



# Nebraska State Assembly of AST Summer 2018 Newsletter



## **2018 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>-JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

The 49<sup>th</sup> annual Association of Surgical Technologists National Conference will was held May 31<sup>st</sup> –June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Orlando, Florida. The NESAs was represented at the business meetings by delegates Christy Grant, Rick Horne and Janet McAdams whom participated in national elections for the offices of Secretary and 4 Board of Directors. Congrats to the newest members of the AST board!



## **2018 TECH OF THE YEAR**

Each year the NESAs recognizes one outstanding CST from around the state as the Tech of the Year. The 2018 Tech of the Year will be announced at the NESAs Summer Workshop in Omaha on August 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, 2015-Karyn Shotkoski, 2016-Anne Moats and 2017-Holly Fritsche. Congrats to all CSTs who have previously received this prestigious award and we look forward to recognizing another outstanding CST in August!

## **JOIN US FOR THE 2018 SUMMER WORKSHOP!**

The date for the 2018 summer workshop of the



Nebraska State Assembly has been set for Saturday August 4, 2018 at CHI-Lakeside in Omaha. All 6 speakers for the workshop have been secured and include Melissa Fischer MSN, RN, CNOR-Senior Manager, Clinical Education North America Education Solutions, Johnson & Johnson speaking on Surgical Plume, Fred Ogren, MD, FACS-ENT speaking on Thyroplasty, Gregg Drabek, MD, FACS-General Surgery speaking on Robotic Inguinal Hernia Repair, and Ann Hike, RN BSN-KCI Senior Territory Manager speaking on Wound Vacs, Euclid deSouza, MD, FACS speaking on Management of Kidney Stones and Treatment of Male Incontinence and Erik Otterberg, MD speaking on Pre, Intra, and Post-op Management of the Total Joint Replacement Patient. Attendees will receive 6 continuing education credits pending AST approval. Registration can be completed on the NESAs website at <http://ne.ast.org> or by mailing in a brochure. We hope to see you all on August 4<sup>th</sup>!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

The date for the 2019 Winter Workshop and Annual



Meeting with elections of the Nebraska State Assembly has been set for Saturday March 2, 2019 at Nebraska Methodist College in Omaha, NE. 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. Elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and 2 Board of Directors as well as 6 delegates and 6 alternates to represent the Nebraska State Assembly at the 2019 AST National Conference will occur as well. Please save the date and plan to join us for a great workshop!

## **NATIONAL SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS WEEK SET FOR SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2018**



In 1984 the AST Board of Directors dedicated the third week in September to recognize surgical technologists and the profession of surgical technology. This event will be celebrated this year

during the week of September 16-22<sup>nd</sup>. This week is a time to celebrate and 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!

Here are some 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

The proclamation signing for the state of Nebraska by Governor Pete Ricketts will occur on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Warner Chamber of the state capitol building in Lincoln. Please save the date and plan to join us for this celebration!



2017 Proclamation Signing

## **2019 AST NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Dates for the 2019 AST National Conference at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland have been set for May 29- June 1<sup>st</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 2019 workshop. Mark your calendars now if you are interested in attending and representing your state assembly.

