



# 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.

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## What's NEW

### 2017 Fall IASA Conference

Next year's fall conference will be held at the Best Western Plus Steeplegate Inn in Davenport, IA. The date is set for September 16, 2017. Registration forms will be mailed out in July and registration will be open on the website in June.

We have a great need for speakers at this year's conference. If you would like to speak at the conference or know of a vendor that may want to set up please contact Tiffany Erikson at [tiffany.l.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.l.bishop@gmail.com). If you present at the conference you will receive an extra CEU and if you present and travel more than 100 miles round trip your hotel will be covered.

### We Need You

We need you to become a Board or Director for the Iowa Assembly of Surgical Technology. Over the course of our history it has been a constant struggle to get surgical technologist involved. Our annual conference does not happen without the board. Please consider running for a seat in September. If you are interested please contact Vice-President Michael Sells at [Michael.sells@kirkwood.edu](mailto:Michael.sells@kirkwood.edu).

### Updated website

For those of you that haven't seen our new website please check it out <http://ia.ast.org> and add it to your favorites. There is new information on there with past meeting minutes and motions as well as up-to-date information regarding board members and upcoming conferences.

We also have an Iowa Assembly of Surgical Technology Facebook page that you can like to receive updates. There are currently two pages out there and we are working on deleting the old one. Until then the QR code below will link you to the new page.



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## Spotlight

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.

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## Upcoming Events

The 2017 AST National Conference will be held in New Orleans this year from June 6-June 10, 2017. It is an incredible conference with great speakers, many of which who are surgeons on the cutting edge of surgery. It is an unforgettable experience that we hope you take advantage of.

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Questions or comments. Please email Vice President Michael Sells at [michael.sells@kirkwood.edu](mailto:michael.sells@kirkwood.edu).