

NSH Region IV Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 21, 2013, Providence, Rhode Island

Present: 35 Representative members from Region IV, Kim Simmons NSH Education Coordinator, Jean Mitchell NSH Region IV Director

Called to order by Region IV Director Jean Mitchell at 4:40pm

Financial Report: We no longer have a bank account for Region Director. All Region Directors receive \$1000.00 (upon submission of receipts) from NSH annually to offset attending state meetings in their region.

New Business:

Region IV Director Activities: This was Jean's first year as region IV director and she attended states meetings in Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio and Illinois. She also participated in all scheduled NSH BOD teleconferences and meetings.

1. State Meeting updates:

Indiana:

- Members: 73 state members with steady numbers
- Spring meeting: 72 attendees with 21 vendors.
- 2013 was an election year, used an outside representative to handle elections. Very satisfied with the process. Ballots were mailed out; 70 mailed and 34 returned. Results: President: Deb Wood, VP: Monty Hyten, Secretary: Diane Sterchi, Treasurer: Amanda Rogers
- Newsletter: Newsletter has gone from being published, not published, published again and fails.
- Website: Proceeding with a website www.inhisto.org instead of a newsletter.
- 2014 spring meeting: March 7-8, 2014 in Indianapolis.

Kentucky:

- Members: 64 state members.
- Spring meeting: 62 attendees and 17 vendors.
- Fall meeting: Held this past Wednesday prior to NSH S/C.
- Newsletter: Trying to get in electronic mode and send out newsletter via email.
- Website: www.kyhistotechs.com.
- 2014 Spring Meeting: February 28-March 1, 2014 at the Galt House in Louisville.
- Elections: 2014 will be an officer election year.

Michigan:

- Members: 139 state members.
- Spring meeting: 100 attendees and 20 vendors.
- Fall seminar: November 9 in Mason.
- Newsletter/Website: Both in good shape. www.mihisto.org www.whs.wildapricot.org
- 2014 spring meeting: Lansing, MI April 11-12, 2014.
- Elections: 2014 will be an officer election year.

Wisconsin:

- Members: 86 state members.
- Spring meeting: Tri-State Histology meeting in Dubuque, IA with 105 attendees and 26 vendors.
- 2013 officer election results: President: Dawn Schneider, VP: Glen Dawson, Secretary: Kathy Stoll, Treasurer: Matt Galle.
- Newsletter/Website: New editor is Mark Sadowski and webmaster is Andy Fortune. In the process of developing a new website with the same company Minnesota uses. www.whs.wildapricot.org
- 2014 spring meeting: Tri-State in Rochester, MN, April 30-May 2, 2014.

Ohio:

- Members: 100 state members.
- Spring meeting: had 80 attendees and 22 vendors.
- Website: www.ohiohistology.org
- 2014 spring meeting: Perrysburg, OH April 4-5, 2014.
- Elections: 2014 will be an officer election year.

Illinois:

- 92 state members.
- Spring meeting: Harrah's Casino in Joliet with 50 attendees and 25 vendors.
- Newsletter/Website: They have an electronic newsletter available on their website www.illinoishistologysociety.org.
- 2014 spring meeting: Bloomington, IL May 15-16, 2014.
- Elections: 2014 will be an officer election year.

2. HOD Agenda

A. Speaker of the House Election: Proposed Changes

1. Elect Speaker of the House within the HOD but require nomination information to be submitted 45 days prior to the start of the HOD.
2. Elect Speaker of the House during the general officer election & voted on by the entire NSH membership

Discussion:

- Monty Hyten likes option #2. Important for everyone to be able to vote. Beth Cox also in favor of option #2.
- Will the general NSH members know who they are? Suggested that biographies be published to insure NSH membership becomes familiar with the candidates prior to voting.
- Show of hands showed option #2 was more favorable but general consensus was option 1 would be fine if option #2 was too radical.

3. BOD Agenda:

A. CLA Task Force Update – regeneration of ASCP CLA certification.

Discussion/Comments: Various members present voiced dissatisfaction with the renewal of ASCP CLA certification. Overall opinion is that it would hurt histologists, dilute the field and give laboratories options for hiring lower paid technicians with less laboratory experience/training. General consensus was “NO” to ASCP reinstatement of CLA certification.

B. Awards: Chair appointment: Tim Webster resigned. Liz Chlipala's name has been submitted and pending BOD vote as next Awards Chair. Liz will present 2013 awards with Jean's assistance.

C. Membership: Proposed dues increase from \$80 to \$95.

Discussion/Comments: Dues are high enough. Don't give new scholarships if we don't have enough money. General consensus was “NO”.

D. Registration Fee: Proposed increase from \$35 to \$50

Discussion/Comments: Some people said cut the daily continental breakfast, others said keep it. Discussed the printing of handouts and without printing them it's saving the members money. General consensus was “NO”.

F. Going Paperless/No On-Site Handouts:

Discussion/Comments. Some people liked it, others that didn't like it. Understood the cost savings. Speakers didn't like that you could print out everyone's handouts even if you were not taking the class. Kim Simmons NSH Educational Manager was present and stated "This will be looked at by the NSH office as this was a trial year".

4. Elections: 2014 will be an NSH officer election year. There are nomination forms at the Registration Desk. Due to the early 2014 NSH S/C in August, NSH candidate submissions must be received by January 31, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted by: Dawn Schneider, WHS President.