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Address by the President of the PSWTC by internet via the Nuc. Gang Website. Delivered from the Presidents’ office situated close to the nearest nuclear reactor in the area.

Dear Colleagues,

Where did the year go? In just a few days, we will all convene for our COH meeting on December 1. It seems we were just there.

In a few days, we will welcome a new President of our PSWTC. This will happen during the Annual Business Meeting part of the program. Make sure to be in the lecture hall after lunch at 1:00. The new President will say a few words and then immediately get to work. Running the best chapter in the country is not for the faint of heart or those who are slow out of the gate. There is a lot to do and very little time to do it all as I learned this past year.

As I was pondering my time as President I got to thinking just how many Presidents have there been over the years. I put the question to my esteemed colleagues to see who might know the answer. Well, the best we could come up with is an estimate. It seems that Kathy Thomas was elected Secretary/Treasurer in 1978, was President Elect in 1978, and took over as President in 1980. Since any history before this time is a bit fuzzy, I am inclined to take it upon myself to consider this to be the beginning of what we now call the PSWTC. As Kathy told me we run a good chapter, and I cannot disagree with her on this, but she also said we have not done a good job of recording our history. I have to agree with her here as well.

As my term as President winds down I would like to offer a Presidential proclamation based on my own inherent feelings of power and prestige and suggest we consider Kathy Thomas as our first President and 1980 as the beginning of our chapter as we know it today. If you agree with me then on December 1, 2018 we will welcome our 38th President of the PSWTC. Now the other 37 past Presidents have to work on publishing their memoirs and building libraries to house their PSWTC papers.

On a different note, I would like to thank everyone for your support, encouragement, and kind words over the last twelve months. It went by too quickly, but it was an inspiring year. I urge everyone to get involved. It is a wild and unforgettable ride. In addition, remember, as I have said all year it is a good time to be a Nuclear Medicine Technologist. Be proud of your profession and your Chapter.

See everyone on December 1st at City of Hope, or attend a webinar site.

Signing off,

Dave