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HISTOPALOOZA 2017

...and a good time was had by all!

Many thanks to all the volunteers that brought Histopalooza together! It takes a village to bring this together and it is appreciated. We had great sponsors, food and classes and special thanks to our members which is why we do this! We hope you had a good time and look forward to seeing you next year!



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IHC/Molecular Scholarship	Biocare Medical- Joe Myers	Angel Buffington, HT(ASCP)
President's Award	ThermoFisher- Chad Powell	Sandra Richards, HT (ASCP)CM
HT/HTL of the Year Award	Sakura- Sharon Wehman	Fran Davis, HT(ASCP)



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Letter from the President



Dear Members,

Thank you, for your continued support of the Georgia Society for Histotechnology. As the beautiful Georgia fall colors embrace us, I hope that each of you takes time out of our busy days, to sit down with a hot beverage and enjoy the serenity and peace that only this great state of Georgia can offer. Then please return to your craft, with all of the vigor you can muster, because we just wouldn't be the same without any of you doing what you do best... Histotechnology.

Next year is an election year. Which means it's time for nominations. Please take a moment of your time to nominate a member for President, Vice President, Treasurer and/or Secretary. You can nominate yourself or another member who has agreed to hold the position. Speaking from my own personal experience, I have never regretted holding a position on this board. Over the past 10 years I have held several positions and each has challenged me, strengthened me, and improved my career. If you're looking for an opportunity to hone your leadership skills or if you know someone who is, I highly recommend this experience. The current board and I, look forward to seeing MORE members learn and grow from these rewarding positions. Nomination forms were sent to all members, and can be downloaded from our Facebook page.

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to serve GSH, along with Janet Hobbs, and Shirley Powell as delegates to the National Society for Histotechnology. The symposium was a brilliant display of all ideas, techniques, and equipment pertinent to histotechnology. I hope and recommend that all GSH members will become or will continue to be members of The NSH, and can enjoy the tools which are only available to NSH members. It's my opinion that The NSH has continued to prove its value to our field through the improved availability of growing information databases, advocating in multiple professional forums, and continuously improving educational experiences.

I hope to see all of you in April, at the 2018 HISTOPALOOZA, more information will be released as plans are finalized. You can bet, this will be a good one to attend.

Sincerely,

Michael Bourgeois

GSH President

Blast from the Past



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(L to R) Shirley Justice, J. W. Eversole, M.D., and Shirley Powell. Photograph: courtesy of Greg Puster

ORIGIN OF THE GEORGIA SOCIETY

The ideal pathologist is one who recognizes the need for professional growth in his histotechnologists and gives them this opportunity. J. W. Eversole, M.D., Chief Pathologist at the Medical Center of Central Georgia recognized this need and in 1971 he heard that a histology society was forming in Florida. In November of that year he urged Shirley Justice HT(ASCP) and Shirley Powell HT(ASCP) to attend the organizational meeting of the Florida Society. After observing the meeting, the two Shirley's decided that the educational benefits and exchange of ideas would be beneficial for histology technicians in Georgia. A questionnaire was distributed to the scattered pathology centers throughout the state to establish the degree of interest in a Georgia Society of Histologic Technicians. Approximately 100 questionnaires were mailed and 65 individuals responded that

they would be interested in forming a society. Because of this general enthusiasm, an organizational meeting was held in Macon in March of 1972. John G. Etheridge, M.D., Associate Pathologist at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon was guest speaker. The meeting was attended by forty four histologic technicians, all of whom joined the Society.

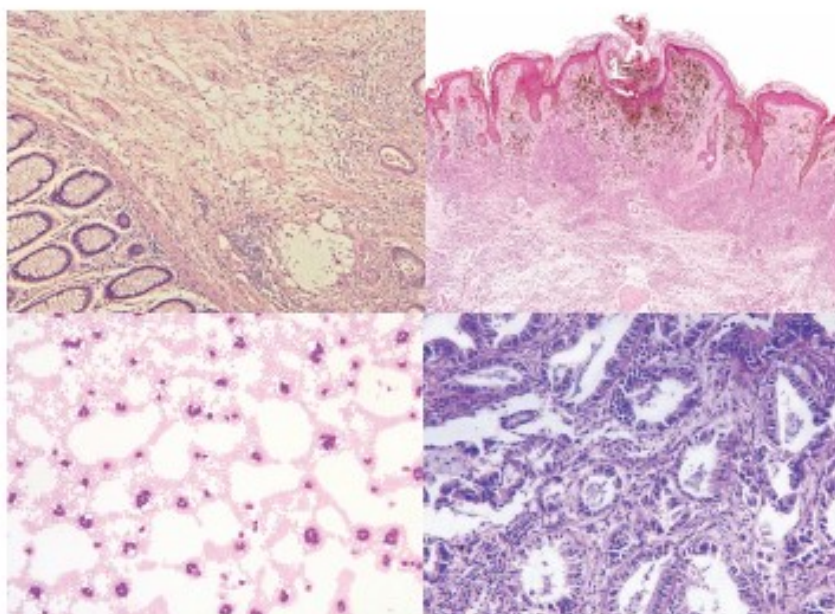
As stated in the by-laws, the purposes of the Society were threefold: (1) to promote continued education in the field of histology; (2) to strengthen communications by promoting interchange of ideas and methods; (3) to promote career interest in this vital paramedical field.

Thus started the Georgia Society . . .



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2018 GSH Awards & Scholarship Nomination Form

Nomination deadline March 9, 2018

Nominator and Nominee must be GSH members

NOTE: Nominations must be supported by submission of a recommendation letter from the nominee's supervisor and/or pathologist. Multiple letters may be submitted.

GSH HT/HTL of the Year

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a current GSH member
- Must live and work in the state of Georgia

The HT/HTL of the Year award is given annually to a member who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, best exemplifies the qualities of dedication and service to the profession of Histotechnology. The recipient will be awarded \$100.

GSH Holde Puchtler Student Award

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a current GSH member
- Enrolled in an approved School of Histotechnology and graduating the current year

The GSH Holde Puchtler Student Award is given to a deserving student that exemplifies academic ability and outstanding qualities in histological techniques.

The \$250 monetary reimbursement award is to be used exclusively to attend a GSH or NSH meeting and will expire 2 years after award presentation. The student will be refunded up to \$250 on providing original receipts for meeting attended.

IHC/Molecular Scholarship

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a current GSH member
- Must live and work in the state of Georgia

The IHC/Molecular Scholarship is awarded to a member desiring to expand their knowledge and skill in the field of IHC/Molecular techniques.

A \$250 monetary reimbursement award is to be used exclusively to attend IHC or molecular courses/workshops and will expire 2 years after award presentation. The recipient will be refunded up to \$250 upon providing original receipts for the course/workshop attended.

Submit by mail or email to:
Cindy Baranowski gshawards@gmail.com
1551 Greyfield Trace, Snellville, GA 30078

I _____

nominate _____

for the 2018 GSH _____ Award/Scholarship.

Nominator name & email: _____

Nominee name & email: _____

For Student Award: Histology School _____ Graduation Date _____

Nominees Credentials: [AA, BS, HT, HTL, QIHC, etc] _____

Years in Histology: _____

Paragraph describing your nominee's qualities and work contributions :

Letter(s) of recommendation from supervisor and/or pathologist may be attached or sent separately.

Attached _____ To be sent separately _____

Cindy Baranowski GSH Awards Chair gshawards@gmail.com
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Region III News

Well in the midst of writing this, hurricane Irma is barring down on the state of Florida. My thoughts and prayers are with all of our friends in Florida. Hopefully everyone will be safe. That being said, Florida has been working very hard planning the 43rd NSH Symposium/Convention in Orlando, Florida. The symposium is supposed to start Friday September 15th. I hope you have made plans to attend. There is always great networking, excellent workshops and fun, fun, fun!

Here is news from some of our Region III states.

The Mississippi Society had their meeting July 15th 2017. They had 3 workshops and support from several vendors. After their business meeting the networking continued with a Friday night social, dinner and fun at Painting with a Twist.

I am sorry to report that the South Carolina, SCSH will not have a meeting this year. They are having a difficult time recruiting people to be involved so they have decided to go inactive for now. This is very sad news to hear. Please if you know any histo-techs in South Carolina lets get them involved in our Region.

It is important for all of us to stand up and support our profession. I would love to hear suggestions on how we can help the states in our Region. Please feel free to contact me suedotmr@gmail.com or 954-562-4862.

Best regards,

Sue Clark

Region III Director

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - GSH 2018 ELECTIONS
Deadline February 1, 2018

Now accepting nominations for
President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
Duties of each office are listed below.

Requirements:

- Nominator and nominee must be current GSH members in good standing.
- Nominee must be made aware that they are being nominated.
- Nominee must express a willingness to carry out the responsibilities of the position if elected.
- We welcome nominations for multiple offices

Nominations must include:

Name of nominee and office, your name and your email address.

E-mail nominations to:

GSHnominations@gmail.com

Or Mail the form to Lauren Sweeney:
1840 Barber Creek Road
Statham, GA 30666

2018 GSH NOMINATION FORM:

I nominate _____ for the office of: **President**

I nominate _____ for the office of: **Vice President**

I nominate _____ for the office of: **Secretary**

I nominate _____ for the office of: **Treasurer**

Submitted by: _____
E-mail [address](#): _____

Duties of Officers

President -

1. Act as executive officer of the Society. Supervise all business and affairs of the Society.
2. Preside over all Society meetings and be an ex-officio member of all committees. Designate, upon approval of the Board of Directors, all committees.
3. Call special meetings of the Society, or of the Board of Directors, when proper notice is given.
4. Be responsible jointly with the Treasurer for all Society funds.
5. Shall have been a member of the Society for at least one (1) year.
6. Be responsible to the Board of Directors for the performance and discharge of all the responsibilities of office.

Vice President -

1. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
2. Shall be the Society's official host to honor guests, speakers, and visitors.
3. Shall perform and discharge all other responsibilities as required by the President or the Board of Directors.

Secretary -

1. Keep and report the minutes of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.
2. Distribute these minutes to the members of the Board of Directors.
3. Together with the President, shall sign all official documents of the Society.
4. Shall be custodian of all official Society records and documents and keep an accurate inventory of all Society property.
5. Shall perform and discharge other duties and responsibilities as required by the President or Board of Directors.

Treasurer -

1. Responsible jointly with the President for all funds and securities of the Society.
2. Receive and issue receipts for money due and payable to the Society from any source whatsoever.
3. Deposit all moneys in the name of the Society in bank, trust companies, or other depositories so designated by the Board of Directors.
4. All expenditures shall be by check signed by the Treasurer, President or officer designated by the President (i.e. Vice President or Secretary).
5. Keep an orderly record of receipts and disbursements and present a current financial statement at each regularly scheduled meeting.
6. Submit the books of the Society to a review committee at the discretion of the Board of Directors. (It is helpful if this person is acquainted with bookkeeping practices or bookkeeping software, i.e. Quick Books, Quicken or Peachtree).

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