

## NSH Region IV Meeting Notes - Sunday, August 30, 2015, Washington, DC

**Present:** 35 representative members from Region IV signed in and Jean Mitchell NSH Region IV Director. Called to order by Region IV Director Jean Mitchell at 4:35pm.

**Secretaries Report:** The minutes from the 2014 Region IV Meeting in Austin, TX are available for all attendees to read. Since this report has already been published a vote to accept the minutes is not required.

**Financial Report:** All Region Directors receive \$1000.00 (upon submission of receipts) from NSH annually to offset attending state meetings in their region. Jean Mitchell has asked that this be addressed when the Board of Directors approves the annual budget and look at needs on a Region to Region individual basis and budget accordingly.

**Old Business:** Jean Mitchell attended the majority of Region IV state meetings (with the exception of Michigan) this spring, staffed the NSH booth in five states and gave presentations at four of them. She participated in all scheduled NSH Board of Directors (BOD) teleconferences and NSH appointment teleconferences and meetings (Joint Commission and NSH Strategic Planning Task Force).

### New Business:

#### 1. State Meeting updates:

##### Indiana:

- Members: 72 state members with steady numbers and good financial standing.
- Spring meeting: 62 attendees with 20 vendors in Indianapolis.
- Website: [www.indyhisto.org](http://www.indyhisto.org)
- 2016 spring meeting: March 4-5, 2016 in Indianapolis.

##### Kentucky:

- Members: 60 state members and good financial standing.
- Spring meeting: 58 attendees and 22 vendors in Louisville.
- Newsletter: Slice of Life; Website: [www.kyhistotechs.com](http://www.kyhistotechs.com).
- 2015 Election results: President: Debbie Luttrell, Vice President: Heather Milliken, Secretary: Ashley Byerly, Treasurer: Beth Jewell
- 2016 spring meeting: February 26-27, 2016 in Louisville.

##### Michigan:

- Members: 159 state members and good financial standing.
- Spring meeting: 65 attendees and 23 vendors in Bay City.
- Fall seminar: November 14, 2015, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit.
- Newsletter (Stephanie Allan-Editor) and Website (Connie Warren-Webmaster) [www.mihisto.org](http://www.mihisto.org)
- 2016 spring meeting: will be in conjunction with the Biological Stain Commission meeting.

##### Wisconsin:

- Members: 58 state members and good financial standing.
- Spring meeting: Tri-State Histology meeting in Madison, WI with 113 attendees and 28 vendors.
- Newsletter: In Focus (Mark Sadowski-Editor) and Website (Andy Fortune-Webmaster) [www.whs.wildapricot.org](http://www.whs.wildapricot.org)
- 2015 Election results: President: Dawn Schneider, Vice President: Stephanie Wirsbinski, Secretary: Katherine Stoll, Treasurer: Matt Galle
- 2016 spring meeting: Tri-State April 27-29, 2016 in Cedar Rapids, IA.

##### Ohio:

- Members: 87 state members and good financial standing.
- Spring meeting: 82 attendees and 22 vendors in Beaver Creek/Dayton.
- Website: [www.ohiohistology.org](http://www.ohiohistology.org)
- 2015 Election results: President: Audrey Toothman, Vice President: Kelly Ferguson, Secretary: Mary Ann Kein, Treasurer: Linda McDonald
- 2016 spring meeting: April 15-16, 2016 in Worthington/Columbus.

## Illinois:

- Members: 92 state members and good financial standing.
- Spring meeting: 68 attendees and 20 vendors in Schaumburg.
- Newsletter/Website: Electronic newsletter available on their website [www.illinoishistologysociety.org](http://www.illinoishistologysociety.org).
- 2016 spring meeting: May 19-20, 2016 in Fairview Heights. 2016 is an officer election year.

## **2. HOD Agenda:**

- A. Campaign policy: brief discussion on the need for campaign policies, the purpose and scope.
- B. By-law Committee updating of Membership Classification language. (no discussion)
- C. NSH BOD members holding officer positions in state societies: brief discussion on whether this might be a conflict of interest in holding Board positions in state societies and with NSH. The discussion favored “no conflict of interest” with an individual holding dual board positions.
- D. Recording of NSH Business meetings available to members: split discussion on maintaining the recording of NSH Board for historical value and possible release for member availability. There were those in favor of not maintaining recording of the minutes and possible liability it could present. The question was raised as to why this is on the BOD agenda as well and why a legal statement was already prepared before any discussion even started.
- E. Elimination of Immediate Past President Position on the BOD. Full support to maintain and keep this position.

## **3. BOD Agenda:**

- A. 2018 S/C site of St. Louis, MO: everyone in agreement with this location
- B. 2019 Proposed S/C sites of Minneapolis, Louisville & New Orleans: Not in favor of returning to a Region V site (Minneapolis) two years in a row. Louisville was favorable but this would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> time hosting; New Orleans was the most popular
- C. Audio recording of BOD meetings: Covered in the HOD agenda discussion
- D. Update/Re-evaluation Region Director Funding: brief introduction by Jean Mitchell and suggested evaluating Region Directors financial needs on a Region to Region basis.
- E. NSH Student membership: Expanding from NAACLS approved schools only to including route two schools in the free student membership classification. Brandon Ward from ACL in Milwaukee gave a presentation and why he wanted this topic brought to the Board of Directors for discussion and vote.

## **4. Open Discussion:**

- A. Liz Chlipala provided an update on NSH Awards/Scholarships and noted how strong Region IV performed in 2015.
- B. 2016 NSH Officer Election Year
  - Stephanie Wirsbinski was introduced as the Region IV appointment to the Nominations & Elections Committee. She replaces Skip Brown who had been the original appointment in 2015 but later relocated to Region V.
  - Jean Mitchell encouraged members present to consider running for an elected office and to contact her or Stephanie with any questions.
- C. Region IV 2015 Awards and Scholarship Recipients (as of 8/30/15):
  - Newcomer Supply Helping Hand Award - Beth Cox, Michigan
  - Donald & Rosemary Ostermeier Memorial Award – Rick Graham, Ohio
  - Digital Pathology Association Award - Vicki Kalscheur, Wisconsin
  - Peggy Wenk Histology Program Award – Debbie Wood/Indiana University, Indiana
  - Lee Luna Foreign Travel Scholarship – Carrie Schray, Michigan
  - Irwin Lerner Student Scholarship - Rebecca Sovoda, Michigan
  - Jules Elias Excellence in IHC Award - Laura Bliven, Wisconsin
  - Journal of Histotechnology Editors Award – Izak Dimenstein, Michigan
  - Luminary Award – Lena Spencer, Kentucky

Meeting adjourned at: 5:40pm

Respectfully submitted by: Dawn Schneider, WHS President.