



Missouri Assembly of AST SCRUB LINE

Upcoming Events:

- January 19th, 2011
Lobby Day at the
State Capital
- March 4th, 2011
Student Day
- March 4-6th, 2011
Annual State
Convention - St. Louis
- May 31-June 4th, 2011
National AST
Conference
San Francisco, CA.
- September 24th, 2011
Fall Meeting at Lake
of the Ozarks

Have you checked out our
newly updated website?

You can download a
printable
registration form for
upcoming events!

We have links to
important websites!

<http://mo.ast-master.org/>



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Our mission is to provide surgical technologists the opportunity to grow through continuing education, legislation, and marketing. By networking with other health care professionals, we will ultimately contribute to the care of our surgical patients.

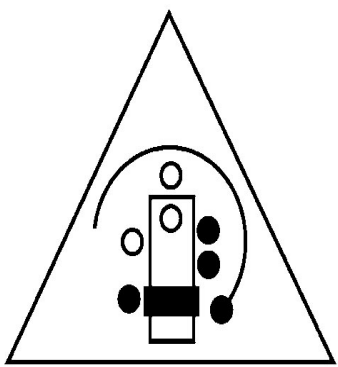
Presidents Notes

Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to a wonderful Christmas filled with good food and spending time with family and friends.

This year has been busy for everyone and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who keep this organization alive. I would like to thank all of the board, they are a joy to serve with and do a lot of things to help you, the members.

This fall we exhibited at MHA. We were able to speak to several people about what surgical technology is and about the legislation we are working on that would mandate certification as a condition for employment. Thanks to everyone who came and worked at the booth. Tammy Mangold is our legislative chairperson and is working with AST regarding the wording of our bill. Once she gets that we will speak with the Representatives and Senators that are willing to sponsor and co-sponsor the bill. Thanks to the members who have been actively talking to their Representatives and

Senators about being sponsors. We need everyone to speak with their representatives to make sure they understand what the bill is and why it is important. **Why is** this important for us as Surgical Technologists? If hospitals are required to hire only certified technologists then we will have people in the operating room who are appropriately trained, not people off the street who don't know sterile technique, instrumentation, procedures, and numerous other things we are taught in accredited programs. Every patient deserves qualified people in the OR and that is what this bill will do for us. This year we will once again be having Capital Days, where we go and talk to as many Representatives and Senators as possible. If you would like to come and help, we would love to have you, and when it's important to you it will become important to your representatives! If you can contact your Senators and Representatives before lobby day as well that would be great.



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Did You Know?

We are now sending confirmation emails to those members who include an email on their registration form for events. This is our effort to notify you that we have received your registration and payment. We will also send any important direction information as well!

President’s Notes Continued

Our next educational offering will be March 4-6th at our State Convention in St. Louis. We will be having lots of good education, business meetings and voting for president, vice-president, treasurer, and 2 board members. If you are interested in running for these positions please let me know. At this point you will be nominated from the floor and you will need to have a CV and Consent to Serve available for review. Friday will once again be devoted to students. We will have hands on education in the morning and the Scrub Bowl in the afternoon. Please encourage your students to put together a team and participate. We will also have the poster contest, we hope you will encourage them to participate and become involved. The 2010 National Convention will

be in San Francisco, May31-June 4, 2011. If you are interested in being a delegate you will need to let myself or one of the board members know by March 4, 2010. The delegation at our state meeting will be voting on delegates and alternates. There will be partial funding as the treasury allows and in turn you will be responsible to attend **all** business related meetings. My contact information is 417-838-4872 or you can e-mail me at cindyshortt@yahoo.com

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to be your president for the past four years. It has been a learning process and I hope you will all take the opportunity to become more involved in your professional organization. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Candidates for Office

If you plan to run for office, you will need a CV and consent to serve form, please download from the AST website below:

<http://www.ast.org/membership/willinqness.aspx>

Candidates for Office

- President Nicole Claussen, CST
- Vice President Tammy Pearson, CST
- Treasurer Karen Rudert, CST
- Board Jade Nesbit, CST
- Board Rachel Hurtault, CST



Nicole Claussen, CST, BS
Rolla, MO.
Candidate for President

My name is Nicole Claussen and I'm currently serving the Missouri Assembly of AST as your Vice President. Our annual State Convention is fast approaching and I have chosen to run for President this year. I have been an active and participating member in our State Assembly since 2005. I have been a CST since 2002 and I have been a Program Director of a CAAHEP accredited Surgical Technology Program since 2005. I also hold a Bachelor of Health Administration and am pursuing a Master in Education degree. I have served as a board member for the MO-AST in the past, and on the legislative committee helping in any way that I can. I am very passionate about the State Assembly and its missions. I hope that I can help the State Assembly to grow and prosper in membership, but more importantly, in active membership. I think it's important that the members contribute where they can, even if it's in a small way. I also advocate that our leadership be strong as well in communication and strategic planning. I support our legislative efforts as well as our need to provide the members with great educational offerings. I would love to continue to serve the members as your new MO-AST President and I appreciate your consideration.

Karen S. Rudert, CST
Perryville, MO
Candidate for Treasurer

I am a candidate for the position of Treasurer of the Missouri Assembly of A.S.T. I have been a surgical technologist for over 15 years, the last 6.5 years as a certified member of both A.S.T. and the A.S.T. National Honor Society. I am a member of the Neurosurgical specialty team at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO.

I view the position of treasurer as one of personal commitment, integrity and leadership. If elected, I will use my knowledge and skills to perform my duties professionally and responsibly. Serving as treasurer will provide an opportunity for me to "give back" to A.S.T., the organization that does so much for us as professionals, and to the members of the Missouri State Assembly.

The State Assembly would like to thank everyone who participated in the planning of our Fall Meeting in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. It was a huge success!