



THE IOWA ASSEMBLY ARCHIVE

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A Note from the Board

Hello everybody! Greetings from your Iowa Assembly of Surgical Technology Board of Directors. Many great things are happening in our state assembly and we wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a few of them.

What's NEW

Newsletter

To begin with we would like to showcase our freshly created newsletter. In an effort to promote communication and comply with AST's standards for state assemblies we will be putting this newsletter on our website and emailing it at least twice a year. We hope to keep you up-to-date with Assembly news, upcoming conferences, and to promote anything new within the Assembly.

Questionnaire results:

We recently sent out a questionnaire link to get information from you about a few things. In summary, 69 people completed the survey and 83% of you thought certification should be mandatory in the state of Iowa. 70% preferred email correspondence from us, and only 15% of you were interested in being on the Iowa Assembly board. We hear what you are saying and are evaluating those results to see how we can better serve you.

New and official website

Over the last few years we have had many troubles with our state assembly's website. One of the biggest issues is that we are surgical technologists, not web designers. Now, thankfully, AST has standardized a template for all state assemblies to use. Please check out <http://ia.ast.org> and add it to your favorites.

Fall State Meeting Speakers needed

Do you have a topic you would like to present at our fall meeting? Please contact Monique Johnson at mhunwardsen@gmail.com. You will receive an extra CEU for presenting.

National Meeting Delegates Needed

The next AST National Conference will be held in San Diego, CA from June 2-4, 2016. We need six delegates from the state of Iowa to represent us and vote for the National AST cabinet and board. More information to come in the spring.

Spotlight

Become a Board Member

Interested in serving on the Iowa Assembly for Surgical Technologists? This year we have two board of director positions open. Go to <http://ia.ast.org/About/documents>, fill out the consent to serve and curriculum vitae documents and email them to mhunwardsen@gmail.com. Have these in by October 1st as the elections will be held on our October 17th Meeting.

Upcoming Events

The Iowa Annual Conference is set for this fall. The event will be on Saturday October 17, 2015 at the Holiday Inns and Suites Ameristar in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The flyer and agenda will be sent to you no later than September 1st so you can plan to attend.

The Iowa Assembly Spring Meeting will be held in Des Moines. Dates are not locked in but it will be in April 2016.

Questions or comments. Please email board member Michael Sells at michael.sells0415@gmail.com.