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## *A Letter from the President*



Greetings to all NCSH members,

I hope everyone has had a great summer. Things are moving right along with the Society. The location and dates for 2018 and 2019 have been booked. We will be going back to the Doubletree at RTP. We were able to lock in rates from our meeting there in 2016. On the last page of this newsletter you will find a printable announcement to help us distribute or post.

Some exciting news to share is that as of this fall there will be 2 new histology programs in our State. Vance Granville Community College and Alamance Community College will be starting their programs in the fall of 2018. There should be a link to these websites in this newsletter if anyone is interested in looking or sharing with prospective students.

I will be headed to Orlando in September to represent the NCSH at the newcomers function, President's Council, Region III, General Membership and House of Delegates (HOD). Joining me at HOD is Teresa Heckman and Renee Fisher. We will represent NCSH as well. This info will be passed along in the next newsletter.

In October we will be starting to plan the program for the 2018 Spring Meeting. If anyone is interested in presenting at this meeting, please let any of the Officers know. Also any topics that you would like to hear let us know that as well.

Just as a reminder to all our members – this is your Society and we could not be what we were and are without each and all of you – from our members, volunteers and vendors.

Thank you again.

Deborah Sawyer, NCSH President

## *Important Dates:*

*September 15-20: NSH Symposium, Orlando, FL*  
<http://www.histoconvention.org/>

*April 12-14, 2018: NCSH Annual Spring Meeting*  
DoubleTree by Hilton Raleigh-Durham Airport  
4810 Page Creek Lane, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

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## **Society Announcements:**

- **Volunteering Opportunities** – If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, we invite you to start by attending an Executive Committee meeting. E.C. meetings are open to all NCSH members. Minutes are kept by the Secretary and published on the NCSH website. Planning the Spring Meeting begins in earnest in the fall. While there is a large time commitment each year surrounding the Spring Meeting, the Society is eager to put your talents and enthusiasm for histology to use year round! You might just identify an area where you have interest and ability to improve our organization. Please contact any of the officers or volunteers for more information. Future E.C. meetings will be announced on the listserv.
- **Update your Contact Information** – when your email address changes, please send an update to your NCSH Secretary Aurel Alston ([asalston@hotmail.com](mailto:asalston@hotmail.com)) to keep you current with all NCSH business. Please put “NCSH” in the subject line.
- **Speaker Recruitment for NCSH 2018** – If you are willing to present or know someone who might be, send an email to Tonia Crook ([toniacrook@gmail.com](mailto:toniacrook@gmail.com)) with this information. Building the Program each year with vibrant and current educational material is something the Officers work very hard to accomplish. Planning the annual meeting HAS BEGUN! Potential speakers will need to complete a short form and be approved by the NCSH Executive Committee for CEU credentialing.

### *Director's Corner: Region III News*

Well in the midst of writing this, hurricane Irma is bearing 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 43<sup>rd</sup> NSH Symposium/Convention in Orlando, Florida. The Symposium is supposed to start Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 histotechs in South Carolina let's 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](mailto:suedotmr@gmail.com) or 954-562-4862.

Best regards,  
Sue Clark  
Region III Director

### **FREE CEU OPPORTUNITIES**

Sakura: [Register Here](#)

The Pharmacogenomics of  
Targeted Therapy-ISH and Breast  
Cancer

Dale Telgenhoff, PhD, MBA,  
HTL(ASCP)CM

**September 21, 2017**

10:00 AM PT / 1:00 PM ET

Browse the Sakura Webinar  
Library [Here](#)

Agilent (Dako) [eSeminar](#)

[Series](#): One-two hour  
webinars on a variety of  
topics, products and  
technologies.

Roche Tissue Diagnostics  
(Ventana Medical Systems)

[Slideshare](#): Webinars and  
shared presentations on  
instrumentation and reagents  
for cancer diagnostics.

## **Academic Programs for Histotechnology in North Carolina**

Many of my fellow histotechs have found themselves in the histology lab having entered from a related life science or medical field – making our origin stories are so interesting - but did you know that NC is now home to three Histotechnology academic programs?

### **Carolinas College of Health Sciences, Charlotte, NC**

CCHS graduates complete a 31-week NAACLS accredited program which prepares them to successfully pass the ASCP BOC Exam and function as competent entry-level histotechnologists. This program is in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and led by Education Coordinator Tracy Walling ([tracy.walling@carolinashealthcare.org](mailto:tracy.walling@carolinashealthcare.org)). Students have scored well above the national average on the registry exam, completed the program with a 100% graduation rate, and most receive multiple employment offers upon completion. The CCHS program offers integration of didactic lecture, fully-equipped laboratory training, and supervised experience in support of the clinic at Carolinas Healthcare System. Students are accepted from out of state and student housing is available. For more information, including tuition and application materials:

<https://www.carolinashealthcare.org/education/Carolinas-College-of-Health-Sciences/Academic-Programs/Histotechnology>

### **Alamance Community College, Graham, NC**

Alamance Community College (ACC) recently launched a 2-year Histotechnology degree program. It will be part of the school's new Biotechnology Center of Excellence. The program will be headed by Dr. Bridget Ledford Waters, the current department head of the NAACLS accredited Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program at ACC. Students completing the Histotechnology program at ACC will pass through didactic lecture, laboratory training (in partnership with LabCorp) and clinical practicum at area hospitals, clinics and/or reference laboratories. Upon completion, graduates will have earned an Associate Degree in Applied Science and be eligible to sit for the ASCP BOC HTL Registry Exam. **ACC is actively searching for qualified candidates for Histotechnology Education Coordinator and Adjunct Instructors that are certified, and have teaching experience.** For more information on the program, please contact Dr. Bridget Ledford-Waters at [\(336\)506-4196](tel:(336)506-4196) or [Bridget.LedfordWaters@AlamanceCC.edu](mailto:Bridget.LedfordWaters@AlamanceCC.edu)

### **Vance Granville Community College, Henderson, NC**

Program Overview: <https://www.vgcc.edu/histotechnology>

Vance Granville Community College (VGCC) has also recently launched a 2-year Associates Program for Histology. Students completing the Histotechnology Program at VGCC will earn an Associate Degree in Health Sciences and be prepared to sit for the ASCP BOC Registry Exam. For more information on the program contact Angela Thomas, Dean of Health Sciences ([thomasa@vgcc.edu](mailto:thomasa@vgcc.edu)).

### **Further Information:**

NSH lists a directory of Histotechnology Programs across the US on their website:

<http://nsh.org/content/schools>

ASCP Board of Registry information on Eligibility for US Certification as HT/HTL:

<https://www.ascp.org/content/board-of-certification/getcertified#tabs-eligibility>

## EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

### HISTOLOGY EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Alamance Community College, Graham, NC

ACC is seeking a dynamic and innovative instructor and subject matter expert in Histotechnology  
Click on the above link for duties, qualifications and application.

### HISTOTECHNOLOGIST

Location: Morrisville, NC

For details and contact information please click the above link.

### HISTOLOGY TECHNICIAN - ANATOMIC & MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC

### MULTIPLE OPENINGS

Duke Health, Multiple locations

If the above link is broken, click [here](#) and enter the keyword: histology in the search box.

**Employers, Recruiters** – If you have a vacancy you would like posted in the newsletter, on the website or FB, please contact Laura Miller ([laura.shewmon@gmail.com](mailto:laura.shewmon@gmail.com)) with a detailed description of your listing and contact information.

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2018 SPRING MEETING

**April 12-14 2018**

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Hotel in Raleigh/Durham North Carolina

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