



Nebraska State Assembly of AST Fall 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!

The 2016 Tech of the Year was to be announced at the August 13th workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly however; this year's recipient was unable to be in attendance. Due to this, an award ceremony will be held in September to honor this year's winner. Please stay tuned to Nebraska State Assembly website and Facebook page for more information about this year's recipient.

AUGUST 13TH WORKSHOP A SUCCESS!

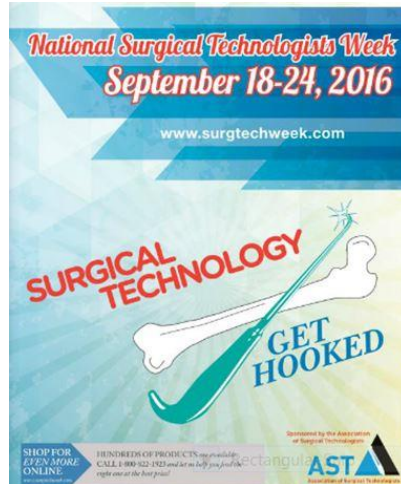


Dr. Deibert-Speaking at the August 13th Workshop

The summer workshop of the Nebraska State Assembly was held Saturday August 13th at CHI-Lakeside in Omaha. Presentations were given on Aortic Arch Reconstruction, Fractures and Timing, Penile Prosthesis, Bladder

Kenya, and Process Variability to

Reduce the Risk of SSIs. 6 continuing education credits were offered to attendees. Attendance was 44 attendees. Thank you to Sarah Shackelford 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!



NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK IS SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2016

National Surgical Technologists Week is coming up September 18-24, 2016! Now is a good time to start thinking about how

you will celebrate!

Take this opportunity to educate everyone you know about the awesome profession you are a part of and the difference you make in your patients' lives every day!

Some potential ways to celebrate:

- Answer your phone with "Happy Surgical Technologists Week"
- Add "Surgical Technologists Week" to your email signature
- Wear Surgical Technologist apparel in public
- Hold an O.R. open house for the benefit of hospital employees and the public
- Ask your hospital newsletter staff to write an article about Surgical Technologists in your facility
- Throw a party or a pot luck lunch
- Attend a proclamation signing

On September 7th at the state capitol in Lincoln, Governor Pete Ricketts will sign an official proclamation to designate September 18-24, 2016 as National Surgical Technologists Week in Nebraska. Please join us at 9:45am in the Warner Chamber for this ceremony.



2015 National Surgical Technologist Week Proclamation Signing by Governor Pete Ricketts

NEBRASKA STATE ASSEMBLY IMPLEMENTS AUTOMATIC SUBMISSION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS FOR WORKSHOP

ATTENDEES

Exciting news! The Nebraska State Assembly was the first state assembly to implement a new registration system for the summer 2016 workshop that was held at CHI-Lakeside. Through this online registration system, continuing education credits were submitted automatically to AST for AST members. Attendees no longer had to send their certificate of attendance in separately following the workshop. The Nebraska State Assembly plans to utilize this system for all future workshops. To take advantage of this new benefit, please register for the upcoming workshops on the Nebraska State Assembly website at <http://ne.ast.org/> Attendees have the option to pay via PayPal on the website but also have the option to mail in a check. We are very excited to be able to offer this benefit to our workshop attendees!

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!



2017 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dates for the 2017 AST National Conference in New Orleans, LA have been set for June 8-10th with preconference events starting on June 6th. 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.

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. 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.



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 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. 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!