



# Nebraska State Assembly of AST Winter 2016 Newsletter



## **2016 TECH OF THE YEAR**

Each year the NESA recognizes one outstanding CST from around the state as the Tech of the Year. The Tech of the Year award

was initiated in 2006 to recognize an exceptional CST for their contributions to the profession of surgical technology and the difference they make in their patient's lives on a daily basis. Past recipients of the Tech of the Year award include: 2006-Brenda Deaver, 2007-Sharon Vinsonhaler, 2008-Cathy Hemmer, 2009-Kathy May, 2010-Marlene Wagner, 2011-Karen Ellicott, 2012-Amy Zuhlke, 2013-Sharon Rehn, 2014-Donna Ryan and 2015- Karyn Shotkoski. Congrats to all the CSTs who have previously received this prestigious award!

This year's recipient is Anne Moats of Kearney. Anne has been a Certified Surgical Technologists as well as a member of AST for nearly 21 years. She regularly attends Nebraska State Assembly workshops as well as AST National Conference. She is described as being a resource and instrumental in the evolution of the vascular program at CHI-Good Samaritan. She often volunteers for emergent cases on off hours and comes in when not on call. She serves as a preceptor for students in her clinical site and she is highly regarded and respected by her peers and surgeons. She always keeps patient safety in the forefront being mindful to provide consciences safe and compassionate care to all her patients. Congratulations Anne and thank you for your continued dedication to the profession of surgical technology!



## **3 FREE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE**

3 Free Continuing Education Credits are now available on the AST website for AST members! Simply visit the AST website at <http://www.ast.org>, click the Earn CE Now button at the top of the page and select the Skip to Free CE Credits Link in the center of the page. This is a great benefit of being a member of AST!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The date for the winter 2017 workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly has been set for March 4, 2017 in Lincoln at the Bryan Health East Campus. Speakers for the workshop are starting to be confirmed and include Dr. Stephanie Randall speaking on Malignant Hyperthermia, Dr. Rassfeld speaking on Plantar Fasciitis and Proper Footwear, Dr. Diebert speaking on Male Infertility, Sarah Schroeder, ACNP-BC, MSN, RN speaking on LVADs and RVADs, Dr. Gallentine speaking on CR vs. PS Total Knees and Dr. Hinze speaking on Breast Reconstruction Challenges. Attendees will receive 6 continuing education credits pending AST approval. More details regarding the workshop will be posted to the Facebook page, website and sent out to members via email as they develop. The registration brochure will be sent out shortly and we will be offering the online registration with automatic submission of continuing education credits for attendees who are members of AST. We hope to see you all at the workshop on March 4<sup>th</sup>!



## **NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK PROCLAMATION SIGNING**

On September 7<sup>th</sup> at the state capitol in Lincoln, Governor Pete Ricketts will signed an official proclamation to designate September 18-24, 2016 as National Surgical Technologists Week in Nebraska.



director positions require one year of membership status where a portion of the year can include membership as a student but at the time of election the member must be a current CST as well as a member of AST. Members wishing to step up and serve the the Nebraska State Assembly will need to complete a consent to serve and curriculum vitae which can be found on the Nebraska State Assembly website at <http://ne.ast.org/> These forms should then be sent to state assembly president Casey Glassburner at [cglassburner@southeast.edu](mailto:cglassburner@southeast.edu). We will also be electing 6 delegates and 6 alternates who will represent the Nebraska State Assembly at the 2017 AST National Conference in New Orleans. Members can also complete paperwork and run from the floor on the day of the meeting. Please consider stepping up to serve your state assembly!

## **2017 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dates for the 2017 AST National Conference in New Orleans, LA have been set for June 8-10<sup>th</sup> with preconference events starting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We are always looking for state assembly members to serve as delegates/alternates at



AST National Conference and will be electing these positions at the winter workshop which will be held March 4, 2017 at Bryan Health East campus in Lincoln. Mark your calendars now if you are interested in attending and representing your state assembly.

## **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, 2 BOARD OF DIRECTOR & 6 DELEGATE POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION AT 2017 ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Assembly will be held on March 4, 2017 at Bryan Health East Campus in Lincoln. Offices that will be up for election are President, Vice President, Treasurer and 2 Board of Directors. Each of these positions will be elected for a 2 year term. Eligibility for the office of President requires completion of at least one full term as a director or officer during the previous six years on the Board of Directors as well as one year of prior active membership status (being a member of AST and a current CST). Eligibility for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer requires one year of prior active membership status (being a member of AST and a current CST) while

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2017 SUMMER WORKSHOP!**



### **St. Francis**

The date for the 2017 summer workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly has been set for Saturday August 5, 2017 at CHI-St. Francis in Grand Island. Speakers for the workshop are beginning to be secured and include Dr. Anderson speaking on Brain Tumors, Dr. Blackburn speaking on foot trauma, Dr. Seip speaking on Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy, NP Kelsey Trausch speaking on weight loss programs associated with sleeve gastrectomy procedures and representatives from Stryker speaking on the Mako robot. Attendees will receive 6 continuing education credits pending AST approval. More details regarding the workshop will be posted to the Facebook page, website and sent out to members via email as they develop. We hope to see you all on August 5<sup>th</sup>!