

Wisconsin on Call

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Hello 2013

Hope everyone had a great holiday season, and a happy and healthy new year! It is such a busy season for us healthcare workers and I just want to take a second to thank all of you for the hard work and long hours you've put in the last few months.

We had another very successful fall meeting hosted by Danielle Cook, Nancy Bertram and Chad Bratz at St Agnes Hospital in Fond Du Lac. We had some great speakers, and hands on learning. During our elections we voted in a few new board members Shanna Liebl, Danielle Cook, and Janelle Mitchell. Cori Stepan was reelected as secretary, and Linda Beine took charge of the education committee. Thank you so much Danielle, Nancy and Chad for hosting such a nice meeting. Our spring meeting will be held on March 16th at St Mary's hospital, 700 S Park St, Madison, WI 53715 and our president Sheryl Blaschka will be hosting it.

2012-2013 WIAST Board left to right

Danielle Cook, Cori Stepan, Jessica Brueggen, Linda Beine, Shanna Liebl, Sheryl Blaschka, Janelle Mitchell, Trudy Armstrong, and Susan McNeely

Registrations will be coming out via email and on our website and Facebook page soon.

If you are interested in hosting a meeting please contact Susan McNeely at mcneelys@yahoo.com. You can also check out our new website that Janelle got up and running and looking great at <http://wi.ast.org>. If you would like to add something to the website or see specific information added contact Janelle at mitchell.janelle@mayo.edu.

It is never too early to start thinking about nationals. If you have never gone before it is a great experience, both for enhancing your knowledge and meeting people from all over the country and getting to talk with them and learning new techniques and making new friends. This year the national AST conference is going to be held in New Orleans Louisiana May 21-25th. You can register online at AST.org, or in your AST magazine.

Student Section



Luci Krueger was the first president of the Wisconsin Chapter of AST and helped to make the chapter more active. When she passed in 2006, a trust fund was set up in her name to be used for student scholarships at the biannual meetings. Our scholarship winners at the fall 2012 meeting at St. Agnes were Amanda Retzleff and Sarah Steffe. Students are the future of our profession and we should do everything we can to help them succeed. "I would like to say thank-

you for the scholarship, I greatly appreciate it. Also thank you for letting me experience my first Wisconsin State Assembly-AST meeting! I enjoyed listening to the speakers and participating in the bone activity. I chose the ST program because its hands-on and you need to have problem-solving skills! As graduation approaches I look forward to learning and developing the skills that I will later use at a job, and I look forward to becoming an active

member in this organization."

Thank you,
Amanda Retzleff.

I've been waiting to be a ST for four years, and the thought of graduation only months away makes me giddy! I feel blessed to be learning from such great people, and to be part of an amazing profession. Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help pay for tuition.

Thank you,
Sarah Steffek



(left) the students at the Fall 2012 meeting. (right) Sarah Steffe and Amanda Aretzleff student scholarship winners.

Resume Builders

You never know when you will be in the market for a career change, so it is always a good idea to keep your resume up to par. It can be as easy as speaking to students or as in-depth as hosting a state wide conference. Others ideas are; joining a hospital wide committee, being a spokesman for a community group, or writing an article for a local paper or journal.

You can never do too much to strengthen up your accomplishments. Employers are looking for employees with good work history, some extra activities, who are highly motivated and positive references.

You can look for help with preparing your resume online at myperfectresume.com, or you can take it to your

local community college where they have people there to help you prepare and give you pointers for your resume.

Jessica Brueggen CST

Treasurer's report

I just finished sending off out annual reports to AST and am pleased to tell you that we are a financially solid assembly. Because one of our major hospital systems has mandated certification of all employees, I have been working with local surgical technologist to help them prepare for the CST exam.

Representative Erik Severson of the 28th

Assembly district works as an ER doctor at a hospital that does require certification yet, he was unwilling to support legislation. Now he has been appointed as the leader of the Health Committee in Madison.

I strongly feel that regardless of the opinions of others it is of the utmost importance that we continue to give each patient the best care by

providing them with a surgical technologist who has met the standards for quality operating room skills. Keep up the good work in 2013!

Susan McNeely,
MS,BSN,CST

Words from the President

Hi Wisconsin State Assembly Members!

January is here already! I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying this winter season.

Your Board Members have been busy working hard for the Wisconsin AST. Our Facebook page has been very active and we welcome all the new people who have joined. The Facebook page is allowing us to communicate more freely and have an exchange of encouragement for our members state-wide. It also has allowed us to stay in touch with our neighboring State Assemblies. Just a reminder, in our efforts to go "green" here in Wisconsin we are going to be sending out the next meeting's registration form electronically via your e-mail accounts. In order to facilitate this change, please make sure AST has your current e-mail address on file and remember to notify them if your e-mail addresses changes at anytime. If any member does not currently have an e-mail address, please make sure to contact a Board member so we can get the registration form to you directly. The registration form will also be located on Facebook and our website.

Wisconsin State Assembly Our website is undergoing a facelift, Janelle Mitchell has been working very hard to provide us with a more user-friendly and professional website.

On January 14, 2013, we submitted our Leadership Achievement Award Application. Receipt of this award would be a great honor for our State Assembly. It is important that State Assembly members contact the President with any information regarding articles published, media attention, community education, and instructor and/or student activities that may be included on this application. The Leadership Achievement Award is a state-wide effort and reflects favorably on the activities of its members. I would like to give a huge thanks to everyone that contacted me with information for this application. We will find out the results at the National AST Conference in New Orleans in May.

Our next Wisconsin State Assembly meeting will be held in Madison, WI at St. Mary's Hospital on

March 16, 2013. I am hosting the meeting and look forward to seeing you all there. Watch for your registration forms to come via your e-mail in the near future.

Please continue to promote our profession in our communities and at our places of employment. Everyone deserves to have a Certified Surgical Technologist!

See you all soon!

Sheryl L. Blaschka, President

"Watch for your next meeting registration in your email"

WI State Assembly 20+ years Member



Patricia G. Adams, CST- 39 years
 Sharon A. Adams, CST- 21 years
 Diane R. Anderson, CST- 26 years
 Gertrude F. Armstrong, CST- 22 years
 Linda L. Baker, CST- 24 years
 Theresa Marie Barkow, CST- 21 years
 Linda S. Beine, CST- 34 years
 Nancy E. Bertram, CST- 34 years
 Kristine Blosenski-Anklam, CST- 23 years
 Heidi A. Boese, CST- 23 years
 Katharine F. Borofka, CST- 22 years
 Deanna M. Bries, CST- 20 years
 Roxann M. Brookshaw, CST, CSFA, RN- 30 years
 Betsy E. Brown, CST- 23 years
 Barbara E. Calderwood, CST- 26 years
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 Margaret Agnes Cassidy, CST- 38 years
 Wendy J. Cayemberg, CST- 26 years
 Christine Chaloupka, CST, CSFA- 38 years
 Ruth A. Collis, CST, FAST- 38 years
 Kathleen R. Diedrich, CST- 30 years
 Julie A. Diedrick-Cyran- 23 years
 Barbara L. Doering, CST, CSFA- 24 years
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 Lynn A. Farrey, CST, CSFA- 20 years
 Joseph P. Gaboury, CST- 20 years
 Joan E. Geiger, CST- 33 years
 Vicki M. Gessner, CST- 25 years
 Mary L. Gestrich, CST- 25 years
 Jeanne B. Godar, CST- 20 years
 Debra M. Goss, CST- 28 years
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 Karen Greene, CST- 41 years
 Rachel E. Gresk, CST- 20 years
 Christine A. Guetzke, CST- 22 years
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 Teresa M. Hauterbrook, CST- 22 years
 Connie M. Henslin, CST- 20 years
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 Rosemary A. Homs, CST- 38 years
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 Sherry J. Scantlin- 28 years
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 Nancy K. Tackett, CST- 28 years
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 Diana K. Vallera, CST- 30 years
 Bruce D. VanGerud, CST- 23 years
 Joseph G. Veilleux, CST- 20 years
 Kristina M. Vines, CST- 20 years
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 Lori S. Wustrack, CST- 32 years
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