

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE BYLAWS AMENDMENT!

Beth A. Uri, HT (ASCP), Bylaws Committee Chair

The Bylaws Committee has been working on identifying areas of the bylaws that need revision. The major hurdle that the committee has encountered is regarding amending the bylaws. The current bylaws state: The proposed amendments may be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting ASMH membership by mail ballot.

In the past, we have had great difficulty getting ballots returned to the executive office; therefore we are unable to pass amendments. The committee is proposing the following amendment to the bylaws: The proposed amendments may be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or a majority of the voting ASMH members in attendance at the annual membership meeting.

This amendment does not change anything in the bylaws other than the process to approve amendments. All amendments will still be presented to the membership for their review and vote. The amendment will allow future changes to be reviewed and approved at the annual membership meeting. This would streamline the process, while still allowing input from membership.

It is extremely important that you vote to approve this amendment and return your ballot to the executive office. Ballots will be mailed out in late September to all members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BARBARA BECK, HT (ASCP)

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer!

As we head towards the end of 2009, ASMH has several exciting activities coming up.

The 16th Annual Meeting for ASMH will be held Friday, April 30th – Saturday, May 1st in New York, New York. The Annual Meeting Planning Committee is working hard to develop a comprehensive scientific program. If you would like to participate, or know someone who would volunteer their time to give a talk, PLEASE contact the program committee. We need your participation!! Our Preliminary Program and registration materials will be sent out early next year.

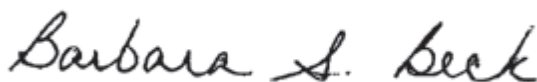
ASMH will again be holding an abstract award contest for the best abstract submitted for the 2010 ASMH Annual Meeting. The submitter of the top abstract will receive \$1,000 and will give a 15 minute presentation at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Abstract guidelines and a submission form are available on the ASMH Web site. The guidelines now include a sample of a previous year's abstract winner. Abstracts must be received at the ASMH office no later than February 5, 2010.

ASMH will be holding another election in 2010. We need to elect the President, Vice President and two Directors to the Board of Directors. Both the President and Vice President serve two-year terms. Directors serve three-year terms. Please send in your nominations, GET INVOLVED!! Ballots will be sent to all members in February.

It's almost time to renew your dues. All members will receive their dues invoices in October. A second notice will also be included with the election ballot for those who have not yet paid. Your dues must be current in order to vote in the 2010 election, so please send in your payment.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact me or the ASMH Executive Office at any time.

All the best,



Barbara Beck, HT (ASCP), ASMH President



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

-Kim Brock, HT (ASCP)

Greetings to you all. The summer is winding down and weather-wise it seems like it just got started in our part of the country. It was a cool start and the tomatoes took for-ever getting red. I'm hoping the frost holds off a long time so all those green ones get a chance. In any case, I wanted to let you know that one of the suggestions made at the annual meeting for the newsletter was to have an area where the membership could voice opinions. I would like to let you know that there is always an opportunity to voice your opinion in the newsletter. Professional and positive contributions to and about the ASMH and its membership are most welcome. Please send any submissions to me through Krista Perkins at the ASMH office (Email: kperkins@execinc.com). I know you look forward to articles from your colleagues, but due to the inclusion of the salary survey there wasn't room in this issue. Be assured, we will make up for it in December!

Sincerely,

Kim Brock

CAREER CORNER

Guidelines for Complimentary Career Corner Postings

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SALARY SURVEY - 2009

Please take a few moments to participate in this salary survey. It is important to gain specific information regarding salaries and benefits provided by employers. The more responses received the more accurate the survey results. This salary information is very useful to both employers and technicians regarding appropriate compensation levels.

***** Please do not include your name on this survey. Your individual response will be kept in strict confidence.**

1. Please check one of the following which best describes your employer:

- ₁ Private Office ₃ Small Hospital
₂ Major Medical Center ₄ Other (please describe) _____

2. Please check each type of patient care you provide routinely:

- ₁ Histological Technician duties only ₄ Suture removals/dressing changes
₂ Surgical Assistant/Technician ₅ All of the above
₃ Patient consultations/discharging

3. Provide the average number of Mohs cases you are involved with daily: _____

4. How many technicians are employed in your office? _____

5. How many days a week do you work on a regular basis? _____

6. How many hours per day do you work on a regular basis? _____

7. How many Mohs surgeons are in your office? _____

8. How many offices do you work from? _____

9. Please indicate your number of years of experience in Mohs Technique: _____

10. Please indicate your geographic location:

- ₁ Northwest region of United States (AK, CA, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY)
₂ Southwest region of United States (AZ, CO, HI, NV, NM, UT)
₃ Central region of United States (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI)
₄ Northeast region of United States (CT, DE, DC, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT)
₅ Southeast region of United States (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)
₆ Outside of United States - Please indicate country: _____

11. Please indicate your highest level of schooling or training:

- ₁ High School diploma or equivalent ₅ B.S. degree, related field
₂ A.A.S. degree, (A.S.C.P.) registered Histologic Technician ₆ B.S. degree, non-related field
₃ A.A.S. degree, related field ₇ Other: _____
₄ A.A.S. degree, non-related field

12. Please check off each of the benefits provided by your employer (as many as apply):

- ₁ Major medical employee/family ₆ Profit sharing
₂ Retirement or pension plan ₇ Disability - Long term/Short term
₃ Tuition reimbursement ₈ Other: _____
₄ Paid seminars and conferences ₉ None
₅ Dental insurance

13. If you are in a supervisory position, indicate your years of supervisory experience: _____

14. Hourly Wage: \$ _____

Thank you for completing this survey. Results will be collated and will appear in an upcoming issue of the ASMH Newsletter.
Please return by December 18, 2009.

Please fax or mail your completed form to the ASMH office by December 18, 2009!

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Thank You!

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