

Southern California

ANNUAL REPORT: 2022–2023
May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

I. Officers/Committees

<u>Officer</u>	<u>2022–2023</u>	<u>2023–2024</u>
President:	Keri Cannon	Gina Yanochko-Hoffman
Vice President:	Gina Yanochko-Hoffman	Mamta Behl
Vice President-Elect:	Mamta Behl	Tejas Lahoti
Secretary:	Elizabeth Baker	Elizabeth Baker
Treasurer:	Dale Baker	Dale Baker
Past President:	Wenyue Hu	Keri Cannon
Councilors:	Tejas Lahoti	Hemraj Dodiya
	Tian Xia	Tian Xia
Postdoctoral Representative:	Esther Omaiye	Esther Omaiye
Graduate Student Representative:	Marisol Arellano	Rajat Gupta

II. 2022 Membership total: 253

III. Key Outcomes in 2022–2023:

- A. Annual fall meeting in October 2022
- B. Distribution of SCCSOT annual newsletter in 2023

IV. Activities

- A. SOT Annual Meeting Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, receptions):
Joint SOT reception with NESOT

- B. 2023 Awards Recipients:

2022 Annual Fall Meeting Graduate Student Poster winners:

- 1st place poster: My Hua, graduate student at UC Riverside
- 2nd place poster: Rishaan Kenkre, summer graduate student intern at Neurocrine Biosciences
- 3rd place poster (tie): Maia Corpuz, graduate student at USC; Rajat Gupta, graduate student at UCLA

SCCSOT Graduate Student Travel Award (for travel to 2023 SOT Annual Meeting)
winner: Thomas Kowal-Safron, graduate student at UCLA

- C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in-person meetings):
None
- D. Communication Activities:
 1. Newsletter publication frequency: Annual (distributed in February 2023)
 2. Communication Highlights: Newsletter contained information on 2022 fall meeting highlights, poster winners, sponsorship, and a scientific article on CSF sampling

3. Highlights of website enhancements: Updates to President's Message, council members, awards, and fall meeting information

E. Mentoring Activities: NA

F. *(For Regional Chapters Only)* Activities Supporting Undergraduate Students: NA

V. Feedback and Ideas:

A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment? Please give examples of any current practices used to support inclusion in processes such as 1) leadership selection and promotion, 2) award descriptions and selection, and 3) endorsement of proposals for the annual meetings.

For leadership selection, awards selection, and endorsement of proposals, SCCSOT council members focus on making sure there is diverse representation from various areas of toxicology (academics, government, industry, consultants) and promote topics that encourage participation and inclusion.

B. What is one thing the Society should be doing that we currently do not do (or do not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?

It would be great if the Society was more rapid at reimbursing component groups for expenses incurred during regional chapter meetings/SOT receptions as well as reimbursement of travel expenses for students that have won travel awards.

C. What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

While we realize the reason for this, the process of having to get emails to general membership or changes to the website is long and slows communication with our membership down. It would be great if the process was streamlined so that information is distributed to our membership in a much timelier fashion.