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Missouri Assembly of AST Newsletter



National Election Results

Elections were exciting this year at national conference as AST saw an incredible amount of candidates step up to run for office. Four board of directors and one Secretary were elected by the house of delegates. Winners of each office are denoted by asterisk.

Candidates for the office of Secretary were:

William Hammer, CST	49
Maranda Mezyck, CST, LPN	46
Glen Mullins, CST, CTBS, CEBT, FAST	129**

Candidates for the office of Board of Directors were:

Don Brazil, CST, FAST	132**
Jean Carty-Turner, CST, CSFA, FAST	137**
Nicole Claussen, CST, FAST	133**
Jessica Elliot, CST, RN, FAST	103
Sandra Farley, CST	54
Julia Jackson, CST, FAST	89
Tracey James, CST	28
Kim Taylor, CST	96
Sam Waites, CST	109**

Congratulations to Missouri AST President Nicole Claussen on her election to the AST Board of Directors! We know you will represent us well.

Minnie Smith-Buckingham Receives Legacy Award

Missouri member Minnie Smith-Buckingham was completely surprised when her name was called during the opening ceremony at conference this past week. She was presented the "Legacy Award" by Past President Margaret Rodriguez. Minnie has had a great career not only as a CST but also as an instructor. She is an incredibly valued member of the Missouri Assembly of AST.

Congratulations Minnie, you deserve it!

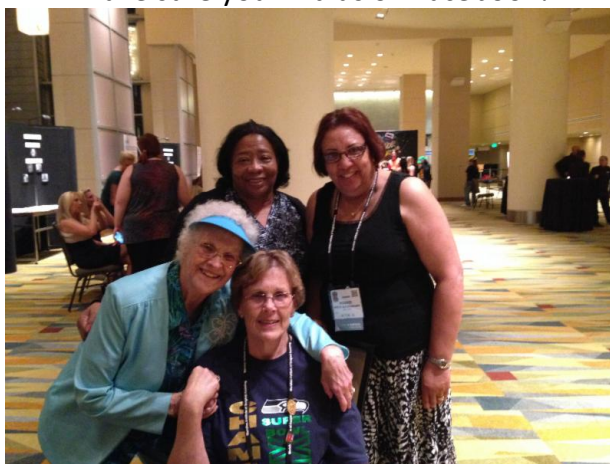


Upcoming Events - Fall Meeting in Jefferson City

Our next educational event will be at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri on September 27th, 2014. This event is worth 7 CEU credits pending AST final approval.

You will receive an email when online registration is opened soon. We hope to see you there!

Photos from National Conference
Make sure you find us on Facebook!



Missouri members visiting with friends at the opening night party in Denver, Colorado.



Missouri delegates waiting to vote.

Spotlight On New Missouri Board Members

Director - Carrie Golightly, CST

Hello, my name is Carrie Golightly.

I already know many of you, but for those that may not know me, here are some highlights! I graduated as a Surgical Technologist from Columbia Public Schools in 2004. I took the NBSTSA exam and became a certified Surgical Technologist in 2009. I worked at University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia MO from 2004 until 2010 when I was invited to be an instructor with Columbia Public Schools. I am happy to say that I have been teaching ever since. I am continuing my own education, working towards my associate's degree, which I am very much looking forward to finishing in 2016.

My life revolves around my family. My husband moved across the pond from England to marry me 8 years ago and we have been going strong ever since! I have three awesome kids: Michael, 14, Adelyn, 5 and Chloe, 2. My son will be a freshman in the fall and will also (eeek!) be getting his driver's permit! If I were all of you, I would avoid the roadways near the Columbia/Ashland area!

We are a very busy family this summer with football practices and tball games, but I love every minute and wish that time wouldn't go so fast.

I am loving my time on your Board of Directors so far. I was proud to represent Missouri recently at the 45th annual national AST convention in Denver, CO. Now I am looking forward to my first State Assembly meeting as a director in September! I hope to see all of you in Jefferson City.



Secretary - Jacob Walker, CST

My name is Jacob Walker, your Missouri AST Secretary. I attended Maple Woods Community College where I received an Associate Degree in Surgical Technology in May of 2013. I passed the NBSTSA certification exam in January of 2013 and have been an active member of the Association of Surgical Technologists ever since. I have been working at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City since September of 2013.

I have been with my wife since we met at school in 2009 and we now have 2 children, Elliott 2, and Ferris 9 months. Spending time with my family is my preferred pastime, and if I am not at work you will find me with them. I look forward to being able to contribute to the great work that the Missouri AST has been doing and I hope to see you in September in Jefferson City.



State Assembly Bylaws Changes

The AST national board of directors recently voted to make changes to the state assembly bylaws at their April 2014 meeting. If you would like to see the new updated Missouri Assembly of AST bylaws, [click here](#).

New AST Logo/Website/Study Guide App

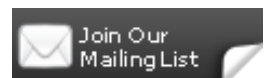
AST recently changed their logo to a new streamlined basic design. They have also launched a new website that includes a mobile version for those surfing on their phones and tablets.

Check it out!

Also now available for download is the AST study guide app for \$49.99 which contains valuable study guide questions and practice tests to help with preparation for the NBSTSA certification exam.



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