Committee Charges for 2010-2011:

The Continuing Education Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring all continuing education activities of all types that are sponsored, jointly-sponsored or co-sponsored by the SNM for continuing education credit for physicians, pharmacists and scientists. This includes live courses, enduring materials, distance education and journal articles. The committee ensures the activities satisfy the educational mission of the SNM and meet accreditation criterion for ACCME, ACPE, and CAMPEP.

The Committee’s responsibilities meet the following SNM goals:
- Goal A. SNM will be the primary resource for nuclear medicine and molecular imaging education.
- Goal C. SNM will be the leader in educating and promoting collaboration with referring physician and patient groups.

Current Working Objectives/Goals (SNM Goals A and C):

- Review and monitor activities sponsored by SNM ensuring they are in compliance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Criteria for Quality and Interpretive Guidelines of the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the Guidelines of the Commission on the Accreditation of Medical Physics Education Program.
- Provide guidance to chapter administrators and CME/CPE liaisons regarding SNM policies and procedures for joint and co-sponsorship of continuing education activities.
- Recommend program, policy or procedural changes, as needed, to ensure activities remain in compliance with the accreditation criterion as updates and changes occur.
- Conduct periodic evaluation of educational activities (focus groups, interviews, questionnaires, etc.) to gather needs assessment and evaluation data.
- Provide progress or interim and annual reports as required by the ACCME and ACPE.
- Participate in strategic planning for the overall educational plan of the organization.

Progress of Charge/Objectives/Goals to Date:

- Addressed working objectives and goals identified the education strategic plan.

- Completed the ACCME 2010 reaccreditation process. The self-study report was due July 2010 and the ACCME interview was held on December 3rd. SNM will receive a decision in March 2011. The reaccreditation review and decision is based on SNM’s demonstration of Compliance with the ACCME’s Essential Areas and Elements based on the 2006 Updated Criteria, the Standards for Commercial Support and related accreditation policies. The reaccreditation required review of the entire organization and not just the Education Department.

- Provided recommendations to the SNM Board its new strategic plan. The intent is to structure targeted ACCME updated criteria as strategies for the next SNM Strategic plan.

- Review and approve CE online courses.
• The following is a synopsis of directly sponsored and jointly sponsored activities that were reviewed and approved for credit May – August 2010:
  – Reviewed 5 directly sponsored activities and 4 jointly sponsored activities for CME credit for physicians.
  – Reviewed 4 JNM articles for CME credit.
  – Reviewed 3 activities and 4 JNM articles for ACPE credit

Additional Goals/Objectives Added for 2010-2011:

• Provide reports to the Board on the status of meeting ACCME Criteria at it meetings.
• Address goals for the new education strategic plan which is being derived from the education goal in the new SNM strategic plan.