

Dear New England chapter board members:

My name is Alexia Romano, BS, CNMT, RT(CT) and I am running for secretary of the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging's New England Chapter. I graduated Rhode Island College in 2020 with a BS in Nuclear Medicine and took my first position as a technologist at Massachusetts General Hospital. While at MGH, I rotated through general nuclear medicine, cardiology, PET-CT, and acted as the interim clinical coordinator. In May of 2022, I left my position at MGH to become a PET-CT technologist at a local PET-CT company based in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, New England PET Imaging. I now work primarily on a PET-CT mobile unit and am the company's clinical coordinator. Additionally, I am pursuing my master's degree in Health Communications at Boston University, as my goal is to become an educator.

After serving as the medical imaging representative for nuclear medicine during my undergraduate, I realized that I loved being on a committee and representing my peers. Post COVID, I was finally able to attend my first chapter meeting in the spring and became more enthusiastic about becoming involved. I am extremely passionate about encouraging others, especially students, to be involved in their professional society to stay informed about the exciting developments in our field. Even though the national society is a great tool, it is equally important to stay educated and involved in what is going on locally. I attended the Leadership Academy this past January in San Francisco and developed a stronger drive to become involved and contribute to our ever-changing profession. Not only do I want to be heard, but I want to be able to represent the opinions and ideas of others. There are a plethora of committees and meetings that I want to be a part of and the first step that I take is becoming secretary. If elected secretary of the New England Chapter, I hope to learn and contribute, leading me into more intermediate positions. My goal is to earn my way to these higher positions to push me into other committees and at the national level to continue to give back to nuclear medicine and molecular imaging.

Sincerely,  
Alexia Romano