

Dear Fellow Histology Professionals,

It's that time again. We are preparing for the 2025 NCSH Spring meeting. The meeting is being held at DoubleTree by Hilton at 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham NC 27707, February 27th through March 1st. On behalf of myself, the board of officers and team of dedicated volunteers, I would like to invite and encourage you to join us.

We have a fabulous meeting planned with the opportunity to obtain at least 11.5 continuing education credits that are recognized by ASCP to maintain your certifications. We have 20 vendors that will be attending and would love to meet you and have the opportunity to discuss your needs. The Vendor Hall is available from 7am – 5pm Friday and 7 am - 12pm on Saturday. On Saturday there will be a Raffle at 10:30 am. We will be playing Vengo for an extra raffle drawing. NCSH will have some additional raffle items and will be included in the Vengo. Castle Uniform is joining us again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. They are kind enough to donate a percentage of the proceeds from tee shirt purchases as well as other specialty items to NCSH. The collaboration with Castle allows us to give back to the membership each year in the form of a special gift for registered attendees.

Thursday night we have a Keynote Speaker, Elizabeth Chlipala. She is presenting NSH Advocacy: Advancing the Profession, which was presented at NSH 2024. We have Diane Sterchi doing the annual HT/HTL readiness course. It is the same materials that is used by NSH and she was one of the contributors to the course materials. This year we also have the QIHC Learning lab being presented by Elizabeth Chlipala. We are honored to have both Ladies join us. They are very active with NSH and are gracious enough to join us each year. In addition to the previously mentioned speakers, we have Dan Scungio, The Lab Safety Man, Jennifer Bower, Jean Mitchell, Dr. Zahra Aly, Joshua Greenlee, Tammy Maury, Dr. George Schaff and Dr. Matthew Rehmel.

Friday not only offers a full day of classes, quality time with the vendors who make the meeting possible and breaks to catch up with friends old and new, but we will also be sponsoring a Mardi Gras themed Wine and Cheese Reception that will include a DJ, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a couple of drinks. This is a chance to have fun and fellowship with one another. You don't want to miss this.

We will have our Annual NCSH Business Meeting, including the Awards and Scholarships presentation, on Saturday, all while enjoying a three-course meal prepared by the hotel chef who never disappoints. While a business meeting might not seem fun, it is a necessary component of our not-for-profit status with the NC Secretary of State as well as the IRS. The meeting is also for you, our members, to get involved; we want to provide an opportunity for you to share ideas and participate in discussions on issues that are important to you. We also want you to be engaged and to be excited about histology and our society, as we are one of the last surviving societies in the USA.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kindest regards,

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