



# 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. It was great seeing some of you at our state assembly workshop and business meeting last September in Davenport. We had some really good feedback about the speakers and about ways to help attendance at our state conference.

## Upcoming Events

Save the date! Saturday April 7, 2018 will be our state assemblies spring workshop in Iowa City, IA. It will be held at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and will be predominately a pediatric conference. More information to come.

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 great speakers, many of which who are

## What's NEW

### Election results

I want to thank everyone who answered our plea and decided to run for office or as a delegate to national conference this year. There were many positions open and an almost complete overhaul of committee ensued. Newly elected into office were:

Michael Sells-President  
Heather McKiness-Vice-President  
Betty Baker-Treasurer  
Jodi Putz-Secretary  
John Hadley-Board of Director  
Jessica Villa-Board of Director  
Jeana Schroder-Board of Director

The board's contact information and term of office can always be found on our state's website through AST.org

### Workshop Session on Attendance

This year we held a session during our fall conference and asked our members to brainstorm some ideas of how to improve attendance. We will be reviewing these ideas in the upcoming months and the summary of results are below.

- have a fall and spring meeting
- Have hands on activities and sessions
- contact hospital departments with conference dates
- reach out to other states to avoid date conflicts
- utilize social media
- change the locations
- incorporate smaller monthly chapter meetings
- hand out door prizes
- make events more upbeat and exciting
- have a meet and greet the night before

\*if you have any other ideas please email Michael Sells at [michael.sells@kirkwood.edu](mailto:michael.sells@kirkwood.edu)

## 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.

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