



SUMMER
2013

Lazy Hazy Days of Summer

Region IX held a Education Day May 25 in Winnipeg. I would like to thank Lisa Manning and her committee for an outstanding job!! Great speakers and a large attendance made for a great informative weekend.

This year NSH Annual Symposium and Convention will be held in Providence Rhode Island. If you are planning to attend and would like to stay for an extra day of sight seeing and then spend the evening as a delegate at the House of Delegates meeting please email me. Region IX needs to fill our seats so that we have a strong voice.

Remember that the quarterly issue of NSH InAction contains a scientific image and 3 questions about the image. Members can earn contact hours by completing the quiz and returning it to the NSH office. Each quiz is worth .5 hours.

Ann Lynde
Region IX Director

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

NSH Annual Convention Symposium



Chart your Course to the 2013 NSH Convention/Symposium in
Providence, Rhode Island
September 20– 25

For more information go to nsh.org

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Future Dates
40th Annual Symposium/Convention
August 21-27, 2014
Austin, TX

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

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.

Congratulations to the winner of the \$50 Starbucks card:

Vaishali Patel

Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories, Brampton, ON

Thanks again for your participation.

June Shin and James Tang

Region IX Membership Co-Chairs

NSH Board of Directors

The NSH Board of Directors participated in a Strategic Planning Retreat on June 15-16, 2013 in conjunction with the Summer Symposium held in Las Vegas. During this retreat, under the guidance of a professional facilitator from Signaturei, LLC the Board has set the general direction for the vision and strategic framework of the Society. This is the first of many conversations that will be held this Summer as we review and revise the goals and objectives of the Society. The goals that we are focusing on were drafted with membership in mind and are suited to best serve the society. Once the final plan has been approved by the Board of Directors in September, a copy will be available for the membership to review on the NSH website. The NSH Board of Directors encourages every member and stakeholder to review this final plan and provide comments and input as necessary. We will notify the membership via email, through NSH in Action and announcement on the NSH home page once the final plan has been approved. Some information has been provided below about our Strategic Planning Partner.

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Marsha Rhea, CAE, created Signaturei, LLC after recognizing most organizations need a change agent to help create the focus and momentum to achieve their vision and goals. She specializes in helping transform organizations through pragmatic execution of their vision. This business blends the strategic perspective and creative skills she gained as a futurist with her more than 20 years' experience in association management. She has led strategic planning projects and signature initiatives for a diverse range of national associations and federal agencies. She has the aptitude for learning about and working with health, education, scientific, engineering and other highly professional and technical organizations. She is known for her willingness to innovate and facilitate collaborative learning experiences for small leadership teams or high-stakes summits.

A Personal Note:

I would like to thank the NSH members that phoned and emailed me regarding our safety when Medicine Hat flooded. Our home is on a hill away from the river, but our son's house is situated on the flood plane and received 6 feet of water in his basement. He is one of the fortunate ones as his house is a easy fix, and he can return back to his home in about two weeks.

Our thoughts go out to cities like Calgary, High River, Canmore, Fort MacMurray, Morley, Drumheller, Tsuu T'ina and Siksika First Nations Alberta that received extensive flood damage to homes and infrastructures.

Thank you again,

Ann

NSH Region IX would like to extend thanks to Leica Microsystems for their continued sponsorship of
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NSH Teleconference/Webinar

July 24: 1 PM
How did this Slide Contamination Happen?

August 28: 1 pm
What Should a Good H&E Look Like?

September 18: 1 pm
Immunohistochemistry, Antibodies
And Pathology

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Heard about the tissue processor everyone is talking about?

Rumor has it that it's **safer** for us to operate and safer for the tissue samples too...

I heard it's **easier** to manage reagents

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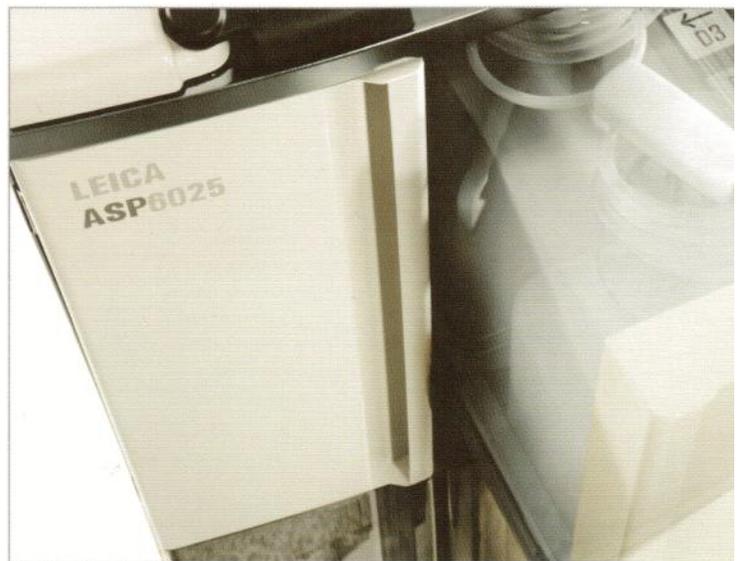
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