

President's Message

From the office of President,

This organization is great because of you, the members. Each one of us has the ability to voice what is important to us, the Surgical Technologist of Oregon. I encourage every one of you, whether young or old, brand new grad or 30 year veteran, run for office! I have been an elected part of this association for 3 ½ years and have enjoyed and learned so much. As you can hold each position only twice, I am choosing not to run for re-election, but keep that option open for another time down the road. Not to worry, along with myself there are many experienced members to help you learn your new position. It doesn't take an overly outgoing person to be on the board, every one of you can do it; I still get nervous talking in front of a crowd.

Legislation

Congrats to Deb and the GAPA committee for their hard work getting the revised legislative bill filed and a new group of sponsors in the Capitol.

Workshop

Saturday, March 12th, 2011
Providence Portland Medical Center
If Speaker handouts are made available to us, they will be posted on our website for printing prior to event.

Annual Elections

Get your running shoes on. During this business meeting 5 positions are open for election, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director #1, and Director #4. All positions are two-year commitments. In 2012, the remainder of the board will be up for election.

Prepare your Election Statement, (why you want to be on the board) and bring 50 copies to the workshop with you. Send us a copy of your election statement with your written desire to run for the board and we'll get your name printed on the ballot. In case your decision comes too late to mail the information, you can always be nominated from the floor. Be sure to tell us you want to run for one of the open positions, when you check in for the workshop. Elected officials must be current certified/active members of AST, and remain so for the term of the position.

Student Association

The current SA is struggling; it has been recommended the group be disbanded. Don't like that idea? Let us know how you would like to help.

Hope to see you in March,

Catherine Reid CST

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government and Public Affairs

There has been activity regarding the Surgical Technologist Certification bill. The bill was filed in September with the Oregon State Legislative Council, (LC). Since the filing, there have been several discussions regarding the bill and the wording of the bill. Just recently the bill was released from the LC office, AST, as well as our President Catherine Reid and I have reviewed the bill. We have found some errors in the rewrite of the bill, which we hope to get corrected before the session starts in January. Once the bill is corrected and we have the bill number, this information will be posted on our OAST website at <http://oregon.ast.org>. After opening the website, just go to the upper left corner and hover the mouse over Home, then click on Government and Public Affairs, you will see several forums there which will help bring you up to date with the activity of the bill. Please check this website frequently for updates, we have found this to be the quickest way to get the information out to the members.

Since the meeting on November 6th, the election has taken place and we came very close to losing our Senate sponsor, Senator Bates but after the final count he was declared the winner for his district.

We have several more meetings coming up before the first of the year and even more once the session starts. These meetings are to educate other organizations, legislators and the public as to what the bill entails and answer questions regarding this very important piece of legislation. If you are interested and want to be involved with this process, please email me and I will add your name to the list of members willing to help or if you have questions or concerns regarding the bill, just email me and I will get back with you and give you the information you are seeking. My email address is DeborahT@comcast.net. Be sure to read the minutes from the November 6th and December 14th meetings, these minutes will help answer some of the questions and or relieve your concerns. The minutes I am referring to can be found on the OAST website.

Deborah Turner CST, CFA Chairperson, Government and Public Affairs Committee

Fundraising

Submitted by Catherine Reid, interim chairperson

We've got money...did I get your attention? Fundraising is exciting if you love receiving those hard-earned donations from the good folks here in Oregon. It is with sadness I must inform the association that Trace Dills CST has stepped down from her position on the committee as chairperson. Remaining on the committee are LaDeane Heaton LPN, CST, Lori Haugen CST and Shawna Rian CST, CSFA. These wonderful women invite you to join them on the committee; they want their new leader to know they are great direction followers.

Though there are no current fundraisers, we have a box full of wonderful door prizes and raffle items for you in March.

Secretary Report

Secretary: Halli Williams

Current Members	305
New Members (past 120 days)	40
Suspended Members (past 120 days)	22

Business meeting minutes April 24th, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 11:41 am

Quorum established with 40 active voting members.

Catherine Reid, President Recognized the OAST Board Members:

James Steele, Vice President

Carol Hogencamp, Secretary

Deborah Turner, Treasurer

David Wiper, BOD (Board of Directors)

Damen Sanchez, BOD

Brian Nobles, BOD

Business:

Packet included a copy of the minutes from March 7, 2009

Catherine asked if there were any objections to the minutes none were voiced and the minutes were approved as read

Treasurers Report: Deborah Turner

Catherine asked for unpaid bills there were two and Deborah took the receipts

Checking account \$ 1870.86

Saving account \$5.00

CD \$ 5019.41

SA savings acct \$711.61

No questions or objections to the treasurers report filed

Awards handed out

Carol Hogencamp Service award for her service from April 08 - Sept 08 BOD and Secretary from Sept 08 to present

David Wiper Service award for his service as a BOD from March 08 - April 10 and service on the GAPA committee.

James Steele Service award for his service on the BOD and the Vice President Feb 2009 to present.

Education Committee Report: James Steele

James announced that the Fall 2010 workshop will be in Medford Oregon at Rogue Valley Medical Center October 16th

Registrations will be on the website.

GAPA Committee Report: Deborah Turner

Report in the Packet notes, bill failed and the board will discuss if the bill should be resubmitted for the next session.

Bylaws policy and Procedures Committee Report: LaDeane Heaton

Catherine discussed open position on this committee. Changes made by National AST BOD mandated for Oregon:

Standard set of bylaws established; we can no longer make changes to our bylaws.

Each State Board will have the same bylaws and we will now have 5 BOD. Office of President must have served a position on the board for two years, before they are eligible to run for President.

Fundraising Committee Report: James Steele

Volunteer for Chairperson, needed

Communications Committee Report: Tiffany Rager

Working on Website and asking for suggestions as to what members would like to see on the site.

Credentials Committee Recognized: Carol Hogencamp and James Steele

Nominations Committee thanked for their work.

Tellers Nominating Committee Recognized: David Wiper, Damen Sanchez, and Brian Nobles

Student Associations Committee Report: David Wiper, Damen Sanchez

Student Association member involvement with the active student board, to keep the student association active and running.

Special Orders Catherine Reid

Voting will take place immediately following this meeting. The meeting will reconvene with the election results.

Unfinished Business: Catherine Reid

Unfinished business from the floor. None reported

New Business: Catherine Reid

Open committee positions: Fundraising committee chairperson, Policies and Procedures member

Announcements: Catherine Reid

Carol Hogencamp announced voting rules. Positions needing to be filled are, Secretary, Vice president and 3 BOD.

Catherine announced the names of people running for office, Kelly Nunns, Secretary, Michael Hearn, Tiffany Rager, Melissa Garinger and Trace Dills, BOD

The nominees gave position Statements.

Meeting adjourned for voting 12:15pm

Meeting reconvened at 4:23pm

Tellers Report by Carol Hogencamp

34 votes cast 20 needed for a quorum

Secretary 32 votes for Kelly Nunns

BOD 21 votes for Trace Dills; 25 votes Michael Hearn; 23 votes for Melissa Garinger; 30 votes for Tiffany Rager.

No illegal votes.

Catherine Reid announced winners

James Steele will remain as Vice President by default

Kelly Nunns elected Secretary

The three BOD elected positions are Michael Hearn, Melissa Garinger and Tiffany Rager.

New officers were sworn in.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made and seconded at 4:30pm

Recorded by Kelly Nunns, CST

Treasury Report

OAST Treasury Report

12/5/10	OAST Savings Account Balance	\$5.00
12/5/10	OAST PayPal Account Balance	\$0
12/5/10	OAST Money Market Account Balance	\$6,687.35
12/5/10	OAST Business Checking Account Balance	\$626.11
12/5/10	OAST-SA Savings Account	\$979.67
Total all accounts		\$8,298.13

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OAST Treasurer

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