



# Nebraska State Assembly of AST Spring 2016 Newsletter



Dr. Militsakh-  
Speaking on ENT  
Free Flaps

## **MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>** **WORKSHOP A** **SUCCESS!**

The winter workshop and annual meeting with elections of the Nebraska State Assembly was held Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Presentations were given on complex reconstructive plastic

cases, ENT free flaps, nipple sparing mastectomy, breast reconstruction, and effective grassroots advocacy. 6 continuing education credits were offered to attendees. Attendance was 62 attendees. Thank you to Matt Wood, Jamie Walker, and Mandy Nolan who worked tirelessly on the preparations for the event. Thank you to all who attended! We hope to see you again at the next state assembly workshop!



## **SECRETARY, 3 BOARD OF DIRECTOR & 6 DELEGATE POSITIONS ELECTED AT 2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

Congratulations to the state assembly members who were elected during the annual meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016! Dwain Rosse, CST/CSFA-OS was elected Secretary and Jennifer McLaughlin, CST, Sarah Shackelford, CST and Jamie Walker, CST were elected board of directors. Casey Glassburner, CST/FAST, Laura Stallings, CST, Dwain Rosse, CST/CSAF-OS, Sarah Shackelford, CST, Cynthia Kreps, CST/CSFA, and Sharon Rehn, CST were elected to serve as delegates to represent the Nebraska State Assembly at the AST National Conference which will be held in San Diego in June 2016. Rick Horne, CST



was elected to serve as an alternate at conference if needed. Thank you to all who have dedicated themselves to

service in the leadership of the state assembly!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The date for the summer 2016 workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly has been set for August 13, 2016 in Omaha at CHI-Lakeside Hospital. Attendees will receive 6 continuing education credits pending AST approval and more details will be posted to the Facebook page, website and sent out to members via email as they develop. Please save the date and plan to join us for a great workshop.



## **2016 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dates for the 2016 AST National Conference in San Diego, CA have been set for June 2-4<sup>th</sup> with preconference events starting on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now if you are interested in attending and representing your state assembly.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

The CSFA 407 process concluded on January 19th with positive recommendation to move forward with licensure from CEO of DHHS, Courtney Phillips. Positive recommendations were made from the Board of Health and the Technical Review Committee as well. LB721 was introduced by Senator Baker January 6th to establish the surgical assistant license. The hearing on LB721 was held January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bill was advanced out of the Health and Human Service Committee on February 17th to general file with amendments related to grandfathering. LB721 was given a speaker priority designation on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The CST 407 process concluded on February 5<sup>th</sup> with unresponsive recommendation to move forward with licensure from CEO of DHHS, Courtney Phillips. Positive recommendations were made from the technical review committee and unsupported by the Board of Health. Courtney Phillips and the Board of Health recommended a registry instead of a license. LB1061 was introduced by Senator Kolterman on January 20<sup>th</sup> to establish the surgical technologist registry with minimum education and certification requirements. The hearing on LB1061 was held February 25<sup>th</sup>. Negotiations continue in an attempt to advance both of these important bills that are imperative to patient safety for surgical patients in Nebraska.