth at the Annual Meeting to approve the updated Procedures instead of update Procedures.

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2009-2010:
Specialty Area Representative Elections
The committee agreed to work with the Nominating Committee to propose that the 2010 Specialty Area Representatives terms be staggered. Mark Wallenmeyer will be making a motion from the floor, following the Specialty Area elections to stagger the terms of the newly elected individuals. The Bylaws Committee agreed to co-sponsor this resolution.