



Colorful Autumn

Greetings from Region IX Director

NSH Providence Rhode Island, was another awesome symposium! There were 1200 NSH members and non-members attending, of which 45 were from our Region IX. Only 18 of the registered Region IX members attended the annual meeting.

After 20 plus years as Region IX Treasurer Michele Shackleton retired, thank you for your support and dedication to Region IX Executive and members.

Congratulations go to Corinne Chow the new Region IX Treasurer, welcome aboard!

The Bylaw motion for increase funds for the Membership Committee passed and the amended Bylaws are now posted on our website.

At the NSH banquet on Sunday Sept 22, two awards were received by Region IX, Diagnostic Services Manitoba won the Biocare Medical Excellence In Patient Care Laboratory Award. The Ventana Medical Systems IHC/In Situ award was won by Tiana Baskin from Winnipeg

Region IX Vendor Award was presented to Inter-Medico for all their years in sponsoring the Best T-shirt Award.

The Best T-shirt Award was presented to Maureen Bechtold from the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

Included in this issue are all the committee reports given at the Region IX General meeting in Providence.

NSH Annual Convention Symposium

2014 Region IX Education Day
Calgary, AB
Date and Venue TBA

NSH 40th Convention/Symposium in
Austin, Texas
August 21—27, 2014

FALL 2013

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Future Dates
41st Annual Symposium/Convention
August 28-September 2,
2015
Washington, DC

Executive Report

The Region IX executive met in Toronto on August 16.

We reviewed both Education and Membership survey results with only 60 members out of 286 responded

The surveys indicated that the membership would like more on-line/teleconference style distance education. Discussion identified that many of these resources do exist and some are no charge...like Vendor websites IE: Milestone, Vector Laboratories, Lecia, Sakura, Advance for Medical Laboratory and the Dark Daily. NSH and CAP do charge and those prices can be found on their websites.

The membership indicated the need for discussions forum. Some forums do exist, IE: Histonet and Region IX Facebook. NSH will have a open forum available on Nov 1. Once the information is available from NSH head office an email will be sent out with the links to the our members.

Membership indicated having 2 -3 Education Days a year, but would not be feasible do to cost. Region IX does take our Education Days across Canada to different provinces, in 2012 we did not have one due to NSH being held in Vancouver. A suggestion was that we link with LabCon at their annual conferences. Members would probably have a greater chance of obtaining funding for that conference than the one day Region IX education Day. A suggestion at the executive meeting that for the first year we have a information booth promoting NSH.

Membership again suggested the need to incorporate Francophone members. It would be very expensive to have the information on website translated to French Canadian by a translator. A new area on the website will be dedicated to all the members in Quebec and Atlantic provinces

It was suggested that we have online voting for the Treasurers' position, which we did and only 40 out of possible 286 voted., very disheartening at the response from our Region IX members with the online voting and surveys

Be on the on the lookout for membership drives this coming year

The 2014 Education Day will be held in Calgary.

Region IX

Executive Committee

Awards Committee Report

Although three of the awards were altered for the upcoming awards to reflect outstanding personal achievements in various categories, we only received one applicant. This is the first year since I have been involved with the committee that we failed to receive an applicant for the "Vector Histotechnology Student Scholarship" award. Historically, this is the award that appears to be the most attractive as it usually generates the most applicants.

The "Vendor Plaque of Appreciation" was awarded to Inter Medico in acknowledgement of their continuing support of the "Best T-shirt Award"

The Best T-shirt was awarded to Maureen Bechtold.

Lisa Manning was very deserving of the Roche Employee/Individual Award

The remaining awards were not awarded as no applications were received:

Dako Personal Accomplishment

Leica Personal Accomplishment

Vector Histotechnology Student Scholarship

Region IX Newsletter Contributor

Malcolm D. Silver

It is unfortunate that our membership has not recognized the value or opportunity that these awards really do offer. Our profession has become increasingly busier, thereby making it more difficult to find a work life balance. With financial constraints, opportunities for continuing education have diminished.

It is my hope in the near future we will be able to generate the interest in the awards as we have seen in past years.

I would like to thank the members of the awards committee for scoring our lone applicant on a short timeline during primetime vacation.

My goal for the upcoming year is to specifically define the scoring criteria for the personal accomplishment awards to make it easier for the committee to score applicants, as well as continue to promote and encourage people to apply.

Once again it is a pleasure to be involved in this committee and thanks to Ann for keeping me on track.

Tracey Lenek

Awards Chair

Membership Committee Report

Thanks to all who participated in our membership survey. We had 61 respondents and had some good feedback. We value your feedback and we wanted to hear what you felt were the benefits of being an NSH member. We will be discussing the full results of this survey with the executive committee and here is a summary of the results:

Almost 75% have been working in pathology for over 10 years

33% have been NSH members for 6 to 10 years

Many felt that networking was the most important benefit from being an NSH member followed closely by the NSH journal and the Region IX Newsletter.

More networking opportunities would be beneficial

A large majority voiced their opinion that online education such as case studies or lectures on current (local) issues would be a benefit since travel costs are prohibitive. Our membership has remained at just under 300 for a number of years, we hope that by understanding your needs better we can improve upon our membership numbers. As numbers grow, we as a histology community will continue to benefit.

It was noted that during the Manitoba Education Day no new members joined the NSH.

June Shin and James Tang
Region IX Membership Co-Chairs

Education Committee Report

2013 was busy year for the Education Committee. We needed to prepare to run the first Education Day in Manitoba and we also wanted to reach out to membership to determine what type of speaker topics would be most popular in an attempt to increase attendance at these meetings. The results of the survey monkey speaker preferred speaker topics are listed below. We had roughly 59 respondents.

We ran our NSH Education Day in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the end of May. The sessions were well attended with approximately 70 attendees, 7 vendors and 2 professional societies purchasing tables for the weekend. The keynote speaker on Friday night was Dr S. Banerji from Cancer Care Manitoba enlightening the group with his presentation on Molecular testing and the personalization of cancer therapy. The other topics on Saturday were well attended with more than 70 people per session.

In the end, we made over \$5000.00 for future education meetings and hope that we can continue to run successful Education Meetings across the country over the next few years. Next year we will be hosting the meeting in Alberta and the following year we will either move to the east coast or run the meeting in Ontario. Dates for 2013's Region IX Education Day are still to be determined.

We also hope to look for other continuing education options for members including webinars and teleconferences. Keep an eye out for future education suggestions in the Region IX newsletters.

Sincerely,
Lisa Manning
Region IX Education Chair

The speaker survey is on page 6

Survey Monkey Speaker Topics

Topic	Members Response	
Autopsy/forensic	17	27%
Vet/Animal Pathology	12	19%
Cytology	2	3.2%
Basic Histology (embedding, microtomy, etc)	19	32%
Basic Histology Morphology	21	33.3%
Immunohistochemistry	42	66.7%
PA/Grossing	22	34.9%
Molecular topics	20	31.7%
Disease specific topics	25	39.7%
Process Improvement LEAN/Six Sigma	27	42.9%
Troubleshooting in the Laboratory	34	54%
Digital Pathology	32	50.8%
Quality topics/Accreditation	28	44.4%
Histology around the world	25	39.7%
In situ hybridization	16	25.4%
Other	6	9.5%

This and That

REMINDER: NSH Membership is due Dec 31.

With the Education Day being held in Calgary in 2014, the Education
Would like a Alberta Committee to help in the planning. If you are interested please contact:

Lisa Manning Education Chair

lmanning@dsmanitoba.ca

or

Ann Lynde

Ann546@aol.com

Maureen and I are in need of contributions for the Cutting Edge. If you have any interesting
articles or recipes you would like to share to the Region IX members please email to Maureen
or me.

NSH Region IX would like to extend thanks to Leica Microsystems for their continued sponsorship of
The Cutting Edge Newsletter



2013 NSH Teleconference/Webinar

Wednesday Oct 23 1-2 pm ET
Building Effective Teams

Wednesday Nov 20 1-2 pm ET
An Introduction to Commonly Used
Immunohistochemical (IHC) Stains in
Dermatopathology

Wednesday Dec 18 1-2 pm ET
Double IHC Staining

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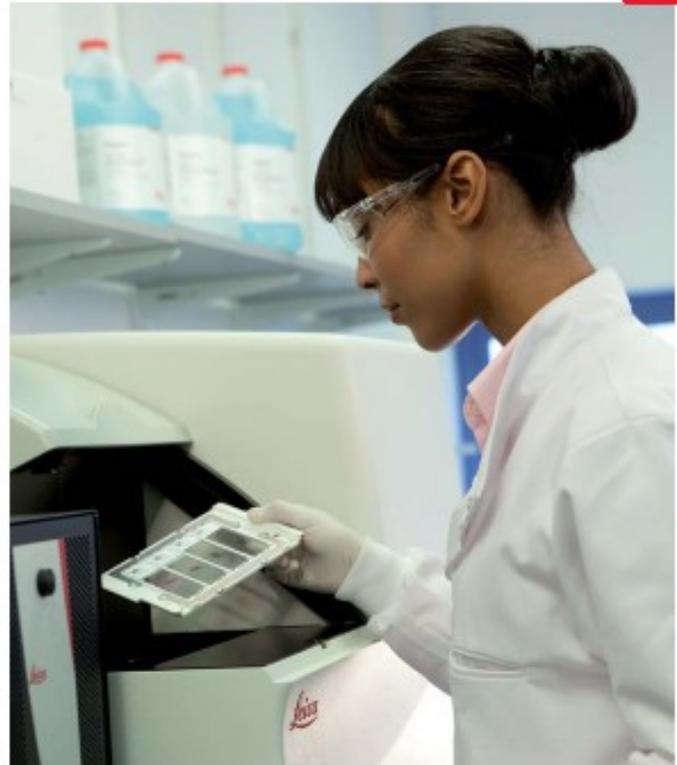
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-Shelly Munning, Lab Manager
Hamilton Gastroenterology Group



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Source: _____

Today's Date: _____

Please complete both sides of form

**2013 Membership Year
January 1– December 31**

Referred by:

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- 1. ONLINE:** Join online from our website www.nsh.org **2. FAX:** Complete form with credit card number included and fax to (443) 535-4055
3. MAIL: Return this completed form with payment to:

National Society for Histotechnology, 8850 Stanford Blvd, Suite 2900 Columbia, MD 21045

** Payments accepted are Cash, Check, Money Order & Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard & American Express.) * A Purchase Orders may not be used for membership dues.*

- 1. Contact Information:** *(Please select which address/email you would like to be your primary address.) Your Primary address will be used for directory and mail.*

Name:	Company:
Home Address:	Work Address:
City/State/Zip	Dept/Bld/Room#:
Home Phone:	City/State/Zip
Personal Email	Phone:
Primary Address: (Please circle) Home Work	Work Email:
Primary Email Address to contact you: (please circle)	Personal Email or Work Email

Are you?: A New Member Renewing your membership

- 2. Membership Type:** *(Please read below and select which Membership type you are applying for)*

- Professional Regular Active(\$80):** Individuals actively engaged and/or interested in histotechnology or an allied profession
- Retired (\$40):** Members retired from the profession. The member must be an active member in good standing for at least five years prior to retirement.
- Student (FREE):** Individual in a NACCLS approved or Canadian histology program with documentation from the program director and/or pathologists attesting to their student training status. Individuals may hold student membership for a maximum of two years .
- International (\$80):** Individuals residing outside the United States, Canada and U.S. possessions, who are gainfully employed and actively engaged in and/or interested in histotechnology or an allied profession

For Student Membership: (Please complete)

Histotechnology School/Program Name: _____ Year started: _____

Director Of Program: _____ Email/Phone: _____

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3. Title and Credentials:

Name: _____

Job Category: Please check appropriate title

- Trainee Lab Assistant Technologist Supervisor Lab Manager PA Pathologist
 Educator Industry Sales Industry Technical Rep Other _____

Credentials: Please check all the apply

- HT HTL QIHC MT MLT MLS CT SLS PA PhD MD Other _____

4. Areas of Interest: (Please check which resources interest you)

- IHC Hard Tissue Veterinary Research Safety Regulations Molecular Management/Leadership
 Education Mohs Mentoring Other Specialties _____

5. Certifications Interested in Pursuing:

- HT HTL QIHC MT MLT MLS CT SLS PA PhD Other _____

6. Preferences

- A. Are you a New Member? Yes No I have not been a member for many years. (Last year member _____)
- B. Would you like a Society Mentor to contact you about resources available? Yes No I want to think about it
 If Yes, what's the best way to contact you? **Phone:** Home Work **Email:** Personal Work
- C. Are you interested in volunteering for NSH? Yes No Possibly, but I would like more information
- a. If yes, how much time are you able to commit? (Please select one)
 On-site at the Annual S/C A few hours a month A few hours a week Only on special projects
- b. Is there any special area you are interested in volunteering for?
 Presenting a Workshop Presenting a Teleconference Becoming a Society Mentor
 Write an article for Journal of Histotechnology Editing articles for JOH Join a Resource Committee (see #4 for areas)
 Join a Business Committee (Education, Legislative, Bylaws, Membership, PR, Nominations/Elections)
** Please visit our website under Leadership to find out what each committee does.*

7. Addition to Dues:

- Would you like to purchase a membership pin for \$10? Yes No
 Would you like to donate to ADA Fund? Yes No \$ _____
 Would you like to donate to Memorial Educational Fund? Yes No \$ _____

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Total Due: \$ _____

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International	\$80
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