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A Letter from the President

Greetings to everyone,

Hope everyone has had a good spring and is ready for summer. NCSH has been busy this spring organizing and hosting the annual meeting in Wilmington, including election of Officers. Please see the sidebar to the left of this letter for your 2017-2019 Officers. Feel free to contact any of us with concerns or a desire to volunteer. There are always areas to help either during the year, and especially at the spring meeting.

Our meeting in March at the Wilmington Riverfront Hilton was well attended. When we initially started planning the meeting, we weren't sure it would happen. In the end, we had 20 presenters on a variety of topics. WOW! The Officers and volunteers did a fantastic job pulling this together. Thanks to each of you for the enthusiasm and work to make this meeting a reality every year.

That being said, this meeting was very costly due to being out of the RTP area. All but one of the speakers were recruited outside of the local area. A decision was made to by the Officers to hold the 2018 and 2019 meetings at the RTP Doubletree. The sales manager has agreed to give us the same prices for these 2 meetings as what we had in 2016. This will be more cost effective and allow us to utilize our local speakers and resources. We will revisit a change of venue when it is more fiscally responsible to do so.

Our meeting surveys are a great way to let us know how we are doing as well as info or concerns you may have. We do look at these at the conclusion of meeting. These are also used in planning for the next year's meeting. For example we understand that parking was an issue for many of you this year and we will take this into account moving forward. Thank you for your feedback.

I would like to thank Elizabeth McNeil for her years of service as NCSHT and NCSH Secretary. Aurel Alston, who is also our Webmaster, has been elected to serve as Secretary for 2017-2019.

I am very proud to be the President for the next 2 years. My plan is to continue our Society in a positive direction. Our spring meetings are for education as well as networking with fellow histotechs, vendors and speakers.

Thanks again to every member for your contribution. This is your Society so encourage fellow co-workers and pathologists to join. If you are interested in presenting a seminar or workshop please contact any of the Officers or volunteers.

Look forward to seeing you next year at the 2018 meeting!

Deborah Sawyer, NCSH President





Society Announcements:

✓ **Website** – While we really hoped that the website would streamline and allow for complete online registration, bugs in the system did not allow for this for the 2017 meeting. The Webmaster is working hard to resolve these issues and the Executive Committee is investigating alternative providers to host our site. We are seeking anyone with experience in web design to help assist us in this venture. Please email aalston@hotmail.com if you can help. We are striving to make the 2018 registration experience fully online.

✓ **NSH House of Delegates** – The Society is looking for one additional member to represent the NCSH at the NSH House of Delegates meeting to take place this September at the 2017 NSH Symposium in Orlando, FL. This person will need to be a member in good standing of both the NCSH and NSH and complete a short credentialing process prior to the meeting. This is a time-sensitive process. If you plan to attend the NSH Symposium this September and are willing to represent the NCSH, please contact Deborah Sawyer (Deborah_lam@msn.com) **ASAP**. This person may be eligible for a small compensation by the NCSH, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Refer to the NSH for more information: <http://nsh.org/content/leadership-house-delegates>

✓ **Speaker Recruitment for NCSH 2018** – If you are willing to present or know someone who might be, send an email to Tonia Crook (tmcrook@hotmail.com) with this information. Building the Program each year with vibrant and current educational material is something the Officers work very hard to accomplish. Planning the annual meeting begins in earnest each fall. Potential speakers will need to complete a short form and be approved by the NCSH Executive Committee for CEU credentialing.

✓ **Volunteering Opportunities** – Warm welcome to the Society's newest volunteers:



Registrar:
Brandy Cristante

"I'm currently the Histopathology Supervisor at Womack Army Medical Center. Been in the field since 1999 and absolutely love it!!!"



CEU Coordinator:
Ray Perry

"I'm currently the Anatomic Pathology Manager at Womack Army Medical Center. I'm an MLT, HT, HTL (ASCP)^{cm}. I've been a Histotech since 1999."

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, we invite you to start by attending an Executive Committee meeting. These are held monthly, with a break across the summer. E.C. meetings are open to all NCSH members. Minutes are kept by the Secretary and published on the NCSH website. Planning the Spring Meeting begins in earnest in the fall. While there is a large time commitment each year surrounding the Spring Meeting, the Society is eager to put your talents and enthusiasm for histology to use year round! You might just identify an area where you have interest and ability to improve our organization. Please contact any of the officers or volunteers for more information. Future E.C. meetings will be announced on the listserv.

NCSH 2017 Spring Meeting in Review

Attendees: 77 total, comprised of 58 members, 4 students, 18 speakers

Vendors: 16 companies represented

Sessions: 20 workshops, 344.5 total CEUs awarded

Cost:

Wilmington Hilton Riverside: banquet services + hotel rooms	\$24,149.80
Speaker Expenses: lodging, mileage, parking, food	\$2,266.14
Officer Expenses: mileage, supplies	\$1,344.30
Awards and Gifts	\$1,768.82
Total	\$29,529.06





NCSH 2017 Spring Meeting in Review

Installation of Officers

Deborah Sawyer (Pres.)

Tonia Crook (V.P.)

Otis Lyght (Treas.)

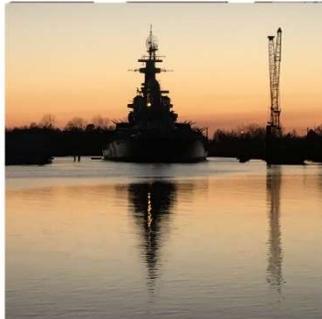
Aurel Alston (Sec.)

Award Winners

Histotechnologist of the Year (Leica): Otis Lyght

Lifetime Achievement (NCSH): Tonia Crook

Lyle L. Baker Scholarship (Tech One): Cynthia Zimmerman



Job Opportunity:

Alamance Community College is in need of someone to lead the Histotechnology program (scheduled to launch Fall 2017) to help develop high quality Histotechnologists for industry and healthcare settings.

Here is the link to the job description found on their website:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/alaman-cccedu/jobs/1664460/histotechnology-program-director?page=2&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>

Important Dates:

September 15-20: NSH Symposium, Orlando, FL

<http://www.histoconvention.org/>

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 I am a current NSH member
 I am a student

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