



REGION IX MEETING AUSTIN, TEXAS AGENDA

Date: August 24, 2014 (Sunday)

Time: 4:35 to 5:30 pm

Room Ballroom F

1. Meeting called to Order @ 4:14 PM
2. Welcome to Attendees – [Ann Lynde](#)
3. Additions to the Agenda- [No Additions](#)
4. Approval of Agenda- [June Shin](#)
5. Approval of Minutes (Providence, RI)-[Helen Connelly](#)
6. Introduction of the Region IX Executive and Committee Chairs – Ann Lynde
 - a. Attending Executives
 - i. Secretary – Vern Hurst
 - ii. Treasurer – Corrine Chow
 - iii. Past Director - Heather Nymeyer
 - iv. Regrets: Member at Large – Michael Ho
 - v.
 - b. Committee Chairs
 - i. Nominations and Elections Chair - Corinne Chow
 - ii Membership - June Shin and James Tang
 - iii Regrets: Education Chair - Lisa Manning and Awards Chair - Tracey Lenek
7. Introduction of 2014 Region IX House of Delegates & why this position is important - Ann Lynde
 1. Ann Lynde, Medicine Hat, Alberta
 2. Vern Hurst, Sudbury, Ontario
 3. Corrine Chow, Medicine Hat, AB
8. Treasurers Report – Corinne Chow
 - 2013 - 2014 Region IX Finances
 - Approval of Treasurer's report- [Heather Nymeyer](#)
- Education Committee Report – Vern Hurst for Lisa Manning
- Membership Committee Report – June Shin and James Tang
 - There was a suggestion to add our brochure with CSMLS or Provincial College mailings.
 - There was discussion regarding:
 - that Techs may not see that there is enough education opportunities for prospective members
 - getting managers to become members and get the managers to sign up staff
 - involving Pathologists which may provide support for the membership
 - setting up a booth at other society functions to raise our profile
 - finding “leaders” , signing them up and getting them to help advocate
 - point out to students that they can apply for a 2 year free membership and that they would be eligible for awards and scholarships
 - there is a difficulty in Canada in that we also have to pay our College dues and the fact that they come due at the same time as NSH dues
- Awards Committee Report – Corinne Chow for Tracey Lenek
 - There was discussion regarding
 - The Vector Student Award: Patrice noted that Histology students at University level need to perform and present a project which may be a significant financial burden to the students and the Award may be a good opportunity for them
 - Corinne noted that she has approached her students with no results
 - It was noted that the demographics of our profession are changing which may reflect upon the lack of interest in the awards
 - An extension of the deadline to the end of June may help with encouraging students to apply
- Nominations and Elections Report - Corinne Chow

- NSH Board of Directors - Ann Lynde
 - Ann related that the Board of directors are working with a consultant to develop a three year operation plan for changes.
- Executive Committee report - Ann Lynde
 - Ann noted that there will be an email to the membership regarding the issue with the awards
- Region IX Business– Ann Lynde
 - Education Day fee increase Motion - online voting results
 - Approval of Education Day fee increase
 - On-line vote was passed
 - There was discussing regarding having no printing for Education Day materials, that all would be on a USB drive instead.
- Vendor Appreciation Award - presented by Ann Lynde
 - Awarded to **Leica**
- Region IX Vendor Awards – presented by Ann Lynde and Neil Abhyankar (Lecia)
 - Leica Award of Excellence- presented to Corinne Chow
 - Roche Employee/Individual Award- presented to Corinne Chow
- Introduction of incoming Region IX Director Vern Hurst - by Ann Lynde
 - Ann acknowledged her appreciation of everyone over the last 4 years.

Reminders:

Monday August 25 – 6 pm Somagen Canadian Night - Parkside Restaurant
 Tuesday August 26 - General Membership 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm
 Wednesday August 27 - House of Delegates 6:00 sign in - 7:00 meeting convenes

- Meeting Adjourned @5:40 PM