

## **Advanced Associate Council FY22 Business Plan – DRAFT June 2021 Value Initiative 2.0**

The Advanced Associate Council (AAC) has the support of both technologists and physicians. It provides an infrastructure for initiatives related to the Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associates' (NMAAs) evolving needs and other areas of advanced molecular imaging and therapy practice. In addition, it addresses issues regarding the advancement of the NMAA master's degree and provides a central location for those interested in the development and growth of the NMAA.

Specifically, the NMAA educates staff on new techniques and radiopharmaceuticals, increasing utilizing of NM studies, ensuring appropriate utilization of the modality is not steered to other modalities. The NMAA is the physician extender on the floor and brings a face and voice to NM that is often not present in the imaging department. The NMAA is an additional pathway for members to grow their professional curriculum in the molecular imaging field. This added option creates innovative alternatives for potential members, attracting professionals who seek multiple areas of opportunity in nuclear medicine.

### **SNMMI Value Initiative 2.0 – Engagement of Councils and Centers of Excellence**

In 2018, SNMMI launched its Value Initiative – a comprehensive strategic plan to advance the crucial role of nuclear medicine and molecular imaging in patient care and science and discovery. The next step will become SNMMI's Value Initiative 2.0. As part of Value Initiative 2.0 SNMMI will continue to adjust our organization to the changing health care environment. Value Initiative 2.0 will also engage as many SNMMI members as possible through the work of various committees, working groups, SNMMI councils and centers of excellences and the SNMMI chapters.

As part of this inward focusing effort, councils and centers of excellence will be participating in Domain conference calls and working directly with the chairs from the six (6) domains to address the opportunities and develop strategies to meet them.

**As a council, AAC will be involved primarily in the Quality of Practice, Workforce Pipeline, Outreach and Advocacy domains. However, the council may be asked to or request to be involved in Research and Discovery and Organizational Strength and Stability domains as issues or opportunities arise.**

### **Goals and Programs for FY2022**

The Advanced Associate Council is currently working on program and educational initiatives which will offer new pathways for the nuclear medicine technologist to advance their careers. The AAC will work with the SNMMI and SNMMI-TS to identify ways that the NMAA can help in the clinic, including, nuclear cardiology labs, Therapy Centers of Excellence, Clinical Trial Centers, and Education. The AAC will promote the use of nuclear medicine physician extenders for Imaging Physicians via case studies and active marketing. Specific goals and objectives include:

1. Submit a new NMAA scope of practice now that the field has developed, and more NMAAs are currently providing physician extender duties. To include therapy and clinical trials.
2. Continue awareness campaigns for the NMAA to achieve support and membership from physicians, NMAAs, and nuclear medicine technologists. Educational activities will include participation in webinars, local and regional meeting, Drink & Thinks, and co-sponsoring MWM and Annual Meeting Educational Sessions with other SNMMI Councils and Centers
3. The AAC will promote state legislative efforts recognizing NMAAs as physician extenders. AAC intends to involve all current NMAAs in this effort lead by a specialized AAC task force. This task force will work to compile a resource library, to not only assist NMAA's as to how to get credentialed at their institution, but for institutions who would like to start a NMAA program or track as well as offer other assistance for the profession.

4. The AAC has identified models to re-structure the advanced practice educational program. This will include recognition criteria in conjunction with the NMTCB and SNMMI-TS to set a standard for developing new NMAA programs.
5. The AAC will develop an updated Needs Analysis for the designation, in conjunction with the new Therapy Centers of Excellence, being identified by the Therapy Strategic Planning Task Force.
6. The AAC has reached out to additional organizations to provide liaisons to the council for additional insight and progression.
7. The AAC will continue to be represented at both the SNMMI Committee on Councils and Centers (CoCC) and the House of Delegates (HOD).

### **Proposed FY22 Budget and Resource Requirements**

#### **1. Summary of financial needs**

The attached FY2022 budget summarizes the resources needed to support the goals set forth in the business plan.

#### **2. Resource requirements**

The usual staff support provided by the SNMMI headquarters.

## Advanced Associate Council Background Overview

### 1. Mission

The mission of the AAC is to:

- Aid those who are interested in developing an NMAA program at their facility
- Support the practice and policy needs of the NMAA and other areas of technologist advanced practice.
- Aid with activities associated with nurturing and growing the NMAA, including effecting the necessary culture change to allow this designation to function properly.
- Provide a central source for monitoring practice and educational issues for NMAAs.
- Collect and analyze financial information related to NMAA practice.

### 2. Leadership

#### Officers

President: Jon Baldwin, DO

Vice President: Norman Bolus, MSPH, MPH, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS

Secretary/Treasurer: Scott Degenhardt, NMAA, MIS, CNMT

Immediate Past President: Darko Pucar, MD, PhD

#### Term

June 2021 – June 2023

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#### Directors

\*Sarah Frye, MBA, CNMT, PET, CCRP

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#### Term

June 2020 – June 2023

July 2020 – June 2022

June 2021- June 2023

June 2021 – June 2023

June 2021 – June 2023

### 3. Current Status

#### a. Financial

As of May 31, 2021, the AAC has a total revenue of \$10,605. This includes \$1,073 in member dues and an expected carryover of \$9,533 from FY21. The total expenses are \$300. Revenue is generated through annual membership dues, which are \$15.00 per member.

#### b. Membership

As of July 1, 2021, the AAC has 76 paid members, and 494 in-training members with complimentary membership.

#### c. Member Benefits

- Stay informed on issues related to the NMAA and advanced practice
- Share ideas and concerns with an active community who share your specialty practice interest
- AAC-sponsored continuing education sessions offered at the SNMMI Mid-Winter and Annual meetings
- Participate in focused work related to the NMAA and advanced practice
- Obtain speaker support for advanced practice issues
- Receive AAC-related information through email blasts announcements, periodic newsletters, and the AAC website

#### **4. Accomplishments for FY2021**

- Article accepted for publication in the JNMT. Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate: Physician Extenders in Nuclear Medicine – Now is the Time.
- The AAC conducted a practice survey of NMAAs currently working in the field to determine evolution of the profession.
- The AAC initiated an awareness campaign in support of the NMAA through chapter outreach. Several AAC board members presented at local and chapter meetings.
- The AAC continues to maintain a website containing helpful documents for NMAA license and recognition to include an annotated directory of supporters, resources, and needs.
- The AAC was represented at both the SNMMI Committee on Councils and Centers (CoCC) and the House of Delegates (HOD)
- The AAC participates in Board of Director elections every spring
- The AAC participated in SNMMI-TS stakeholders working group on Post Graduate Education