

## AROUND THE REGION

Spring is just over the horizon, and I am sure all of you are looking forward to your state's annual spring meeting. I know I am anxious to get out of the lab for short periods of time to visit several of your meetings and get to meet more of the members of NSH in Region IV.

The last time I wrote that I would report the results of the Post HOD Board of Directors meeting. President Della Speranza nominated Dr. Frieda Carson as the NSH representative to the Biological Stain Commission, this motion was seconded and passed.

A discussion on holding a Career Day for local high school and junior college students to include a "mock" laboratory during the S/C in Phoenix was held. The idea is to promote Histotechnology as a career and also to make our profession "visible" to the public.

A motion to form a task force to investigate the listing of Histology Technician and Technologist as professionals by the Federal government was presented, seconded and passed. President Della Speranza was to send invitations to suggested NSH members to serve on this task force.

The Executive Director was instructed to investigate and obtain 3 quotes as to cost for NSH and individuals for Vision and/or Short Term Disability insurance for the NSH office staff.

A motion for the acceptance as modified in the Post HOD Board of Directors meeting of the 2006 NSH Budget was made, seconded, and passed.

At the S/C in Ft. Lauderdale, I was asked by Region IV members to submit a bylaws change affecting the qualifications for officers and region directors of the NSH. At present the bylaws forbid anyone whose primary income results from the sale of scientific equipment or commodities from serving in these positions. It was felt that this was a very "grey" area as to who was qualified. I consulted with all of the Presidents of Region IV as to the feelings of their societies and the following was submitted to the Bylaw Committee chair. That the statement be removed, opening the positions to all

NSH members, or that ALL employees of “vendor” companies be prohibited from holding these offices.

A statement from the bank holding our Region IV CD was received indicating that we received \$107.84 in interest for 2005.

The following is a listing of the Region’s State Spring meetings:

**March 3-4, 2006**

Indiana Society for Histotechnology  
Indianapolis, IN  
Contact: LaDonna Elpers  
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**March 31-April 1, 2006**

Kentucky Society for Histotechnology Spring Symposium  
Marriott East  
Louisville, KY  
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**April 20-21, 2006**

Tri-State Meeting - Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota  
The Concourse, Madison, WI  
Wisconsin: Contact: Maureen Decorah  
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**May 5-6, 2006**

Michigan Society for Histotechnology  
Doubletree Hotel, Novi, MI  
Contact: Paula Bober, [pbober@dmc.org](mailto:pbober@dmc.org)

**May 18-19, 2006**

Illinois Society for Histotechnology  
Lisle, IL  
Contact: Jane Chladny, [jchladny@cvm.uiuc.edu](mailto:jchladny@cvm.uiuc.edu)

And don't forget

**Symposium/Convention  
September 8-13, 2006  
Phoenix, Arizona**

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