From the President

The NSH Symposium/Convention held in Austin, Texas this year on August 22 – 29 was a huge success. TSH had a PR booth set up to give visitors a little bit of Texas to take home. We set up a photo backdrop for NSH attendees to have pictures taken. Photos can be found on the TSH Facebook page. Sandy Bottomley’s Texas trivia was a big hit each day. Thanks for your work Sandy. Donations for the booth and banquet included baskets from each of our districts, the Louisiana Society for Histotechnology, the Oklahoma Society of Histotechnology, Austin Gastroenterology, a basket AND an I-pad from Clinical Pathology Laboratories, a monetary donation of $1000 from the Baylor Medical Center at Irving Pathologists, a case of insulated tumblers and a case of insulated cups from PRO PATH, football cards and signed pictures from Donna Willis, and gift cards from the TSH leadership. Thank you to everyone for all the donations. Thanks to Kathy Dwyer, Michelle Coker and all of the convention committee who helped make this NSH in Austin a whopping success. And...congratulations to our society for winning the NSH State Society Membership Incentive award.

NSH Keynote speaker Beck Weathers gave a heart wrenching account of his survival while climbing Mt Everest. His inspiring tale of withstanding freezing temperatures, hurricane force winds, and defying the odds of survival to make it back to his family left many with moist eyes as he completed his tale. I dare say that most in the room were moved by his tale of hardship and triumph. TSH would like to thank Dr. Weathers for so graciously agreeing to speak at the convention. It was a highlight of the convention.

Since we did not have our annual TSH Symposium/Convention we held our general membership meeting on August 22 at the NSH Annual Symposium. The HOD meeting was cancelled due to not receiving delegate nominations in time according to our by-laws. Brent Hart stated by-laws are pending until the 2015 TSH meeting. District 1 had 2 meetings, District 2 had 2 meetings and District 3 worked on the NSH meeting. Non TSH members will be charged for attending District meetings due to the fact that vendors are not able to sponsor lunch anymore. Brent Hart was nominated as our Speaker of the House. Brenda Brummell was nominated as our Nominations Chair. A Call for Nominations is in this copy of the newsletter! BE SURE TO NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE TO RUN FOR AN OFFICE.

Congrats to Michelle Coker, our new newsletter editor. Thank you to David Anderson for all of your years of work on the previous newsletters. You will be sorely missed.

Membership, membership, membership! Everyone get your membership applications in before the end of the year! Forms and information are included in this newsletter!

I hope to see each and every one of you in Plano for our 2015 TSH Annual Symposium! Information on abstract submission is included in this newsletter. Be sure to submit your abstracts early!

Yours in Histotechnology,

Veronica Davis, HT(ASCP)
The Texas Society for Histotechnology and Region 6 welcomed NSH to Austin Texas August 22-27, 2014 for the 40th Anniversary of the annual Symposium/Convention. The climate was hot, hot, hot; however a lot of great presentations and networking took place. Downtown Austin provided many great restaurants and entertainment for those wanting to get away for lunch, dinner and a night of fun. The vendors provided additional after hour activities on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for all attendees.

The Austin local PR committee did an excellent job hosting all of our NSH colleagues from all over the US and abroad. The Texas PR booth had daily drawings, giveaways and photos taken of all of the attendees who visited the Texas PR booth and photos were available to carry home as little reminder of being in the heart of Texas.

On Saturday night the “Diamonds and Boots” Awards Ceremony and Celebration was held and decorations and entertainment was sponsored by the Texas Society for Histotechnology. The decorations were gorgeous and the “live band” was fantastic. The attendees danced the night away and in my opinion was the “Best” banquet ever. The Austin local host committee did a fantastic job.

On Sunday, the Keynote Lecture was given by Beck Weathers, MD, a pathologist from the Dallas area. He presented his journey to Mt. Everest, “Miracle on Everest”. It was a moving experience for those who attended. Immediately following, the exhibits opened and the attendees to view all the new innovations in the histology/pathology world. Attendees that went to the exhibit hall were able to view the poster sessions and all of the NSH committee booths.

On Monday, the attendees attended the C.F.A Culling Memorial Lecture was given by Anna D. Barker, PHD, on “Is Personalized Medicine Really Achievable in the Absence of Clinically and Robust Relevant Biomarkers”.

The amount of positive feedback on this meeting was astounding! Attendees enjoyed free wifi provided by the convention center for the duration of the meeting, which was very welcomed. The feedback on all of the speakers at the symposium was overwhelmingly positive. Between the committee meetings, the general membership meeting and the HOD meeting the Symposium/Convention was very busy, but the meeting was a resounding success.
Renew Your Membership NOW!!!

Our membership year runs from November 1st thru October 31st, so it is time to renew your membership! Membership has numerous benefits including free CEU opportunities provided several times throughout the year, eligibility for any TSH awards given annually at the TSH Annual Symposium, eligibility to run for any TSH Executive Board positions, networking opportunities, and a discount for classes during the TSH Annual Symposium, among other things.

To be eligible for the awards and Executive Board positions, you must have your membership renewal/application by December 31. If you are unsure as to whether you are already a member in good standing, email inquiries and requests for membership paperwork to tsh.membership@hotmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Plano 2015,
Sandra Bottomley
Membership Chair

A copy of the membership application can be found on page 15 of the newsletter

From Convention Committee Chair Kathy Dwyer

Convention is scheduled for March 20-22nd, 2014
Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center
7121 Bishop Road
Plano, Texas 75024-3625.

The program committee is in the process of developing the program that must be completed by November 30, 2014.

Let us know what topics you want to hear about! If you or your institution has a workshop that you would like to share with other professionals in our field, please submit an abstract for review to kdwyer3322@aol.com.

Interested in presenting? Please see the Call for Abstracts on page 13 of the newsletter!
Hot off the presses from the Newsletter Editor!!

With membership renewal just around the corner, TSH is adding a new benefit starting with the Winter 2014 issue of Histo*TEXas newsletter! We are proud to announce we will have a “What have you learned today?” section in the newsletter. This section will have questions about feature educational articles in the issue. Answers will be submitted via email to txsh.newsletter@gmail.com.

Participants will be awarded CEU hours approved by NSH. This will be free for all current TSH members, $5 per hour for non-TSH members. Keep in mind a member in good standing means paying your dues by December 31! So check out the membership renewal info in this issue of the newsletter!

Along that same line, we always need great articles to publish in the newsletter! Because this is an official publication, you can add published articles to your CV! So, start sharing your knowledge. Be sure to submit your articles to txsh.newsletter@gmail.com. Be sure to cite all sources in your article. (note: graphics are awesome too!)

Student Slide and Poster Contests 2015

In order to promote continuing excellence in the field of Histotechnology, the TSH sponsors two competitions for current HT/HTL students to participate in: The Slide Contest and The Poster Contest.

The Slide Contest is a special stain contest. Students will be asked to perform a variety of special stain techniques which will be judged by a panel of experienced judges. Slides are provided to the students to stain.

The Student Poster contest entails students doing a research project and creating a poster demonstrating the knowledge they learned in conducting the research. Students will be expected to present their posters to the panel of judges. Cash prizes are given for the winners. Program directors and education coordinators at all of the Histotechnology Programs in Texas will be asked to disseminate information regarding the 2015 Student Slide Contest and Student Poster Contest.

Contacts: Hazel Dalton at haz.dalton@gmail.com (830) 379-1334 (h) or (281) 414-0944 Sherita Daniel Mayer-Gauen sldaniel@mdanderson.org sherita.daniel@gmail.com

New Region VI Director

We want to thank our outgoing Region VI Director Jan Gardner for doing such a wonderful job being our representative to the National Society for Histotechnology. You will be sorely missed!

We have elected a new Region VI Director for this term! Hector Hernandez of San Antonio has been elected our new Region Director. Hector works at Pathology Reference Labs in San Antonio and has been an active member of the Texas Society for Histotechnology and the National Society for Histotechnology for years. So, thank you Hector, for volunteering to be the voice of our region with the NSH! We look forward to your experience and leadership in the coming year.
2015 SYMPOSIUM/CONVENTION
March 20-22, 2015

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If you or your institution has a workshop that you would like to share with other professionals in our field, please submit an abstract for review. The abstract must include:

1. Title of proposed presentation
2. 150 word abstract of presentation (mandatory for selection)
3. Length of workshop
   Full Day – 6 hours
   ½ Day – 3 hours
   90 Minutes
   60 Minutes
4. Equipment List
5. Name, address, e-mail and phone number of presenter(s)
6. Curriculum vitae (CV)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION WILL BE NOVEMBER 30, 2014
PRESENTERS WILL BE SELECTED AND NOTIFIED BY E-MAIL

Handouts are required by February 15, 2015, for ALL workshops, after that date handouts will be at the responsibility of the speaker. Materials will be submitted for contact hour approval. Workshop handouts should be limited to 50 pages total. NO COLOR COPIES WILL BE MADE.

All abstracts are acknowledged upon receipt by e-mail. Notification of acceptance will be mailed by December 2015.

E-mail completed forms to:

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NOMINATIONS FORM
TSH EXECUTIVE BOARD AND NSH DELEGATES 2015-2017

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I am a member in good standing and meet the qualifications for the office I am seeking.

I, ___________________________________________ would like to be placed on the 2015-2017 Texas Society for Histotechnology ballot for the office listed below: Mark an X below for the position you wish to run for the 2015-2017 elections.

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A formal ballot with your name on it will be sent to all voting members of TSH. The winners will be announced at the 2015 TSH Annual convention/Symposium.

Mail to: Brenda Brummell at: 1413 Centenary Drive Longview, Texas 75601 Postmarked by December 15, 2014.

Fax: 903-315-2411  Phone: 903-261-7094

Nominations need to be faxed or mailed by December 15, 2014.

Good Luck and Thank You for your support of TSH.
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Application for Membership 2014-2015
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