

# The Iowa State Assembly of The Association of Surgical Technologists

## THE IOWA ASSEMBLY ARCHIVE

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#### A Note from your Board of Directors

Hello everybody! Greetings from your lowa Assembly of Surgical Technology Board of Directors. I hope you all had a good winter and stayed healthy. Please read below for updates on our April Workshop and new YouTube resource.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Save the date! Saturday April 7, 2018 will be our state assembly spring workshop in Iowa City, IA. It will be held at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and will be predominantly a pediatric conference. The workshop registration forms have been mailed out. If you didn't receive one please update your mailing address on the AST website. You can also use the link below to go to our website and download the registration form from there.

http://ia.ast.org

The 2018 AST National Conference will be held in Orlando, FL in Walt Disney World from May 31-June 2 2018. It is an incredible conference with many great speakers. Many are surgeons who are on the cutting edge of surgery. It is an unforgettable experience that we hope you will take advantage of.

Many of the Iowa Board of Directors are going and we hope to see you there!

### **Spotlight**

President Michael Sells has created a YouTube channel specific to Surgical Technology skills. The channel is intended to be a resource for all operating room staff from student to O.R. Manager. Please check out "SurgTech Academy" and subscribe!

The AST website is a fantastic resource that is wonderfully under used. There are CEU's you can complete, information on missions, and professional resources that outline our policies on a variety of topics. Check it out today.

Does your employer have a clinical ladder program for surgical techs? Do you have an opportunity for advancement or the possibility of more pay and responsibilities? If not there is a AST approved clinical ladder program example in place on the website also.