



REGION IX MEETING

Cincinnati, Ohio

Date: Sept 17 2011 (Saturday)

Time: 4:10 to 5:15 pm

Room # 230/231 Duke Energy Convention Center

Meeting called to order 4:10 pm

1. **Welcome to all – Ann Lynde**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Attendees Region IX meeting Sept 17 2011- Total Attendees-42**
 - BC-7
 - AB-5
 - SK-
 - MB-5
 - ON-20
 - NB-
 - PEI-1
 - NS-
 - NL-2
 - QC-2
4. **Introduction of Region IX Executive Committee and Committee Chairs**
– Ann Lynde
 - Secretary – Vern Hurst
 - Treasurer – Michele Shackleton
 - Member at Large – Michael Ho (sends regrets)
 - Education Chair – Lisa Manning (sends regrets)
 - Awards Chair – Tracy Lenek (sends regrets)
 - Speaker of the House – Janet Tunnicliffe
5. **Approval of Minutes September 25 2010, Seattle WA**
 - Motion by Matthew Canil – Seconded by Pat Keogh
 - Approved
6. **Introduction of 2011 Region IX House of Delegates**
 - Ann Lynde, Medicine Hat, Alberta
 - Darlene Collett, Brampton, Ontario
 - Vern Hurst, Sudbury, Ontario
 - Michele Shackleton, Toronto, Ontario
 - NSH Bylaws Chair, Mark Elliott Vancouver, BC
 - Speaker of the House, Janet Tunnicliffe, Vancouver, BC

7. Treasurers Report – Michele Shackleton

- 2010-2011 Region IX finances, education day positive
- Approval of report
- Motion by Darlene Collett – Seconded by Mark Elliot
- Approved

8. Election of Treasurer-

- Michele Shackleton – nominated by Darlene Collett, Seconded by David Hilchie
- Michele Shackleton- elected by acclamation

9. Education Committee Report - Vern Hurst for Lisa Manning

The year was a busy one for me as the new education chair. It really started off with a bang, working with the Region IX team to coordinate my first regional meeting in Montreal. The meeting was very well attended and the evaluations clearly indicated that the participants learned a lot and enjoyed the speakers and vendor interaction.

Now the weather in some of our provinces is starting to get colder and kids are gearing up to go back to school. This is the time of year when people are thinking about their workshops and courses for the National NSH symposium/convention this year in Cincinnati, Ohio. The program this year looks excellent and I hope that many Canadians will be able to attend this annual event. If not, we should be starting to approach our supervisors to request travel time for the next NSH S/C which will be held in Vancouver next year. Since this symposium/convention will be in our own Region, it would be great to see our current NSH members put forward a push for increasing the Region IX membership and working on preparations for travel arrangements for multiple technologists to have the opportunity to attend this 2012 event.

The Fall is also a great time to start thinking about continuing education (CE) courses and coming up with creative ways to meet most provincially mandated CE requirements. The NSH offers excellent monthly lunch hour teleconferences which are always interesting and informative. The NSH also provides training certificates for teleconference attendees to use for CE credits. For those who prefer to read journals, there are also some amazing articles in the Journal of Histotechnology. The journal covers many diverse topics and usually has some excellent tips on improving or tweaking staining methods and some cutting edge articles about new innovative techniques. An on-site journal club is another way to initiate some CE in the workplace. No matter what stimulates you, the NSH has lots to offer for histotechnologists; you just need to be a member to enjoy all the benefits.

My goals over the next year will be to look into ways to offer more CE and to learn the inner workings of this new position so I can better serve our region. Please email me if you have any suggestions for continuing education or have ideas that you would like to share that may help other technologists who may be struggling to acquire their CE credits.

10. Region IX Business – Ann Lynde

- Vancouver 2012;
Mark Elliott and May Chin are our leads for the NSH S/C next year in Vancouver. We will be looking for volunteers to help in various areas; we all have to help not just the members in the Vancouver area. More information will be emailed out to members starting in the New Year.
- Canadian Association of Pathologists Award:
This award is provided by the Canadian Association of Pathologists to a Medical Laboratory Technologist/Technician in Pathology (Histology, EM, Genetics, Immuno, Cytology) or Hematology, in recognition of his/her outstanding contribution to continuing professional development in the area of medical laboratory practice. If interested contact Ann for more information
- Website announcement (adding a French section)- Liette Tougas has graciously volunteered to translate to French.

11. Awards Committee Report – Vern Hurst for Tracey Lenek

Although the number of nominations and applications received was far less than previous years – the quality of the applicants was once again remarkable. “Five” out of the possible “9” awards had successful applicants, the remaining were not rewarded either due to lack of applications received or the applicants did not meet the award criteria.

In an effort to accommodate delays associated with the rotating postal strike, we continued to accept applications several weeks after the deadline of June 15th.

I would like to thank the awards committee for reviewing the documentation and completing the award selection on such a short timeline, especially since for some this impacted their summer vacation as well.

Thank you to the vendors who sponsor the awards, to the committee for a job well done and most of all to the deserving 2011 NSH Region IX Award Recipients.

- **Awards presentation**
 - a. Vendor Plaque of Appreciation – *Ann Lynde*
Recipient- Ventana/Roche- Jason DeLoach
 - b. Malcolm D. Silver award - *Ann Lynde*
Recipient- Janet Tunnicliffe
 - c. Dako Award Immunohistochemistry/In-situ Hybridization – *presented by John MacKinnon of Dako Canada, Inc.*
Recipient- Elizabeth Colley
 - d. Ventana Medical Systems Immunohistochemistry Award – presented by a Ventana Medical Systems
No recipient
 - e. Leica Immunohistochemistry Award – presented by *Leica Microsystems - BioSystems Division*
No recipient
 - f. Histotechnology Student Scholarship Award – *presented Pat Keogh Vector Laboratories Canada Inc*
Recipient- Jason Rapps
 - g. Leica Award of Excellence
No recipient

- h. T-shirt Design Award – presented by T-shirt sponsor, *Intermedico, Michele Shackleton*
Recipient- May Chin

12. Region IX T-shirt Competition information –

Date: Sept 20, 2011 (Tuesday)

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Exhibit Hall

12. Membership Regional Scholarship Draw

- Won by Sandra Dion, Winnipeg MB

14. Reminders:

Saturday Sept 17, 7 pm Leica Microsystems

Sunday Sept 18, 6 pm Sakura Finetek USA, Inc. prior to the Annual Awards Banquet

Monday Sept 19, – 6 pm Somagen Canadian Night

7 pm Ventana Medical Systems, *A member of the Roche Group*

Tuesday Sept 20 - General Membership 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm

15. Meeting adjourned 5:15 pm